

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID MAY, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, JEAN LEE, IAN MACKINTOSH, JIM MILLAR, PETER MURPHY, ROBERT MYLES, ROB MURRAY, RALPH PALMER, ALISON ANDREWS, ROBERT SPINK, SANDY WEST and JOHN WHYTE.

Councillor MAY, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Helen Oswald and Mark Salmond with Councillors Rob Murray and Alison Andrews, respectively, substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor May declared an interest in item 5 as a member and Director of the Royal Montrose Golf Club. He indicated that he would not be taking part in discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Fairweather declared an interest in item 5 as he had provided information to the Arbroath Muay Thai Club on the procedures for applying for a grant. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Mackintosh declared an interest in item 4 as a farmer and user of feedstuffs. He indicated that he would not be taking part in discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Mackintosh declared an interest in item 7 as a member of Angus Local Access Forum. He indicated that he would not be taking part in discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Mackintosh declared an interest in item 8 as a farmer and owner of agricultural buildings. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Mackintosh declared an interest in item 11 as a member of TAG. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in item 4 as a farmer and user of feedstuffs. He indicated that he would not be taking part in discussion and voting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in item 8 as a farmer and owner of agricultural buildings. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

Councillor West declared an interest in item 5 as a substitute Director of the Royal Montrose Golf Club. He indicated that he would not be taking part in discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 24 August 2010](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. REVIEW OF THE FEED, FOOD AND SAFETY SERVICES PLAN 2009-2010

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

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 24 November 2009, there was submitted [Report No 734/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services, together with a review of the 2009-2010 Feed, Food and Safety Services Plan covering:-

- demands on the services
- operational management
- staffing
- service delivery
- advice to businesses
- conclusion.

The Report indicated that during the review process, it was clear that the staff involved in delivering the statutory services attained a substantial number of the targets defined in the plan.

Having heard Councillor Spink who requested that more detailed information be contained in future Reports, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the review of the Feed, Food and Safety Services Plan 2009-2010, as appended to the Report.

Having declared an interest at item 2 above Councillors May and West left the meeting during consideration of this item, Councillor Fairweather took the Chair.

5. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - NEW APPLICATIONS

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 24 August 2010, there was submitted [Report No 735/10](#) 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 24 August 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:-
 - Forfar Association for Continuing Education - £1,500
 - Brechin Junior Rugby Club - £5,000
 - Muirhead and Birkhill Bowling Club - £4,374.21
 - Montrose Golf Links Ltd - no award
 - Tayfolk Dance and Music - £3,000
 - Kilry Hall Management Committee - £5,000
 - Arbroath Muay Thai Club - £4,854 subject to the club obtaining premises fit for purpose
 - ENABLE - £3,673.81; and
- (iii) to note the following decisions in respect of applications for grants of £1,000 or less:-
 - Carnoustie Bowling Club - £760
 - The Council for Music in Hospitals - £792
 - Forfar Dramatic Society - £1,000
 - Tannadice Village Improvement Group - £763.75 subject to Tayside Fire and Rescue confirming agreement of the proposed location of a fire pit.

6. BURGH PATH NETWORK AND ANGUS COASTAL PATH

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 October 2009, there was submitted [Report No 736/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking authority to proceed with improvement works to existing burgh path networks and to signposting existing sections of the Angus Coastal Path.

The Report indicated that recent surveys and feedback had identified a number of locations where improvement works were desirable on the Forfar, Kirriemuir and Brechin path networks and that the proposed works would ensure that the burgh path networks and Angus Coastal Path would continue to provide a welcoming and accessible resource for residents and visitors.

Having heard from a number of members who welcomed the proposed works, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to authorise proposed improvements to existing burgh path networks and signposting of existing sections of the Angus Coastal Path, as detailed in the Report, at an estimated cost of £37,000.

7. ANGUS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM - MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 October 2009, there was submitted [Report No 737/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members of proposed changes to the membership of the Angus Local Access Forum.

