

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2006 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: James Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Traffic; John McRobert, Assistant Principal Engineer, Roads; Alistair Kidd, Financial Services Manager; Sam McVie, Principal Surveyor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed as an observer to the meeting, Lisa O'Neill from James Hamilton Academy, who was undertaking a work experience placement with Administrative and Legal Services.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3 (2005)

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the absence rates for the Department of Development and Property Services for the quarterly period ending 30 September 2005.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 13 NOVEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 8)

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 4 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Development and Property Services for the period ended 13 November 2005 (Period 8).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ROADS CONTRACTS, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND STREET LIGHTING TO 13 NOVEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 8)

4. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 4 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Development and

Property Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Roads Contracts, Vehicle Maintenance and Street Lighting for the period ended 13 November 2005 (Period 8).

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) which informed of the intention to establish a Shopmobility Scheme within Kilmarnock Town Centre; and (ii) which sought approval for a related amendment to the staffing structure of the Department of Development and Property Services, subject to consultation with Trade Unions.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the intention to establish a Shopmobility Scheme within Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to recruit a dedicated Project Officer to promote and manage the facility; and
- (iii) to submit a report to the next Corporate Governance Committee to agree the appropriate staffing structure.

POTENTIAL GALLOWAY AND SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE BIOSPHERE RESERVE

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised on proposals for a potential Biosphere Reserve within Galloway and the southern portions of Ayrshire and which sought authority to further investigate the viability of the proposal.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that further detailed consideration be given by Officers of the Council to the potential designation of a Biosphere Reserve within the Galloway Forest and southern areas of Ayrshire in conjunction with South Ayrshire Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Scottish National Heritage, Forestry Commission and other partners;
- (ii) that the Council be represented at the March 2006 Man and Biosphere UK Committee meeting in the Dumfries area;
- (iii) that a further report be submitted once the assessment has been concluded; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE REVISED TOURIST SIGNPOSTING POLICY AND GUIDANCE

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of the Scottish Executive's draft Tourist Signposting Policy and Guidance which had been issued for consultation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;

- (ii) to endorse the Scottish Executive's revised policy and guidance for tourist signposting on Scottish Trunk Roads and Motorways; and
- (iii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation liaise with representatives of North Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board to consider any revisions to the joint local policy for tourist signposting that may be necessary, particularly in respect of the "Home Traffic Authority" concept and the definition of "tourist shop" contained in the Scottish Executive's revised policy and guidance.

2006/07 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval of the 2006/07 programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the programme of inescapable schemes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways; and
- (ii) to note the options to be presented to Local Committees.

FLOOD PREVENTION - BIENNIAL REPORT

9. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of the publication of the Biennial Report as required under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 as amended.

It was agreed to note the report and further, that its publication complied with the requirements of the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 as amended.

TO INTRODUCE A 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE U63 WHEATRIGGS (KIRKLANDSIDE) ROAD, KILMARNOCK AND TO INTRODUCE WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT THE JUNCTION OF SAMSON AVENUE/MACKINLAY PLACE, KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on route U63 Wheatriggs (Kirklandside Road), Kilmarnock, and which sought to introduce waiting restrictions at the junction of Samson Avenue and MacKinlay Place, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on route U63 Wheatriggs Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) to approve the introduction of waiting restrictions at the junction of Samson Avenue/Mackinlay Place, Kilmarnock.

CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE SCOTLAND-WIDE FREE BUS SCHEME FOR OLDER AND DISABLED PEOPLE

11. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of the Scottish Executive's consultation paper and the Head of Roads and Transportation's response on the forthcoming free national bus scheme for older and disabled people.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to endorse the consultation comments previously submitted by the Head of Roads and Transportation.

NATIONAL ENTITLEMENT CARDS

12. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the current position in respect of the Scottish Executive's plans for the implementation of a "National Entitlement Card" in support of the National Concessionary Fares Scheme.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report and that a further report would be presented at a later date once details had been finalised and an estimate of future post-2006 costs were known.

EXTENSION OF EXISTING 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT, ROUTE B778 KINLOCH AVENUE TO LAINSHAW STREET, STEWARTON

13. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on route B778 Dalry Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve proposals to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on route B778 Dalry Road as detailed within the report.

NATIONAL TRANSPORT AWARDS - 28 NOVEMBER 2005 AND THE SALTIRE AWARD FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING 2005

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the Roads and Transportation Division's recent successes at the Scottish Transport Awards and the Saltire Awards.

QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS B7073 MAUCHLINE ROAD, HURLFORD - TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

15. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised that (i) speed cushions were proposed for the section of the B7073 Mauchline Road, Hurlford, south of Blair Avenue; (ii) that significant support for the provision of road humps and also significant objection to the proposals had been received from the local

community; and (iii) requested that the Committee determine whether or not the scheme should be implemented.

There was also circulated by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services a summary of two maintained objections to the Scheme; and having heard the Head of Administrative and Legal Services, it was agreed to circulate a late maintained objection from Mr K Wilson.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

16. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1040 hours.

The meeting reconvened at 1050 hours with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance.

CONTINUATION OF QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS B7073 MAUCHLINE ROAD, HURLFORD - TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

17. Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved:-

- (i) to note the objections and expressions of support as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) that the road humps as advertised are implemented.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment not to implement the scheme and that a Public Local Inquiry be held.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 13 votes to 4.

Councillor Young left the meeting at this point.

REVISION TO ROADS AND STRUCTURES DESIGN CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2005/06 (Item 10, Page 1460, 03/07)

18. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval for a revision to the Bridge Strengthening and Culvert Replacement Programme for 2005/06.

It was agreed to approve the proposed revision of the Bridge Strengthening and Culvert Replacement Programme as detailed within the report.

SCHEMES REQUIRING A ROAD HUMPS NOTICE

19. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) which informed of the road safety schemes requiring a Road Humps Notice in Auchinleck, Patna, Catrine, New Cumnock, Bellsbank, Wellpark and Hurlford; and (ii) which sought agreement to determine any objections which may be raised.

There was circulated by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services a summary of letters received from Auchinleck Community Council and residents at Wellpark Avenue, Kilmarnock, in relation to the schemes at Auchinleck and Wellpark, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and

- (ii) that the schemes requiring a Road Humps Notice be implemented as detailed within the report.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE - IMPLEMENTING THE WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003: DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES - A DISCUSSION PAPER

20. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of the Scottish Executive's Implementing the Water and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003: Designation of Responsible Authorities - A Discussion Paper, and to note the Roads and Transportation Division's response.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Head of Roads and Transportation's response as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) to request that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Development Services Committees, refer the matter to CoSLA for further consideration.

CAPITAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME FOR 2005/2006

21. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval for the proposed projects for the Capital Road Safety budget for the remainder of the financial year 2005/2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to approve the implementation of the Road Safety Projects as detailed within the report; and
- (iii) that should the remaining funds from the Capital Road Safety Budget be insufficient to complete the above works, the schemes would be completed early in 2006/2007 year.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION ON RAIL PRIORITIES

22. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of the Scottish Executive's consultation paper on rail priorities and the Head of Roads and Transportation's response to the consultation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to endorse the consultation comments previously submitted by the Head of Roads and Transportation and WESTRANS.

**THE NEW STATUTORY REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS
(Item 4, Page 1184, 03/07)**

23. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the current progress regarding the establishment of the new Statutory Regional Transport Partnerships in Scotland.

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARKS ORDER

24. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval for the proposed East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off-Street Parking Places and Revocation) (Kilmarnock) Order.

It was agreed to approve the draft Order.

**BRIDGE STRENGTHENING AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR
2004/05**

25. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the out-turn costs of the bridge strengthening and culvert replacement schemes undertaken in 2004/05.

FINAL MEASUREMENTS ON CONTRACTS

26. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed on final measurements for contracts, as set out in Appendix I to these Minutes.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

27. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as set out in Appendix II to these Minutes.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

**PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CUMNOCK BUSINESS PARK,
GLAISNOCK ROAD, CUMNOCK (PARA 9)**

29. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the areas of land extending in total to 0.066 hectares (0.163 acres) or thereby, together with the Council's one half pro-indiviso share of the footpaths/roadway, situated within Cumnock Business Park, Glaisnock Road,

Cumnock, and identified on the attached plan for the purposes of disposal to Caledonian Bottlers Plc.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the areas of land extending in total to 0.066 hectares (0.163 acres) or thereby, together with the Council's one half pro-indiviso share of the footpaths/roadways all located within Cumnock Business Park, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock, and identified on the plan attached to the report, surplus to the requirements of Development and Property Services for the purposes of disposal to Caledonian Bottlers Plc; and
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Solicitor to the Council to conclude matters on behalf of the Council.

