

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ROADS COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 6 March 2003 at 4.45 pm.

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

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor HELEN OSWALD.

Councillor WEST, Convener, in the Chair.

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 23 January 2003](#), was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

2. UTILISATION OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIRS FUND 2002/2003

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 March 2002, there was submitted [Report No 311/03](#) by the Director of Roads proposing utilisation of the remaining accessible balance in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for Carriageway Repairs, Footway Works and Road Safety/Traffic Management improvements as detailed in the Report and Appendix.

The Report concluded that the accessible balance had arisen from the prudent approach taken to the utilisation of the Renewal and Repairs Fund for 2002/2003 and maintenance of a reserve balance as a contingency to cover possible unbudgeted expenditure as a result of severe weather etc. With the worst of the winter weather now over and a top-up to the Fund approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 4 February 2003 (Report No 155/03 refers), it was now possible to commit the remaining accessible balance without leaving the Council exposed to risk in the event of further severe weather or infrastructure damage. A further contribution would be made as part of the 2003/2004 Revenue Budget process and proposals for its utilisation would be the subject of a separate report to this Committee.

The Committee agreed that the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund be utilised in the extent of £387,000 to allow the additional works detailed in the Appendix to proceed.

3. ROADS DEPARTMENT - REVIEW OF STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT OF PART-TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT POST

There was submitted [Report No 312/03](#) by the Director of Roads detailing a proposal for an amendment to the Roads Department establishment which had been brought about by service improvement requirements in relation to the customer care elements of the departmental Quality Management System. The Report recommended the establishment of a part-time clerical assistant post within the Finance and Operational System Support Section. The new post was required to administer and develop a customer care database and would provide increased cover for annual leave, thereby reducing the need to use supply staff.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note and approve the terms of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the establishment of a part-time clerical assistant post, grade GS1/2 within the Financial and Operational Systems Support Section of the Roads Department.

4. RESERVOIRS ACT 1975 - BIENNIAL REPORT

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 March 2001, there was submitted [Report No 313/03](#) by the Director of Roads summarising the duties of the Council as Enforcement Authority under the Reservoirs Act 1975 and updating the Committee in respect of the Biennial Report for the reservoirs within Angus submitted to the Scottish Ministers.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Biennial Report submitted to the Scottish Ministers.

5. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND – PROGRAMME OF WORKS

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Planning and Transport Policy Committee held earlier this day, there was submitted [Joint Report No 292/03](#) by the Director of Planning and Transport and the Director of Roads updating the Committee on the progress of the programme of projects which were funded through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Fund during the current financial year. A summary of the works undertaken during the period 2002/2003 and the programme of projects for 2003/2004 were attached to the Report

The Report indicated that the actual cost of the works undertaken during the current financial year had been subject to modest revision from that previously reported. Nonetheless, the programme had been contained within the £84,000 allocation from the Scottish Executive. A further £16,000 had been awarded in 2002/03 by the Scottish Executive through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets. This additional money had been used on a programme of dropped kerbs in town centres. The programme for 2003/2004 had included the provision of a cycle track from Northesk Road, Montrose along the route of a dismantled railway cutting but, for the reasons outlined in the Report, it was recommended that this project should not proceed. A revised programme of projects was being prepared for the financial year 2003/2004 which would be contained within the £175,000 allocation.

The Report concluded that funding of the CWSS project would greatly assist the Council in meeting its aims and objectives contained in the Angus Local Transport Strategy and that full use would be made of the available allocation.

Having heard the Convener on the need to progress the cycle route to the Northwater Viaduct, Montrose, the Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note the programme of projects undertaken during the financial year 2002/2003; and
- (ii) to await a further report on a revised programme of projects for the financial year 2003/2004.

6. FORFAR TOWN CENTRE – OUTLINE IMPROVEMENTS

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Planning and Transport Policy Committee held earlier this day, there was submitted [Joint Report No 290/03](#) by the Director of Planning and Transport and the Director of Roads which presented, for approval in principle, the proposed outline environmental improvements and traffic management measures in Forfar Town Centre and sought the Committee's authority to undertake public consultation on these. Large scale plans and sketches of the proposed improvements were available for perusal in the Members' Lounge.

The Report set out the key objectives of the outline proposal and concluded that, although, overall, Forfar Town Centre was relatively successful and had a high level of shopper satisfaction, there were nonetheless concerns regarding the quality of the pedestrian environment. The proposed works would address these concerns and help ensure the continuing viability and vitality of the Town Centre.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to approve, in principle, the proposed environmental improvements and traffic management measures outlined in the Report;
- (ii) that widespread public consultation be undertaken on the proposals; and
- (iii) to await a further report on the outcome of the consultation.

7. HIGH STREET TO BONELLA STREET, CARNOUSTIE - PROHIBITION OF ENTRY

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 May 2002, there was submitted [Report No 314/03](#) by the Director of Roads dealing with a proposal to introduce "Prohibition of Entry" from High Street to Bonella Street, Carnoustie. A Traffic Regulation Order to introduce various traffic management proposals in Carnoustie, including prohibition of entry from High Street to Bonella Street, was being progressed. However, objections had already been received from residents and the local member for the area. In these circumstances, the Report indicated that it would be inappropriate to proceed with this element of the traffic management proposals and recommended that they should not now be included in the pending Traffic Regulation Order.

