

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 1 June 2010 at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID MAY, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, COLIN BROWN, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, JEAN LEE, IAN MACKINTOSH, PETER MURPHY, ROBERT MYLES, HELEN OSWALD, RALPH PALMER, JOHN RYMER, RUTH LESLIE MELVILLE MBE and ROBERT SPINK.

Councillor MAY, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Millar, Mark Salmond, Sandy West and John Whyte with Councillors John Rymer, Ruth Leslie Melville and Colin Brown substituting for Councillors Millar, Salmond and Whyte, respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fairweather declared an interest in item 8 as he had been formerly involved with Arbroath events. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Mackintosh declared an interest in item 8 as a member of Kirriemuir Heritage Trust. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Murphy declared an interest in item 8 as a member of Carnoustie and District Crime Prevention Panel. He indicated that he would not be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in items 5 and 21 as a member of Brechin THI and as convener of Tayside Contracts, respectively. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Oswald declared an interest in item 8 as a member of Carnoustie and District Horticultural Association, as a member of Carnoustie and District Crime Prevention Panel and as a member of Rotary International which was involved with the Rotary Club of Arbroath. She indicated that she would not be taking part in discussion and voting and would leave the meeting.

Councillor Oswald also declared an interest in item 14 as Burnett Drive, Arbroath had been named on behalf of her son-in-law. She indicated that she would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Palmer declared an interest in item 8 as a member of Carnoustie and District Crime Prevention Panel and as a member of Rotary International which was involved in the Rotary Club of Arbroath. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Rymer declared an interest in item 7 as he had discussion with representatives of Brechin Castle Centre Limited. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Spink declared an interest in item 6 as a member of the Esk Fishery Board. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Ruth Leslie Melville declared an interest in item 5 as a member of Brechin THI. She indicated that she would be taking part in discussion and voting.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of [meeting of this Committee of 20 April 2010](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. END OF YEAR REPORT ON PERFORMANCE OF TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT TEAM 2009/2010

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 24 November 2009, there was submitted [Report No 380/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of the key work and outcomes achieved by the Towards Employment Team in 2009/2010 and their contribution to the delivery of employability services in Angus.

The Report indicated that the Team had continued to exceed all expectations in the quality of service delivered on the number of clients accessing its services which was mainly due to the economic downturn in 2009/2010.

The Team offered additional resources that no other employability providers were able to offer in Angus and the services provided relied heavily on a partnership approach with other key organisations who had agreed to a co-ordinated and focused delivery arrangement.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to note the significant outcomes achieved by the Towards Employment Team in 2009/2010 and the key performance indicators, as outlined in the Report; and
- (iii) to express thanks and appreciation to all members of the Team for their outstanding efforts which had contributed to the success of the project.

5. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND UPDATE

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 24 November 2009, there was submitted [Joint Report No 399/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services and the Director of Corporate Services updating members with the activities of the Town Centre Regeneration Fund at Brechin which had been used to acquire two properties and, together with the Townscape Heritage Initiative, would fund the redevelopment.

The Report indicated that on completion, the properties at 2 Market Street and 45/57 High Street, Brechin would create seven flats and two shops and that the acquisition of a third property was under discussion. The owner of the third property was willing to sell and further investigation was required to firm up on costs and valuation, although notwithstanding this delay, the Scottish Government continued to support the acquisition of the third property and would make funds available if negotiations could be concluded.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note that, under delegated authority granted by the Corporate Services Committee on 3 December 2009, the Council had acquired the two properties at 2 Market Street and 45/47 High Street, Brechin with the Town Centre Regeneration Fund;
- (ii) to note that contracts had been let for the refurbishment of 2 Market Street and minor enabling works at 45/47 High Street, utilising the Fund;
- (iii) to note that the Council's offer to acquire the former Woolworth's building at 19 David Street, Brechin had been unsuccessful and that it had been purchased by a local property company for sub-division and letting;
- (iv) to note that acquisition of a third property was under active discussion with its owner;

- (v) to note that of the £1.8 million grant awarded, £887,380 had been claimed, with the balance earmarked for the acquisition and refurbishment of the third building currently under discussion; and
- (vi) to note that, notwithstanding the deadline for commitment of the Town Centre Regeneration Fund by 17 March 2010, the Scottish Government had continued to support the acquisition and redevelopment of a third building.