**REPLACEMENT AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN: FINALISED DRAFT
(PARA 6)**

- 30.** There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which presented for information and approval, the Finalised Draft Version of the Replacement Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and which sought agreement for the Plan to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for consideration and approval.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Finalised Draft of the Replacement Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan, with the exception of the housing figures and associated text contained in Policies COMM 2 and 3 and the search area boundaries for the joint Ayrshire residual waste treatment facility which are not approved and which will be the subject of further consideration by the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee;
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to assess any new housing figures and the associated text contained in Policies COMM 2 and 3, the implications of Affordable Housing and the search area boundary for the joint Ayrshire residual waste treatment facility as may be agreed by the Joint Structure Plan Committee at its meeting on 20 January 2006;
- (iii) that subject to all revisions to the Finalised Draft Structure Plan being acceptable to the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards and subject to all proposed changes being agreed by the Chair of the Development Services Committee, to approve the complete Finalised Draft of the Replacement Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan for submission to the Scottish Ministers for approval; and
- (iv) to express concern regarding the delay in agreeing a Joint Structure Plan and its consequent effects on progressing the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

The meeting terminated at 1150 hours.

APPENDIX I**FINAL MEASUREMENTS ON CONTRACTS**

<u>CONTRACT TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF FINAL MEASUREMENT</u>
Replacement of Windows and Doors at Carrick View Residential Unit, Auchinleck	£23,245.00
Alterations to Burns Mall Toilet, Kilmarnock, Phase 2	£38,373.30
Proposed Extension to Material Recovery Facility, Western Road, Kilmarnock	£276,579.35
Property Improvement Scheme, Main Street, Auchinleck	£20,009.35
Proposed Youth Centre, Dalrymple	£149,891.52
Electrical Upgrade to Drongan Primary School, Phase 2	£70,554.87
Installation of 2 CCTV Cameras, North West Area, Kilmarnock	£1,729.00
Cumnock Academy CCTV	£69,863.30
Crookedholm Internal Transport Depot, CCTV Installation	£47,992.11
Northwest Environmental Improvements Group - Entrance Signs	£21,991.00

APPENDIX II**AWARDING OF CONTRACTS - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 11
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<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supply and Delivery of Car Derived Van (VS01)	Alistair Fleming Citroen, Kilmarnock	£7,469.25 each Total: £44,815.50 (6 vehicles)
Supply and Delivery of 3.5 Tonne Crew Cab Tipper (VS07)	The Verve Ltd., Glasgow	£22,652.08 each Total: £135,912.48 (6 vehicles)
Relocation of Conduit to 20 Foregate, Kilmarnock (formation of Office Area)	K G Building & Civil Engineering Ltd., Ardrossan	£111,814.45
Ballochmyle Quadrant Area, Catrine	McGivney Construction Ltd., Kilmarnock	£53,356.00
Carnshalloch Avenue Area Phase 3, Patna	McGivney Construction Ltd., Kilmarnock	£39,604.00
Carriageway Resurfacing - Urban	Hamilton Tarmac, Hurlford	£30,180.60
Scrutiny of the Environmental Report re Local Plan	Environ UK Ltd., Edinburgh	£28,820.00
Conservation Areas Surveying and Costing Commission Service	Austin Smith: Lord, Glasgow	£24,580.00
Shields Road, Newmilns and Bridge Street, Catrine Footbridges - Steel Work Repairs and Repainting Contract	MacLean and Speirs Group Ltd., Glasgow	£63,313.00
Footway Surfacing, Irvine Valley	Kyle Tarmacadam, Shewalton	£43,144.39
Minor Work and Building Maintenance (Non-Housing) Term Contract	MITIE Property Services (UK) Ltd., Airdrie	Schedule of Rates

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Carriageway Resurfacing - Kilmarnock Central	Hillhouse Quarry, Troon	£73,799.28
Supply and Delivery of 7.5 Tonne Chassis Cab Tipper (VS02)	Lex Commercials, Glasgow	£59,767.00 each Total: £179,301.00 (3 vehicles)
Supply of Car Derived Van (VS01)	Alistair Fleming Citroen, Kilmarnock	£7,469.25 each Total: £23,067.75 (2 vehicles)
Lime Road Area North - Cumnock	McGivney Construction Ltd., Kilmarnock	£59,571.00
Patterson Avenue Area - Logan	McGivney Construction Ltd., Kilmarnock	£48,119.00