

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 8 September 2005 at 4.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors DAVID SELFRIDGE, IAN ANGUS, FRANK ELLIS, JACK GIBB, ALEX KING, IAN MACKINTOSH, STEWART McGLYNN, Provost BILL MIDDLETON (substitute for RON SCRIMGEOUR), JOY MOWATT, ROB MURRAY (substitute for KITTY RITCHIE), PETER NIELD, MARK SALMOND, RICHARD SPEIRS and ROBERT SPINK.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors KITTY RITCHIE and RON SCRIMGEOUR.

Councillor SELFRIDGE, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

Having heard the Convener, the Committee agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12, not to hear a deputation from Macdonald Estates on the subject of Arbroath Retail Development.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Middleton and Nield declared an interest in item 4 as Trustees of the Hospitalfield Trust.

### 3. ARBROATH RETAIL DEVELOPMENT - ANGUS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW POLICY

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 15 December 2004, there was submitted [Report No 1080/05](#) by the Director of Planning and Transport considering the present position on planning for retail development in Arbroath and proposing modifications to the Finalised Angus Local Plan Review, in response to objections to the Finalised Plan, having particular regard to the Reporters appeal decision to grant planning permissions for major food store developments at the former Westburn Foundry/Stobcross.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to defer consideration of this item to a special meeting of Angus Council to allow all members to participate in the debate; and
- (ii) that the parties who had lodged objections to the Finalised Local Plan, in respect of retailing in Arbroath, be invited to attend the meeting and address the Council.

### 4. FINALISED ANGUS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS AND PROGRESS TOWARDS PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 April 2005, there was submitted [Report No 1081/05](#) by the Director of Planning and Transport updating progress in dealing with formal objections received on the Finalised Angus Local Plan Review and indicating possible modifications where appropriate, and also notifying the Committee of a change in Inquiry Reporter.

The Report indicated that following assessment of the objections made to the Finalised Angus Local Plan Review and negotiations with objectors, a small number of objections had been withdrawn. Various draft modifications were also being recommended which might result in a further group of objections being resolved. These modifications, if agreed by Committee, would be subject to advertisement and public scrutiny with a six week period for objection being available.

The Report concluded that for objections not withdrawn, a Public Local Inquiry would be required. Arrangements were continuing to be finalised, including the appointment of a second Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporter, detailing of the Inquiry timetable and preparation of Angus Council's evidence. Further details would be reported to subsequent meetings of the Committee in due course.

Following discussion, and having regard to Article 3 above, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the withdrawal of Malcolm Smith BA (Hons) MRTPI from the Angus Local Plan Review Public Inquiry;
- (ii) to approve the appointment of Allan Garvie Dip TP MSC FRTPi Cert Dip AF MCMI as a replacement co-Reporter to conduct the Angus Local Plan Review Public Inquiry;
- (iii) to note the provisional timetable leading towards the commencement of the Public Inquiry;
- (iv) to note that a late objection had been received from MBM Planning and Development Consultants Ltd on behalf of Strathallan (Ardargie Mill) Ltd, in relation to the development boundary of North Dronley, which had been registered and assessed, as discussed in the Report;
- (v) with the exception of references to Arbroath Retail Development, to approve the proposed draft modifications in response to certain objections and the need for other technical changes as detailed in Appendix 1, to the Report;
- (vi) to approve an addition to the Finalised Local Plan, para 2.90 as follows:-  

“In the western part of the South Angus Housing Market area, primary schools in Liff, Birkhill area may come under pressure from the Western Gateway housing development in Dundee. At present there is no secondary school in this part of Angus and no proposals for a new school at this time. However, the need for additional education provision in this area will be kept under review and if appropriate, proposals for specific projects will be brought forward.”
- (vii) to approve the response to objections where no changes were proposed to the finalised Local Plan Review to be referred to the Public Local Inquiry, as detailed in Appendix 2, to the Report;
- (viii) to note the previous objections to the Finalised Local Plan Review which had now been withdrawn, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the Report;
- (ix) to note that outstanding objections in respect of countryside housing policy and wind energy policy and outstanding issues at Carnoustie and Letham Grange, as set out in Appendix 4 to the Report, were subject to further consideration, the results of which would be reported to the Committee in due course; and
- (x) to note that further progress reports would be submitted to the Committee where appropriate, prior to the commencement of the Public Local Inquiry.