6. RIVER SOUTH ESK CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN - PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION (FUNDING PACKAGE APPROVED)

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 January 2010, there was submitted [Report No 400/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services updating members on the funding package approved for the first phase of the delivery of the River South Esk Catchment Management Plan.

The Report indicated that the Plan was essential to the future sustainable development of the catchment and that the funding package detailed in the Report would enable the project to be implemented.

The Committee, having heard Councillors Leslie Melville and Spink, agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to note the funding package as set out in section 6 of the Report which had been secured for the first implementation phase of the River South Esk Catchment Management Plan;
- (iii) to note that regular reports would be submitted to this Committee on progress and monitoring of results; and
- (iv) to express thanks and appreciation to staff of the Economic Development and Environmental and Consumer Protection Section for all their efforts in implementing this package.

7. CAPITAL WORKS IN PICTAVIA VISITOR CENTRE, BRECHIN

Having declared an interest at item 2 above, Councillor Rymer left the meeting during consideration of this item.

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 17 December 2009, there was submitted [Report No 401/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking approval to proceed with capital works in Pictavia and to reject a proposal by the Brechin Castle Centre Ltd for the lease or purchase of Pictavia for the purpose of establishing additional retail space.

The Report indicated that Pictavia was achieving beneficial outcomes in accordance with its original purpose of attracting visitors and the proposed capital works would enable Pictavia to be marketed more effectively and would encourage an increase in visitors from all groups.

The Report further indicated that it was the view of officers that the request from the Castle Centre be rejected in order that Pictavia might be further developed in accordance with its original purpose.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to proceed with the capital works in Pictavia, as outlined in the Report, at an estimated cost of £50,000 to be met from within the 2010/2011 Economic Development Capital Budget for Tourism Projects;

- (iii) to authorise the Head of Economic Development and Environmental and Consumer Protection to progress these works in conjunction with the Head of Property;
- (iv) to note the proposal from Brechin Castle Centre Ltd regarding the possible lease or purchase of Pictavia for retail purposes; and
- (v) to reject the proposal from Brechin Castle Centre Ltd for the reasons outlined in the Report.

8. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – NEW APPLICATIONS

Having declared an interest at item 2 above, Councillor Oswald left the meeting during consideration of this item.

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 April 2010, there was submitted [Report No 403/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing applications for grants over £1,000 and advising members of applications for grants of £1,000 or less which had been approved under delegated authority since 20 April 2010.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the following awards in respect of applications for grants over £1,000:-
 - Monifieth Ladies Football Club - £2,350
 - Montrose Amateur Gymnastic Independent Club - £3,665.94
 - Arbroath Events - £1,180
 - The Smokie Blues - £3,350
 - Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club - £5,000 (subject to confirmation of funding from Rural Tayside LEADER Programme.
 - Ian McIntosh's Memorial Trust/Air Station Heritage Centre - £4,930
 - Carnoustie Musical Society - £5,000; and
- (iii) to note the following decisions in respect of applications for grants of £1,000 or less:-
 - Carnoustie & District Horticultural Association - £137.50
 - Angus Chinese Association - £125
 - Feis Spe - £1,000
 - Ruthven Parish Festival - £374
 - Letham Youth Project (The Basement) - £300
 - Carnoustie & District Crime Prevention Panel - £500
 - Angus Out of School Care Network – no award
 - Scottish Child Law Centre – no award
 - Kirriemuir Heritage Trust - £990
 - Rotary Club of Arbroath - £250

9. DRAFT DEVELOPMENT BRIEF – JUBILEE PARK, LETHAM

There was submitted [Report No 404/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services establishing, for consultation purposes, the draft planning requirements to guide the development of the site L2, Jubilee Park, Letham which was allocated in the adopted Angus Local Plan Review, 2009 for residential development.

The Report indicated that preparation of a development brief for Jubilee Park, Letham would assist in the implementation of the adopted Angus Local Plan Review proposal and guide developers towards a successful planning submission.

The Council, as part-owner of the site, would require to consider how best to address its land interests and the land-use-planning needs established by the development brief. Circulation of the draft brief would also enable community involvement in the process.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the draft development brief, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report, as a basis for consultation; and
- (iii) to note that a further Report, detailing the consultation responses together with a finalised brief would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

10. RESULTS OF TENDER FOR SCHOOL CONVEYANCE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS 2010-2013

There was submitted [Joint Report No 405/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services and the Acting Director of Education outlining the results of the recent school conveyance tendering exercise undertaken in the Carnoustie, Monifieth and Arbroath areas in respect of some contracts for the transport of pupils with additional support needs and for local bus service contracts interworked with these.

