

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2006 AT
1300 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, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill and George Smith.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Jim Kane, Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer, Traffic & Transportation; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**MANDATORY 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER FOR VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL
AREAS IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which asked the Committee (i) to determine the proposed Speed Limit Orders without causing a Hearing to be held; (ii) to consider objections which had been received to mandatory 20 mph speed limit proposals; and (iii) for approval to introduce mandatory 20 mph speed limits in residential areas in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to determine the proposed Speed Limit Orders without causing a Hearing to be held;
- (ii) to note the objections as detailed within the report; and
- (iii) to approve the proposal for 20 mph speed limits on various streets within East Ayrshire as detailed within the report.

**TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK -
OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Committee to (i) determine the proposed Road Humps Notice without causing a Local Inquiry to be held; (ii) consider objections which had been received to the proposals for road humps in Well Road, Auchinleck; and (iii) approve the traffic calming as advertised.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to determine the proposed Road Humps Notice without causing a Local Inquiry to be held;
- (ii) to note the objection as detailed within the report; and
- (iii) to approve the proposal for road humps in Well Road, Auchinleck, as advertised.

TO INTRODUCE WAITING/LOADING RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS STREETS, CROSSHOUSE AND TO EXTEND THE EXISTING 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE B7081 KILMARNOCK ROAD, CROSSHOUSE

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to (i) introduce waiting and loading/unloading restrictions on various streets in Crosshouse; and (ii) extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on route B7081 Kilmarnock Road, Crosshouse.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to introduce waiting and loading/unloading restrictions on various roads in Crosshouse as detailed in the report; and
- (iii) to approve the proposal to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on route B7081 Kilmarnock Road, Crosshouse.

TO EXTEND THE EXISTING 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE B7061 MAIN ROAD, FENWICK AND TO INTRODUCE A 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE B7038 SOUTHCRAIGS TO FENWICK

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on route B7061 Main Road, Fenwick, and to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the section of the B7038 between Southcraigs and Fenwick.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the proposal to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on route B7038 Southcraigs to Fenwick and to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on route B7061 Main Road, Fenwick.

CUMNOCK PARKING STRATEGY

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed the Committee (i) of proposals to develop further a parking strategy for Cumnock Town Centre; and (ii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation intended to invite tenders to appoint an External Consultant to take forward the parking strategy proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposals to prepare a parking strategy for Cumnock Town Centre; and

- (ii) to note that the Head of Roads and Transportation intended to invite tenders to appoint a consultant to progress the parking strategy.

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION LOCAL CONSULTATION

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) explained the background to the various consultation mechanisms within the business community and Kilmarnock Town Centre; and (ii) sought approval for the development of a clearer and more integrated consultation mechanism between the Council and the Town Centre Business Community in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve that there should only be one inclusive liaison group on the Kilmarnock Town Centre Regeneration Strategy;
- (ii) to take the necessary steps to dissolve the Kilmarnock Town Centre Partnership and integrate its function with that of the recently formed Town Centre Liaison Group, bringing the two groups together into one with a clearly defined remit;
- (iii) to recommend to Council to continue with the current level of Elected Member representation namely (2 Administration, 1 Opposition) in respect of the new Town Centre Regeneration Group; and
- (iv) to instruct the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services to bring forward a monitoring report on progress of the consultation arrangements to a future meeting of the Committee.

BELLFIELD INTERCHANGE AND QUEENS DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 14 November 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of current Scottish Executive feasibility work for capacity enhancements at Bellfield Interchange and for traffic signal improvement works on Queens Drive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the study undertaken by the Scottish Executive/Amey for further improvements to the Bellfield Interchange;
- (ii) to defer the installation of the traffic signals at the Queens Drive/Hurlford Road junction to give more time for the Scottish Executive to co-ordinate the works with signalisation of the Bellfield Interchange; and
- (iii) to note that further civil engineering preparatory works at the Queens Drive/Hurlford Road junction would be undertaken in the current financial year.

A71 RICcarton BRIDGE STEELWORK PAINTING AND BIRD PROOFING CONTRACT - ADDITIONAL WORKS

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 17 November 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval to carry out additional works on the A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing Contract.

It was agreed to approve the additional works on the A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing Contract as detailed in the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. The Committee resolved that under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, 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.

ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT (PARA 9)

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval for the appointment, following a rigorous tendering procedure, of a recommended development partner for the Cumnock Town Centre Regeneration Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the appointment of Deanway Development Ltd., in association with the Muir Group, as the Council's development partner for the regeneration of Cumnock Town Centre; and
- (ii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to prepare and execute all necessary legal documentation.

KILMARNOCK TOP OF THE TOWN PROPOSED OFFICE DEVELOPMENT - PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR RELATED WORKS (PARA 8)

11. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval for the negotiation of appropriate contractual terms with Cooper Cromer, Architects, for the provision of architectural services to the Council to progress the design and implementation of a number of environmental improvement projects related to the Top of the Town office development, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the negotiation of contract terms, up to a maximum fee of £100,000 in respect of the provision of architectural services with Cooper Cromer, Architects, in terms of Paragraph 9(ii) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1330 hours.