The Report indicated that the Forum had greatly assisted the Council with issues relating to the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and progress of the Angus Core Path Plan. Members of the forum were volunteers who freely gave their time and expertise for the benefit of outdoor access in Angus.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the appointment of Mr William Lawrie as a Land Manager Representative and replacement for Mr James Ivory;
- (iii) to approve the appointment of Ms Kate Godfrey as a User Representative and replacement for Mr Colin Whyte;
- (iv) to approve the appointments of Ms Barbara Thomson and Mr Alban Houghton as Community Representatives and replacements for Mr Geoff Miller and Ms Sheila Swan, respectively; and
- (v) to express thanks and gratitude to Mr Ivory, Mr Whyte, Mr Miller and Ms Swan for their contribution to the work of Angus Local Access Forum.

8. CONSULTATION PAPER - RESOURCING A HIGH QUALITY PLANNING SYSTEM

There was submitted [Report No 738/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising members that the Scottish Government had published a consultation paper "Resourcing a High Quality Planning System" which sought views on more effective resourcing of the planning system in the context of public sector budgetary and resource constraints and slower rates of development across the country.

The paper explored alternative delivery options and proposed alternative fee structures which were intended to be more proportionate in the longer term.

The Report indicated that the Government recognised the importance of planning to its central purpose of achieving sustainable economic growth and had identified planning in the economic recovery plan as one of the keys to building economic success.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the suggested response, as appended to the Report being submitted to the Scottish Government, as the Council's views on the consultation paper.

9. CONTRACTED LOCAL BUS SERVICES SERVICE PROVISION IN THE LIFF AND FOWLIS AREAS

With reference to Article 33 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 April 2009, there was submitted [Report No 739/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services recommending the award of an emergency contract in order to retain local bus service provision to Liff Village and Fowlis on Mondays to Saturdays following the de-registration of the current services by Tayside Public Transport Ltd trading as National Express, Dundee.

The Report indicated that at the outset, Tayside Public Transport Ltd had taken responsibility for these loss making services with a view to increasing passenger usage but notwithstanding their best efforts, the company had advised that losses could no longer be sustained, resulting in the de-registration of the existing services with effect from 7 November 2010.

The award of a replacement contract under emergency provisions would ensure that passengers retained local bus service provision in the Liff Village/Fowlis areas and by working in partnership with NHS Tayside, a much higher level of service could be secured.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the de-registration by Tayside Public Transport Ltd of local bus service provision on Mondays to Saturdays to the Liff Village and Fowlis areas, with effect from 7 November 2010, as detailed in the Report;
- (ii) to authorise award of the emergency replacement contract (contract no EMY 328) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report; and
- (iii) to express thanks and appreciation to the members of the Transport team for all the work involved in ensuring continuity of this service.

10. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

There was submitted and noted [Report No 740/10](#) by the Director of Corporate Services advising that, at the request of the Head of Roads, four temporary traffic orders had been made, as detailed in the Report.

11. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 CONSULTATION "PLANNING FOR FLOODS - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" - DELIVERING PARTNERSHIP APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTING THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

With reference to Article 23 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 October 2009, there was submitted [Report No 741/10](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services updating members on issues regarding the enactment of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and seeking approval of a draft response to the consultation on proposals for implementation of the Act in relation to geographical boundaries, partnership working, future consultation and communication activities.

The Report indicated that enactment of part 4 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 was expected to be at the end of October 2010, although it was not clear when new regulations would be published.

The draft response to the consultation "Planning for Floods - Planning for the Future" - delivering partnership approaches to implementing the flood risk management Act allowed the Council to raise a number of issues which required clarification and more detailed consultation.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to note that the Scottish Government planned to enact part 4 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, which related directly to local authority duties, at the end of October 2010;
- (iii) to approve the draft response, as appended to the Report, as the Council's views on the consultation on proposals for the implementation of the Act; and
- (iv) to submit the view that the proposed local plan areas to cover the Council's administrative boundary, as presented and detailed in the consultation, were not considered to be appropriate.