The Report indicated that the tenders had been evaluated on the basis of achieving the overall lowest cost to the Council taking into account the Council's wide range of functions.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the award of the contracts associated with local bus service provision, as detailed in the Report; and
- (iii) to note that the Education Committee would consider the award of contracts in respect of the transport of pupils.

11. UTILISATION OF TRANSPORT CAPITAL 2010-2011

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 October 2008, there was submitted [Report No 406/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking authority to utilise the currently 'not yet legally committed' 2010/2011 transport capital budget to deliver infrastructure improvements on the Montrose to Dundee Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership corridor within Angus, in order to speed up passenger pick-up/set-down times and improve service reliability.

The Report detailed the work required at the various locations within the corridor and the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the capital expenditure of £56,000 to these locations, as detailed in the Report.

12. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

There was submitted and noted [Report No 407/10](#) by the Director of Corporate Services advising that, at the request of the Head of Roads, seven temporary traffic orders had been made, as detailed in the Report.

13. ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER AT THE A90/A932 LOCHLANDS JUNCTION, FORFAR

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of this Committee of 5 August 2008, there was submitted [Report No 408/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of the Road Traffic Order to be implemented by Transport Scotland at the A90(T)/A932 Lochlands Junction, Forfar in the interests of road safety.

The Report indicated that the Order would prohibit the right turn manoeuvre from the A932 Lochlands junction northwards onto the A90(T) and the "straight across" manoeuvre from Lochlands to the private Loanhead access road had been confirmed by Scottish Ministers.

The retention of the right turn manoeuvre from the A90(T) northbound carriageway into the A932 towards Forfar should result in minimal change in traffic flows at the West Port junction.

The Committee having heard Councillor Gaul, emphasise that this should be regarded as an interim measure only, agreed:-

- (i) to note the Road Traffic Order proposed by Transport Scotland to be implemented at the A90(T)/A932 Lochlands junction, Forfar in the interests of road safety; and
- (ii) to instruct that a letter be issued to Transport Scotland stressing that in the interest of road safety, there be a grade separation solution at this junction.

14. NEW STREET NAMES

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 March 2010, there was submitted [Report No 409/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of new street names which had been authorised in 2009/2010 by the Head of Roads, under delegated authority following consultation with the Convener and local members.

The Committee agreed to note the list of new street names which had been authorised in 2009/2010, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

15. NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONSENTS

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 April 2009, there was submitted [Report No 410/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of construction consents for new roads which had been granted by the Head of Roads under delegated authority during 2009/2010.

The Committee agreed to note the new road construction consents which had been granted in 2009/2010, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

16. THE SENIOR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, CARNOUSTIE 2010 – TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 April 2010, there was submitted [Report No 411/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services requesting members to consider the traffic and parking arrangements which would be necessary to allow access to the links course and to the town during the Senior Open Golf Championship to be held in Carnoustie in July 2010.

The Report indicated that the main principles of the traffic and parking proposals during the period of the championship had been agreed, as detailed in the Report and further discussions with all interested parties were required to ensure that the traffic and parking arrangements operated as smoothly as possible during the event.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the traffic and parking arrangements being made in preparation for the Senior Open Golf Championship to be held in Carnoustie in July 2010 and that the detailed arrangements would be the subject of on-going discussions with interested parties;
- (iii) to authorise the promotion of temporary Traffic Regulation Orders to effect tidal flow operations on the A930 Carlogie Road, one way flow operations in Ferrier Street, Kinloch Street, Links Avenue, Camus Street and Taymouth Street and reduced speed limits; and

- (iv) to authorise the closure of Links Parade and the cycle way across the links, waiting restrictions on these roads to maintain traffic flow and other Orders required throughout the period of the Championship, as detailed in the Report.

17. KIRRIEMUIR TOWN CENTRE – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ALTERATIONS

There was submitted [Report No 412/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of difficulties being experienced in the crossing of Kirriemuir High Street and Bank Street and seeking authority to undertake a formal consultation exercise on a proposal to amend the crossing facilities.

