

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ROADS COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 23 January 2003 at 4.20pm.

Present: Councillors SANDY WEST, KITTY RITCHIE, Provost Mrs FRANCES E DUNCAN OBE, Councillors ALEX KING, STEWART McGLYNN, IAN MACKINTOSH, PETER MURPHY, HELEN OSWALD, RON SCRIMGEOUR, DAVID SELFRIDGE and RICHARD SPEIRS.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors JOHN HENDERSON and ROBERT MYLES,

Councillor WEST, Convener, in the Chair.

Before commencing the business, the Convener introduced Mr Douglas Hill, recently appointed Roads Maintenance Manager. The Committee joined with the Convener in welcoming Mr Hill to Angus Council.

The Convener also referred to Report No 1412/02 (Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 November 2002 refers) and provided an update on action being taken in relation to the provision of Christmas lighting in the Angus burghs. This year, the Christmas lighting features had been left in situ to facilitate on site inspection of them and the existing supply points. These inspections would be completed and all lighting removed by 7 February 2003.

The Committee noted the position and that the Director of Roads would submit a further Report to this Committee, including the proposed arrangements for next Christmas.

1. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 November 2002](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Executive Sub-Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 19 December 2002](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I**).

2. FLOODING EVENTS OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2002

There was submitted [Report No 115/03](#) by the Director of Roads reporting on the flooding events in the Angus area during October/November/December 2002, and outlining the budgetary implications arising from the associated emergency response and subsequent remedial works.

The Report indicated that the events of the period had placed excessive demands on the limited Roads Department resources and those of Tayside Contracts and that, should more complex flood prevention measures be required as a result of the latest flooding events, further long term budgetary implications would arise which would be the subject of future reports to this Committee.

Having heard various local members, in whose areas flooding had occurred, express appreciation of the considerate conduct of members of staff from the Roads Department and Tayside Contracts who had responded to the recent flooding incidents, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the weather conditions experienced in October/November and early December 2002 and consequential flooding events;
- (ii) to note the demand placed on the Roads Department resources in responding to these events; and
- (iii) to approve the utilisation of £50,000 from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund and the other funding proposals to meet the excess cost of the works involved in mitigating the effects of flooding as set out in Section 4 of the Report.

3. THE TAYSIDE SAFETY CAMERA SCHEME

There was submitted [Report No 129/03](#) by the Director of Roads informing the Committee of an initiative to introduce a cost recovery system for speed detection safety cameras within the Tayside Police area at identified high risk accident sites.

The Report indicated that, in order to participate in the scheme, a local partnership of interested bodies was required to prepare and submit to the National Project Board (set up under the auspices of HM Treasury) an operational case demonstrating that the cameras would be sited in areas where there had been a history of collisions and where speeding had proved to be a problem. Should the operational case be approved, the scheme would effectively be self financing, as the partnership would be authorised to recover costs from the income gathered from fixed penalty notices accrued in respect of speeding offences detected under the scheme. The Report stressed that, although the cost recovery scheme was in itself an innovative and welcome development, the primary purpose of the scheme was to reduce road traffic accident fatalities and casualties rather than raise income.

Having heard Provost Mrs Duncan welcome the Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve Angus Council's involvement in the Tayside Safety Camera Scheme Initiative through the setting up of a local partnership between Angus Council, the neighbouring authorities of Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council, the Scottish Executive and Tayside Police;
- (iii) to note that an operational case would be prepared and submitted to the National Project Board for approval; and
- (iii) to note that Angus Council's participation in the scheme in the first financial year of operation would be conditional on the operational case demonstrating, at worst, a cost neutral position for each of the partners involved and that thereafter continuing involvement would be subject to such a financial position being maintained.

4. TRAFFIC CALMING AT FIT O' THE TOON, ARBROATH

There was submitted [Report No 116/03](#) by the Director of Roads indicating that a petition had been forwarded to the Convener of the Roads Committee in May 2002 seeking a solution to the problem of perceived inappropriate traffic speeds in the Fit O' The Toon area, Arbroath. In response, a review had been carried out in the area and a traffic calming scheme proposed, details of which had been placed in the Members' Lounge.

A public meeting had been held in November 2002 to discuss the proposals and the meeting had unanimously agreed to the introduction of the proposed measures and, in addition, that the area be formally regulated as a 20 mph zone. Accordingly, the Report sought the Committee's approval for the introduction of additional traffic calming measures in the Fit O' The Toon, Arbroath and the promotion of a 20 mph speed limit for the area.

Having heard Councillor King, local member, welcome the Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to provide the traffic calming measures at Fit O' The Toon, Arbroath as detailed in the Report and attached plan; and

- (ii) to approve the promotion of a 20 mph speed limit in the Fit O' The Toon area.

5. TRAFFIC ORDERS

(a) Angus Council (Disused Sections of U374 Ballinshoe Road, by Forfar) (Stopping Up) Order 2001

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 23 August 2001, there was submitted [Report No 117/03](#) by the Director of Law and Administration regarding the preparation of an Order stopping-up two lengths of the U374 Ballinshoe Road, by Forfar, which was no longer necessary as a public road, following the construction of a new dual carriageway. The Report indicated that, following advertisement of the above Order, no objections had been received.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Council resolve to make the above Order.

(b) Temporary Traffic Orders

With reference to Article 8(b) of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 November 2002, there was submitted [Report No 118/03](#) by the Director of Law and Administration advising that, at the request of the Director of Roads, Temporary Traffic Orders had been made as detailed in the Report.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraphs 6, 8 and 9.

7. WINTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 August 2002, there was submitted [Report No 119/03](#) by the Director of Roads detailing recent contracts awarded for winter maintenance services, in terms of Financial Regulation 16.3.b(ii), and seeking the homologation of the Committee for the action taken by the Director of Roads in awarding the contracts.

The Committee agreed to homologate the action taken by the Director of Roads in awarding the Weather Forecast Contract to P A Weather Centre and renewing the Ice Detection Equipment Maintenance contract with Vaisala Limited as detailed in the Report.

8. ADDITIONS TO STANDING LISTS OF CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS UNDER £200,000

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 August 2002, there was submitted [Report No 120/03](#) by the Director of Roads recommending the approval of contractors for various categories of work up to a maximum of £200,000, who had initially been excluded from the current Standing Lists as a result of information/clarification being sought.

The Committee agreed to approve the contractors listed in Appendix 1 for inclusion on the Standing List of Contractors for various categories of work up to a maximum contract value of £200,000, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.