

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ROADS COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 17 April 2003 at 4.20pm.

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

**Apology:** An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor STEWART McGLYNN.

Councillor WEST, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. VALEDICTORY REMARKS

As this was the last meeting of this Committee to be held before the elections, the Convener thanked the Director of Roads and his staff for the support which he and the Committee had received over the last four years.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor West declared an interest in items 3(c) and 14.

Councillor Ritchie declared an interest in item 11.

### 3. MINUTES

#### (a) Previous Meeting

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 March 2003](#), 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 27 March 2003](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**Appendix I**).

#### (c) Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee of 28 March 2003](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**Appendix II**).

### 4. BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SECTION

There was submitted [Report No 492/03](#) by the Director of Roads presenting the Best Value Service Review for the Traffic Management Section of the Roads Department, detailing the conclusions drawn from the Review and introducing the Service Improvement Plan developed as a result of the Review.

The Service Review Team had concluded that the service provided by the Traffic Management Section was above acceptable standard. The Review had been considered by the Council's Monitoring Group on 18 March 2003 and had been approved for submission to the Roads Committee.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Best Value Service Review of the Traffic Management Section (Roads);

- (ii) to note that the Traffic Management Section of the Roads Department was deemed to be “above acceptable standard” (as defined in the Council’s Corporate Model for Service Reviews); and
- (iii) to approve the Service Improvement Plan, as appended to the Report.

## **5. UTILISATION OF THE ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIRS FUND AND LOCAL ROADS GRANT**

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 March 2003, there was submitted [Report No 490/03](#) by the Director of Roads proposing utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for various necessary works, which could not be contained within the Revenue Budget or the Financial Plan for 2003/2004, and detailing the proposed use of the Local Roads Grant for 2003/2004.

The Report indicated that various contributions to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund had been agreed by Angus Council on 13 February 2003 (Article 2 refers). In addition, the Finance and Information Technology Committee had agreed on 11 March 2003 (Article 9 refers) that funding received from the Scottish Executive towards the cost of roads repairs be transferred to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund. Based on these contributions, some £3,887,000 of unallocated funds was available in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund. The Report recommended that some £3,637.00 of this balance be utilised to fund various schemes detailed in the Appendices to the Report and that further Reports be brought forward, as and when the need arose, for any other renewal and repair works which could not be contained in the mainstream Roads Revenue and Capital budgets.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to utilise the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund to the extent of £3,250,000 to allow the following works to be carried out:-
  - (a) the bridge repairs listed in Appendix B to the Report;
  - (b) the renewal and replacement of street lighting apparatus listed in Appendix C to the Report;
  - (c) the carriageway reconstruction/overlay/resurfacing schemes listed in Appendix D to the Report;
  - (d) the footway reconstructions listed in Appendix E to the Report;
  - (e) the traffic and road safety projects listed in Appendix F to the Report;
  - (f) the public transport infrastructure repairs and renewals listed in Appendix G to the Report; and
  - (g) the harbour works listed in Appendix H to the Report; and
- (ii) to utilise the full amount of the Local Roads Grant (in the sum of £387,169), now consolidated in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund in conjunction with the proposed expenditure from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund on the schemes identified in Appendices C and D to the Report.

## **6. MULTIPLE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT - SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD SCHEME PREPARATION**

There was submitted [Report No 497/03](#) by the Director of Roads apprising the Committee of the Scottish Executive’s proposals to procure engineering services associated with schemes on the Scottish Trunk Road network through the award of Multiple Framework Agreements

which would lead to the demise of the Trunk Road Agency Agreements currently in place between the Scottish Executive and Scottish Councils. The Report also detailed the proposed response by the Scottish Councils to this unilateral action.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note imminent change in the Scottish Executive's arrangements for the procurement of engineering services for major works on the Scottish Trunk Road network;
- (ii) to note the proposed response by the Scottish Councils detailed in the body of the Report;
- (iii) to instruct the Director of Roads to progress, on behalf of Angus Council, an agreement with other Scottish Councils, to allow Angus Council staff to provide engineering services for Scottish trunk roads works outwith Angus, and to allow the staff from other Councils in Scotland to act reciprocally on the trunk road network in Angus where and when appropriate; and
- (iv) to instruct the Director of Roads to progress, on behalf of Angus Council, an agreement with other Scottish Councils to allow Angus Council staff to provide engineering services for local authority works outwith Angus and to allow the staff from other Councils in Scotland to act reciprocally on local authority works within Angus.

## **7. NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONSENTS**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 March 2002, there was submitted [Report No 493/03](#) by the Director of Roads informing the Committee of new Road Construction Consents which had been granted, under delegated authority, by the Director of Roads in 2002/2003.

The Committee agreed to note the new Road Construction Consents as set out in the Appendix to the Report.