Having heard Councillor Murphy, local member, welcome the Report, the Committee agreed to abandon the proposals to introduce a "Prohibition of Entry" from High Street to Bonella Street, Carnoustie.

8. TRAFFIC ORDERS

(a) Update

With reference to Article 8(a) of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 November 2002, there was submitted and noted [Report No 315/03](#) by the Director of Roads providing, in the Appendices to the Report, an update of Traffic Regulation Orders currently being progressed and their stage of progress as at 1 February 2003.

(b) Temporary Traffic Orders

With reference to Article 5(b) of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 23 January 2003, there was submitted and noted [Report No 316/03](#) 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.

9. ROSSIE TERRACE, FERRYDEN

There was submitted [Report No 317/03](#) by the Director of Roads explaining the circumstances which resulted in potentially confusing information being provided on a Property Enquiry Certificate issued by Angus District Council in 1990 and recommending that surfacing work be carried out on an unadopted area of carriageway in Rossie Terrace, Ferryden in reparation.

Having heard Councillor Mackintosh on the position regarding an unadopted road in his area, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the circumstances regarding the Property Enquiry Certificate relating to 9 Rossie Terrace, Ferryden, Montrose issued by Angus District Council on 31 May 1990; and
- (ii) to authorise resurfacing work to a reasonable standard on the unadopted area of carriageway ex adverso 7 - 12 Rossie Terrace, Ferryden.

10. 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, 9 and 10.

11. A92 MONTROSE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - ASSIGNATION OF PROVISIONAL CONTRACT

With reference to Article 18 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 10 December 2002, there was submitted [Report No 319/03](#) by the Director of Roads advising that Balfour Beatty Construction plc had recently changed the structure of their subsidiary companies and recommending that the provisional contract awarded to Balfour Beatty Construction Limited for the A92 Montrose Bridge Replacement be assigned to Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the assignation of the Contract provisionally awarded for the A92 Montrose Bridge Replacement from Balfour Beatty Construction Limited to Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited, subject to a parent company guarantee being granted by Balfour Beatty plc in terms acceptable to the Council; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Law and Administration to proceed accordingly.

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

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee 23 January 2003, there was submitted [Report No 318/03](#) by the Director of Roads recommending the approval of contractors for various categories of work up to a maximum value of £200,000, who had initially been excluded from the current Standing Lists as a result of information/clarification being sought. The Report also recommended the deletion of a contractor from the current Standing List as a result of the company going into receivership.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) 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; and
- (ii) to delete the contractor listed in Appendix 2 from the current Standing Lists of Contractors for Construction, Civil Engineering and Roads Maintenance Contracts.

13. SELECT LIST OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE ROADS WEED CONTROL CONTRACT 2003/2004

There was submitted [Report No 320/03](#) by the Director of Roads detailing advertising of the Roads Weed Control Contract and recommending a select list of tenderers for approval. The Report indicated that the Council did not maintain a list of contractors in respect of this contract and that it had been duly advertised with three expressions of interest received. The competency of the applicants had been assessed with respect to financial and health and safety information and all three had been found to be acceptable. The Report therefore proposed that the tender documents for the Weed Control Contract be issued to all three organisations listed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed select list of tenderers listed in Appendix 1 for the Roads Weed Control Contract; and
- (ii) to note that invitations to tender would be issued to all those on the select list.

14. CONSULTANTS SERVICES FOR REPAIRS TO CROMBIE AND MONIKIE RESERVOIRS

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of the Recreation and Cultural Services Committee of 27 February 2003, there was submitted Joint Report No 261/03 by the Director of Roads and the Director of Leisure Services giving details of the fee submissions received for the Consultants Services for repairs to Crombie and Monikie Reservoirs.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the acceptance of the lowest fee submission, being that of Faber Maunsell, for the Consultants' Services for Repairs to Crombie and Monikie Reservoirs, in the sum of £83,327, subject to any approved price variations allowed in terms of the Conditions of Engagement.

15. FORTIES ROAD, MONTROSE - INDUSTRIAL ESTATE EXTENSION - TENDER ACCEPTANCE

With reference to Article 20 of the minute of meeting of the Economic Development Committee of 27 February 2003, there was submitted [Joint Report No 288/03](#) by the Chief Executive and the Director of Roads giving details of the tenders received for the works associated with Forties Road, Montrose Industrial Estate Extension. The basic elements of the project comprised the regrading of approximately 5.5 hectares of existing agricultural land to provide a level building site for future development; the construction of approximately 110 metres of service road and footways with associated sustainable urban and foul drainage systems; provision of services to the site; and fencing, landscaping and screening works.

Having heard various members welcome the Report, the Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note the tenders returned for the Forties Road, Montrose Industrial Estate Extension;
- (ii) to note that the cost of the scheme, estimated at £340,000, would be met from the budget for Provision of Services to Employment Land (contained in Financial Plan 2002/2006); and
- (iii) to approve the acceptance of the lowest arithmetically corrected tender for the Forties Road, Montrose Industrial Estate Extension, being that submitted by Delson Contracts Ltd in the amount of £209,470.51.