

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2011 AT
1100 HRS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Stephanie Young and Councillors John MacKay, John McGhee, Helen Coffey, Maureen McKay, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Iain Linton, Douglas Reid, Depute Provost John Campbell, Councillors John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, David Shaw, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Kathy Morrice, Elaine Dinwoodie, Drew Filson and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; Hugh Melvin, Acting Development Management Manager; Craig Young, Litigation Team Leader; Stuart Norville, Team Leader, Roads and Transportation; and Julie McGarry, Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame, Willie Coffey, Jim Buchanan, Gordon Cree, Drew McIntyre, Jim Todd and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Provost Stephanie Young, Chair.

09/0131/EB: PROPOSED PLACING OF A 400KV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE CARRIED BY LATTICE STEEL TOWERS BETWEEN THE EXISTING COYLTON SUBSTATION AND THE PROPOSED MEIKLEHILL SUBSTATION ON B741 NEW CUMNOCK TO DALMELLINGTON ROAD WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE (PART A); 09/0132/EB: PROPOSED PLACING OF A 132KV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE CARRIED BY LATTICE STEEL TOWERS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED MEIKLEHILL SUBSTATION AND THE PROPOSED BLACK HILL SUBSTATION SOUTH OF NEW CUMNOCK WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE AND DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY (PART B); 09/0133/EB: PROPOSED PLACING OF A 132KV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE CARRIED BY LATTICE STEEL TOWERS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED BLACK HILL SUBSTATION AND THE PROPOSED GLENGLASS SUBSTATION SOUTH OF NEW CUMNOCK WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE AND DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY (PART C); 09/0134/EB: PROPOSED PLACING OF A 132KV SINGLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE CARRIED BY WOODEN POLES BETWEEN THE PROPOSED MEIKLEHILL SUBSTATION AND THE PROPOSED KYLE NORTH WIND FARM SUBSTATION IN THE KYLE FOREST WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE (PART D1); AND 09/0135/EB: PROPOSED PLACING OF A 132KV SINGLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE CARRIED BY WOODEN POLES BETWEEN THE PROPOSED MEIKLEHILL SUBSTATION AND THE PROPOSED DERSALLOCH WIND FARM SUBSTATION TO THE NORTH OF DALMELLINGTON WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE AND SOUTH AYRSHIRE (PART D2) (Item 8, Page 1446, 07/12)

1. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which updated Council in respect of five notifications 09/0131/EB, 09/0132/EB, 09/0133/EB, 09/0134/EB and

09/0135/EB received in terms of Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and invited Council to review its previous decision to object to these applications.

David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services spoke to the report and outlined the updated position as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report.

Hugh Melvin, Acting Development Management Manager, gave details of the site visit by Members which had taken place on 2 June 2011; the presentation by Scottish Power Transmission Ltd to Members on 3 June 2011 and a subsequent letter received from SPT on 9 June 2011. He also referred to a letter received by the Chief Executive dated 13 June 2011 from Infratil Airports Europe (tabled) in respect of Glasgow Prestwick Airport's radar infrastructure and the impact this development would have on it.

The Head of Roads and Transportation also confirmed that the roads network could accommodate traffic movements which would be addressed in the Traffic Management Plan in terms of roads maintenance and safety.

The Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services then confirmed that it was the collective recommendation of himself, the Head of Planning and Economic Development and the Head of Roads and Transportation that Council should review its previous decision of 16 December 2010 and (i) not to formally object to the four Electricity applications 09/0131/EB, 09/0132/EB, 09/0133/EB and 09/0135/EB subject to the conditions as set out in the respective sheets attached to the report by the Head of Planning and Economic Development dated 27 September 2010 (pages 58-62; pages 63-67; pages 68-72 and pages 79-83 respectively), as amended by the suggested conditions indicated in the appendix to the letter from the applicant dated 09 June 2011, and that the Scottish Ministers be notified accordingly; (ii) to maintain the objection to application; 09/0134/EB, Kyle North (Part D1) as the applicant had indicated in their letter of 9 June that they would be willing to withdraw this application in the event that Council withdraws its objection to the remaining four applications; (iii) that the applicant and officers work together to develop a Traffic Management plan which would be submitted to the Southern Local Planning Committee for approval; (iv) to the establishment of a Transportation Mitigation Forum and a Community Liaison Scheme also to be presented to the Southern Local Planning Committee for its approval; and (v) that SPT make an annual financial contribution to East Ayrshire Council to fund part of the costs of a Compliance Officer in order to monitor the implementation of the project.

Councillor Filson, seconded by Councillor Dinwoodie, moved to formally object to the five Electricity Act applications due to (i) the impact on the communities; (ii) the impact on the infrastructure; (iii) the additional number of HGV movements on top of already heavy traffic movements within the area; and (iv) public and community safety.

Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment (i) not to formally object to the four Electricity applications 09/0131/EB, 09/0132/EB, 09/0133/EB and 09/0135/EB subject to the conditions as set out in the respective sheets attached to the report by the Head of Planning and Economic Development dated 27 September 2010 as amended by the suggested conditions indicated in the appendix to the letter from the applicant dated 09 June 2011, and that the Scottish Ministers be notified accordingly; (ii) to maintain the objection to application; 09/0134/EB, Kyle North (Part D1) as the applicant had indicated in their letter of 9

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On a request by Councillor Dinwoodie that a roll call vote be taken and there being at least one third of the Members in agreement, following a show of hands (11), in accordance with Standing Order 36.2, the vote was taken by calling the roll as follows, viz:-

For the motion - Councillors Maureen McKay, Robert Keohone, David Shaw, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Elaine Dinwoodie, Drew Filson and Moira Pirie.

For the amendment - Provost Stephanie Young and Councillors John McKay, John McGhee, Helen Coffey, Tom Cook, Iain Linton, Douglas Reid, Depute Provost John Campbell, Councillors John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly and Kathy Morrice.

The amendment was therefore carried by 15 votes to 10.

The meeting terminated at 1315 hrs.