## **8. NEW STREET NAMES**

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 March 2002, there was submitted [Report No 494/03](#) by the Director of Roads informing the Committee of the new street names which he had agreed under delegated authority, after consultation with the Convener and the local member.

Having heard Councillor Selfridge express appreciation of the involvement of a local Primary School in the naming of "Panbride View", Carnoustie, the Committee agreed to note the list of new street names as set out in the Appendix to the Report.

## **9. MAJOR HOUSING AND MIXED USE APPLICATIONS, DUNDEE**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Planning and Transport Policy Committee held earlier this day, there was submitted [Report No 487/03](#) by the Director of Planning and Transport advising that Dundee City Council had received two outline planning applications for major housing and mixed use development to the north of Arbroath Road at North Balgillo and Balmossie Grange, Dundee.

The Report indicated that the proposed developments raised significant issues of conformity with the recently approved Dundee and Angus Structure Plan and concluded that, should they be approved, they would seriously prejudice implementation of the Plan's development strategy. The Report therefore suggested that Angus Council should make strong representations to Dundee City Council to refuse both these applications.

Following discussion, the Committee noted for its interest that the Planning and Transport Policy Committee had agreed:-

- (i) to make objections to applications 02/00593/OUT and 02/00911/OUT for residential and mixed use development at North Balgillo and at Balmossie Grange, Dundee on the grounds that the proposals were contrary to the strategy and policies of the approved Dundee and Angus Structure Plan; and
- (ii) to request Dundee City Council that, in the event that it was minded to approve either of these proposals, the application should be notified to Scottish Ministers as a significant departure from the recently approved Dundee and Angus Structure Plan.

#### **10. THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2002**

There was submitted [Report No 496/03](#) by the Director of Roads informing the Committee of the introduction of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 which regulated the design and use of traffic signs and road markings and replaced The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994. The Appendix to the Report set out the main amendments to the 1994 Regulations and a more in-depth note of the changes had been made available in the Members' Lounge.

The Report indicated that, whilst there were no immediate financial implications arising from the Report, the cost of replacing the existing traffic signs and road markings to conform to the 2002 Regulations would have to be contained within future years Roads Revenue Budgets.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

#### **11. ANGUS COUNCIL (SPEED LIMITS) (VARIATION) ORDER 2003**

With reference to Article 9 and Article 7 of the minute of meetings of this Committee held on 22 November 2001 and 7 March 2002 respectively, there was submitted [Report No 500/03](#) by the Director of Law and Administration advising that, following the advertisement of the above Order, no objections had been received. Accordingly, it was recommended that the Council should now make an Order to vary existing speed limits, the effect of which would be to reduce traffic speeds to 20 mph at various locations in Monifieth and the Glens area of Montrose; to introduce an extension of the 30 mph speed limit at Kinnaber Road, Hillside; and to amend the 40 mph speed limits at Westway, Arbroath and Marykirk Road, Hillside.

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

#### **12. 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.

#### **13. A934 (A933 TO WOODSIDE) CARRIAGEWAY WORKS - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER**

With reference to Articles 5 and 9, of the minutes of meetings of the Roads Committee of 2 May 2002 and the Finance and Information Technology Committee of 11 March 2003, respectively, there was submitted [Report No 491/03](#) by the Director of Roads giving details of the tenders received for the A934 (A933 to Woodside) Carriageway Works. The basic elements of the project comprised the overlaying with bituminous surfacing materials of 1000m of existing carriageway; the installation of kerbing and a positive drainage system; and the replacement of road markings and reflective road studs.

The Committee agreed to approve the acceptance of the lowest tender submitted for the carriageway works on the A934 Montrose to Forfar Road between Kinnell Crossroads and Woodside, being that submitted by Tayside Contracts, in the amount of £174,462.90.

*Councillor Ritchie took the Chair for item 14 below.*

**14. ARBROATH HARBOUR - REPLACEMENT OF DOCK GATES - SELECT LIST OF TENDERERS**

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of the Planning and Transport Policy Committee of 6 March 2003, there was submitted [Report No 495/03](#) by the Director of Roads recommending for approval a select list of tenderers for the replacement of the dock gates at Arbroath Harbour.

The Report indicated that the new dock gates would be installed as part of the joint public/private sector development of Arbroath Harbour. The contract had been duly advertised and expressions of interest received from the firms listed in Appendix 2 to the Report. The firms had been assessed in terms of financial stability, health and safety competence, technical ability and performance in carrying out similar works elsewhere and six of the applicants were considered suitable for inclusion on the select list of tenderers for the work. The Report therefore proposed that the tender documents for the contract be issued to those organisations listed in Appendix 3 to the Report.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposed select list of tenderers listed in Appendix 3 for the replacement of the dock gates at Arbroath Harbour.