

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2005 AT 1025 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross, Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, George Smith, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie.

**ATTENDING:** Jim Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Property; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Maureen McKay, Douglas Reid, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly and Jimmy Carmichael.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**REVISION TO ROADS AND STRUCTURES DESIGN CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2004/05**

1. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (a) informed of the satisfactory completion of the emergency reconstruction of the C22 Mosshouse Bridge at Cronberry; and (b) sought approval for a further revision to the Bridge Strengthening and Culvert Replacement Programme for 2004/05.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the completion of the C22 Cronberry Bridge emergency repairs within budget; and
- (ii) to approve the revised Bridge Strengthening and Culvert Replacement Programme for 2004/05 as detailed within the report.

**REVIEW OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICES**

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised that a review of all School Crossing Patrols within East Ayrshire had now been completed and of the findings of this review.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Young moved the status quo with a review in one year.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note that a review of School Crossing Patrols in East Ayrshire had been undertaken;
- (ii) to retain the patrol at Wallace Street/Station Road, Galston;

- (iii) to withdraw the remaining 13 patrols that did not meet the PV<sup>2</sup> criterion subject to a re-assessment of Kilwinning Road, Stewarton, by the Head of Roads and Transportation;
- (iv) to note that the Head of Roads and Transportation would assess the possibility of withdrawal of lunchtime cover from certain sites and report back to the Committee; and
- (v) to note that sites where a patrol was removed would be monitored and that any additional safety measures that might be identified would be considered under a future funding programme.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 11 votes to 5.

### **JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT - MUNRO AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to purchase land to improve the signalised junction at Munro Avenue/Irvine Road, Kilmarnock, either by voluntary negotiation or if required by the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to implement Scheme `A' with immediate effect;
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Roads and Transportation to review matters and consider whether there were any viable alternatives to Scheme `B' which might not require land acquisition, failing which to proceed to acquire all land required for the implementation of Scheme `B' by voluntary negotiation;
- (iii) in the event that any land identified as necessary for the implementation of Scheme `B' could not be successfully acquired on a voluntary basis to report back to the Development Services Committee to seek the necessary authority to proceed by way of Compulsory Purchase Order; and
- (iv) that the Head of Roads and Transportation undertake appropriate consultation with the householders at 86, 88, 90 and 92 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock, in respect of these matters.

### **SCOTLAND'S TRANSPORT FUTURE - PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS**

4. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which recommended a response from East Ayrshire Council to the Scottish Executive's consultation paper on "Scotland's Transport Future: Proposals for Statutory Regional Transport Partnerships".

It was agreed to submit the formal response by East Ayrshire as detailed within the report.

**INTRODUCTION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMITS ON ROUTE A71 BETWEEN  
NEWMILNS AND DARVEL AND ON ROUTE A70 THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF  
COALHALL**

5. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to introduce 40mph speed limits on the A71 between Newmilns and Darvel and on the A70 through the village of Coalhall.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the proposal to introduce 40mph speed limits on route A71 Newmilns to Darvel and on route A70 at Coalhall.

**AWARDING OF CONTRACT**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted.

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
*Development Study, Templeton Roundabout, Strategic Industrial Site, Auchinleck	James Barr, Glasgow	£18,750.00

\* This tender was subject to an evaluation process, the award criteria being price - 70%; proposed approach and methodologies -10%; proposed work schedule and timetable for completion - 10%; and staff qualifications, experience, training and competencies - 10%.

**LAND AT JAMES TAYLOR AVENUE, CATRINE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Committee to declare surplus to the Department's operational requirements, land at James Taylor Avenue, Catrine, for the purpose of disposal to the adjacent landowner.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land extending to 47m<sup>2</sup> or thereby at James Taylor Avenue, Catrine, surplus to the requirements of Development and Property Services for the purpose of sale to D & A Contracts Ltd., and
- (ii) to refer the matter, thereafter, to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to negotiate the terms and conditions of sale in accordance with the appropriate procedures.

**STODDARD INTERNATIONAL PLC (IN RECEIVERSHIP)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the current position in relation to Stoddard International PLC (In Receivership).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to homologate the actions of the Chief Executive under powers delegated to her within the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers given the emergency nature of the situation following consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Depute Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Development Services Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

9. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### **KILMARNOCK TOP OF THE TOWN PROPOSED OFFICE DEVELOPMENT**

10. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to enter into negotiations with the Scottish Executive and their Agents, GVA Grimley, Chartered Surveyors, regarding promotion of a proposed office development on land owned by the Council within Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the recent development in respect of the Scottish Executive's potential interest in the site;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to engage in further discussions with GVA Grimley and the Scottish Executive to explore alternative possible approaches to the future development of the Top of the Town site and to submit in early course a further report to the Committee on the outcome of those discussions together with appropriate recommendations; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1125 hours.