The Report indicated that the option of replacing the existing carriageway sets with asphalt at the agreed existing pedestrian crossing points might be consulted upon allowing those listed in Appendix B of the Report the opportunity to assess the implications of such a scheme.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the difficulties being experienced by pedestrians in the centre of Kirriemuir;
- (ii) to approve in principle the proposed improvements to existing facilities;
- (iii) to instruct the Head of Roads to undertake appropriate consultation on this proposal; and
- (iv) to note that a further Report would be submitted to this Committee on completion of the consultation.

18. A92 ARBROATH TO LOWER NORTH WATER BRIDGE - ROUTE ACTION PLAN

With reference to Article 22 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 April 2009, there was submitted [Report No 413/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services outlining progress made on the project for possible bend improvements at Courthill and Hawkhill on the A92 Arbroath to Montrose principal road.

The Report also sought approval of a preferred option in order that land negotiations might commence and a detailed design be prepared for tender.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the road alignment as described in option 3b of the Report;
- (ii) to instruct the Head of Roads to seek planning approval on the basis of this alignment;
- (iii) to instruct the Head of Property to commence final land negotiations to acquire the appropriate ground as soon as the detailed land plans had been prepared; and
- (iv) to instruct the Head of Roads to prepare final designs and contract documents and to prepare a list of approved tenderers for consideration by this Committee.

19. WINTER MAINTENANCE 2009/2010 ACTIVITY REVIEW

There was submitted [Report No 414/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of the service delivery, weather severity and outturn expenditure on winter maintenance during 2009/2010.

The Report indicated that the winter of 2009/2010 had been the most challenging for a number of years in view of the prolonged lower than average seasonal temperatures with mid December to mid January 2010 having experienced the coldest spell reported for thirty years.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the exceptional winter conditions during the winter of 2009/2010, the number of treatments undertaken and the issues faced during that period;
- (ii) to note that the net unaudited out-turn expenditure on winter maintenance for 2009/2010 was £2,826,628 compared to a budget of £2,195,000 for third party payments, which resulted in an overspend of £631,628;
- (iii) to note that this excess expenditure on winter maintenance would be accommodated from a combination of capital, revenue, renewal and repair fund resources available in 2009/2010;
- (iv) to authorise the Head of Roads to procure best value arrangements for the provision of de-icing salt and for the provision of weather forecast services for 2010/2011;
- (v) to note the continued use of "red" diesel for agricultural tractors for winter treatment as approved by H.M. Revenue and Customs and the retrospective payment of the relevant fuel duty following the winter's operational activities;
- (vi) to note the use of salt conservation measures during the winter as recommended by the UK Roads Liaison Group in line with other Authorities and to note the Council's views on the nineteen recommendations for Councils to consider in regard to the resilience for winter weather, published in 2009;
- (vii) that officers give consideration to using comparisons of future expenditure trends over a period of 3/5 years;
- (viii) to instruct the Director of Infrastructure Services to investigate the possibility of making coarse salt available at roads depots for sale to the public, having regard to the experience of the winter of 2009/2010; and
- (ix) to note that a further Report would be submitted to this Committee in August 2010 to establish the policy and operational practices for the winter of 2010/2011.

20. TENDERS ACCEPTED 1 APRIL 2009 – 31 MARCH 2010

With reference to Article 20 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 June 2009, there was submitted and noted [Report No 415/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing tenders accepted on behalf of the Council by the Head of Roads under delegated authority during the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

21. WORKS AWARDED TO TAYSIDE CONTRACTS

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 August 2009, there was submitted and noted [Report No 416/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the works awarded to Tayside Contracts on behalf of the Council by the Head of Roads during the financial year 2009/2010.

22. FORFAR TOWN CENTRE – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 March 2010, there was submitted [Report No 417/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of the outcome of the public consultation undertaken in Forfar on the proposal to make Castle Street, Forfar one way south-bound over a limited length.

The Report indicated that the results of the public consultation favoured the introduction of a one way south-bound traffic system and there was support for the length of the proposed scheme to be between Canmore Street and Myre Road.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultation and the outcome of a public meeting held in the Meffan Museum on 21 April 2010;
- (ii) to authorise the introduction of a modified option to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to make Castle Street one way southwards from Canmore Street to Myre Road, Forfar as a result of the comments received during the consultation;
- (iii) to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to effect these changes;
- (iv) to note that a traffic survey would be conducted in Castle Street and adjacent roads (Canmore Street, Queen Street, Manor Street and Myre Road) before the introduction of a one way system to allow a comparison with traffic movements after a period of twelve months following the change; and
- (v) to note that a further Report on the effects of these changes would be submitted to this Committee prior to any further physical alterations being implemented in Castle Street.

23. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

With reference to Article 24 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 June 2006, there was submitted [Report No 419/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the current policy on Christmas lighting, the current status of the associated assets, identifying the current funding gap and providing suggestions for future Christmas lighting displays within various towns.

The Report indicated that there was a significant funding gap between the capital funding currently provided by community groups in various towns for replacement of Christmas lights and that required to maintain the current stock of features. Without another source of funding to address this gap it would be necessary to concentrate the reducing stock of features into more compact areas in order to provide a reasonable display in each town.

Following considerable discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the following points as detailed in the Report:-
 - The current expenditure on Christmas lighting;
 - The status of the assets;
 - Public concerns;
 - The funding issues;
 - Alternative funding models;
 - The community engagement;
 - Alternative methods of service delivery;
- (ii) to approve the policy statement as set out in the Report;
- (iii) to approve Option 1, as set out in Section 3.6 of the Report, as the basis of distributing the available funding between the various burgh towns;
- (iv) to approve a minimum of 25% of each town's allocation to be utilised for replacement equipment unless sufficient funding for replacement equipment can be obtained elsewhere;
- (v) that in relation to the provision of Christmas lighting in 2010 consultation be carried out to establish the view of community groups on the areas of the town centres proposed for illumination. The results of this consultation to be submitted to the Head of Roads for consideration at a special meeting of this Committee to take place at the end of July/early August 2010;

- (vi) that consultations continue with local communities in relation to the provision of Christmas lighting for year 2011 and beyond, with a report thereon to be submitted to this Committee early in 2011;
- (vii) that the consultations referred to at (v) and (vi) above be on the basis of Option 1 as detailed in the Report; and
- (viii) that with regard to Christmas lighting, the Director of Infrastructure Services be instructed to liaise with the Director of Neighbourhood Services in relation to the discussions to take place with regard to the local management of assets in Carnoustie, as referred to in Report No 381/10, approved by the Neighbourhood Services Committee on 27 May 2010.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No 15 (11) (ii) Councillor Spink requested that his dissent be recorded insofar as the decision to consult on Option 1 was concerned.

24. 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 to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraphs 6, 8 and 9.

25. THE ELMS, ARBROATH - UPDATE

With reference to Article 35 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 August 2009, there was submitted [Report No 420/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services updating members on discussions with the owners of The Elms, Arbroath and assessing the options available to the Council to secure the future of the property.

The Report indicated that at present, continued discussions with the owners/mortgagee appeared to be the most realistic option for securing the redevelopment of this property.

The Committee having heard Councillor Gaul, agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to instruct that a watching brief be maintained, as outlined at option 6 in the Report;
- (iii) to remit to the Head of Planning and Transport to continue discussions with the owners and report back to this Committee on the outcome of these discussions; and
- (iv) to instruct that the Director of Infrastructure Services, in consultation with the convenor, Councillor Gaul and the Head of Law and Administration write to the Secretary of State for Scotland urging that a formal process be put in place whereby Directors of companies and individuals who purchased A or B category listed buildings were personally responsible for their maintenance.

26. A935 ROAD ACTION PLAN UPDATE - PURCHASE OF DUNMILL COTTAGE

With reference to Article 25 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 June 2009, there was submitted [Report No 418/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing progress of the A935 Route Action Plan and in particular the opportunity to purchase Dunmill Cottage to enable the bend realignment at Mill of Dun and updating progress on the other two bend realignments at West Broomley and Balwyllo,

The Report indicated that the proposed realignment of the A935 at Mill of Dun was preferable both to the Council and to the National Trust for Scotland.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed alignment of the bend improvements at Mill of Dun, as detailed at option 4 in the Report;

- (ii) to authorise the acquisition of Dunmill Cottage for this purpose;
- (iii) to instruct the Head of Property to commence final land negotiations to acquire the property and land when the detailed land plans had been prepared;
- (iv) to note the progress of the other bend realignments along the A935 at West Broomley and at Balwylo;
- (v) to instruct the Head of Roads to prepare final designs and contract documents; and
- (vi) to instruct the Head of Roads to prepare a list of approved tenderers for consideration by this Committee.