

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2007 AT 1002 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Brian Reeves, John Weir, Isabella Macrae, John Campbell, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: 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, Acting Head of Roads and Transportation; Alistair Kidd, Financial Services Manager; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, Eric Jackson, George Smith and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER 3 (2006)

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on absence rates for the Department of Development and Property Services for the quarterly period ended 30 September 2006.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
TO 12 NOVEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 8)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 4 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Development and Property Services for the period ended 12 November 2006 (Period 8).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ROADS CONTRACTS,
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND STREET LIGHTING TO 12 NOVEMBER 2006
(PERIOD 8)**

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 4 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on 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 12 November 2006 (Period 8).

POTENTIAL GALLOWAY AND SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE BIOSPHERE RESERVE

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on progress regarding consideration of a potential Biosphere Reserve within Galloway and the southern

parts of Ayrshire and which reported on the likely contribution to the scheme that might be required from the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to make funding contributions of £5,000 during financial years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 towards the cost of the community engagement project referred to in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of the report, to consist of equal proportions of funding from Economic Development and Planning, Development and Building Standards Division; and
- (ii) to approve, in principle, a financial contribution of £10,000 in 2008/2009 to enable an application to UNESCO to be made subject to receipt of the report on the Community Engagement Project and consideration of a subsequent report on its conclusions by this Committee.

WEST OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the performance of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS) in financial year 2005/06, to report on the budgetary position in terms of the Code of Practice on Funding External Bodies, Following the Public Pound and which sought agreement for the Council's allocation to the Service for financial year 2007/08.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that WoSAS continued to provide a valued service; and
- (ii) to approve a contribution to WoSAS of £13,972 for financial year 2007/08.

2006/07 ADDITIONAL SCHEMES (Item 1, Page 2475, 03/07)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the schemes to be carried out in the current financial year using the additional allocation of £250,000 to Development and Property Services.

REVISION TO ROADS AND STRUCTURES DESIGN CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2006/07

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval (a) for the reallocation of £170,000 of Bridges Capital Allocation to part fund the Lugar Bridge Widening Scheme; (b) to increase the Contract for the A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing, to paint one or two further spans; (c) to commit the necessary funds from the 2007-2008 Bridges budget to the implementation of the C134 Birkhill Culvert replacement scheme which was programmed to commence in 2006-07; and (d) to commit £50,000 from the 2007-08 Bridges Budget for Network Rail Bridge Assessments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to re-allocate £170,000 of Bridges Capital Allocation to part fund the Lugar Bridge Widening Scheme;

- (ii) to extend the existing Contract for A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing to paint the beams supporting one further span and to approve the painting for a further span if funding allows;
- (iii) to approve the commitment of the necessary funds from the 2007-08 Bridges Budget to allow the implementation of the C134 Birkhill Culvert replacement scheme to proceed; and
- (iv) to approve the commitment of £50,000 from the 2007-08 Bridges Budget for Network Rail Bridge Assessments.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION BUDGETARY ALLOCATION - CAPITAL SCHEMES

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking approval (a) for the reallocation of £180,000 of Flood Studies Capital Allocation to other approved capital works within the Roads Division; and (b) for the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services to reallocate any further Capital Allocations should slippage arise within this financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the reallocation of £180,000 of Flood Studies Capital Allocation to other approved capital works within the Roads Division, as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services reallocate any further Capital slippage in the current financial year to traffic calming or structural maintenance schemes which had prior Committee approval.

20 MPH SPEED LIMITS - HURLFORD AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT - B7046 SINCLAIRSTON

9. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval (a) for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on Blair Road and Mauchline Road (service), Hurlford, and a part-time 20 mph speed limit on Mauchline Road, Hurlford; and (b) to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on the B7046, Sinclairston.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal to introduce a full-time 20 mph speed limit on Blair Road and Mauchline Road (service) and a part-time 20 mph speed limit on Mauchline Road, Hurlford;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on route B7046 at Sinclairston; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK AND IN TOWN WITHOUT MY CAR DAY

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on European Mobility

Week and In Town Without My Car Day and asking the Committee to consider how future events should be resourced.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the promotion of European Mobility Week and In Town Without My Car Day as a corporate event;
- (ii) that East Ayrshire participate in this event in 2007; and
- (iii) to authorise the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services to involve other Council Departments and the Council's Community Planning Partners in providing funding for future events and to obtain the support of other Departments and Community Planning Partners in staging the events.

RURAL ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS: A70 OCHILTREE BYPASS AND B778 FENWICK TO STEWARTON

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services (a) which advised the Committee that tenders had been invited from consultants to (i) carry out a study and prepare a report, into the transport issues associated with the passage of traffic on the A70 route through Ochiltree and to consider alternative alignment options for an A70 Ochiltree Bypass; and (ii) to carry out a study of the B778 and produce a design package of road improvement measures to improve the level of service for all road users on the route between Stewarton and Fenwick; and (b) which sought approval for the provision of road safety improvements on the B778 between Stewarton and Fenwick.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the additional budget allocation from SPT to carry out the Ochiltree Bypass Feasibility Study;
- (ii) that the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services seek the rescheduling of the budget into 2007-08 by SPT, to allow a realistic timescale for the detailed study; and
- (iii) to approve the proposal for a study of the B778 Stewarton to Fenwick Road and the implementation of lower cost accident remedial measures as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.

2007/08 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

12. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval of the 2007/2008 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 the Local Committees.

AMENDMENT TO THE KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARKS ORDER

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services (a) which requested the Committee to determine the proposed amendment Order to the East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off-Street Parking Places and Revocation) (Kilmarnock) Order 2006 without a Hearing; (b) to consider objections which had been received to the proposed amendment Order; and (c) which sought approval to introduce the East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off-Street Parking Places) (Kilmarnock) (Amendment) Order.

Having noted that only objector no. 2 from the four objectors had maintained their objections to the proposed Order, Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Kelly moved:-

- (i) to determine the proposed Kilmarnock Town Centre Pay and Display Car Parks Amendment Order without a Hearing;
- (ii) to consider the objections as detailed in Paragraph 4.4 of the report taking cognisance that only objector no 2 had maintained their objections; and
- (iii) to approve the proposal to introduce the East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off-Street Parking Places) (Kilmarnock) (Amendment) Order.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Weir, moved as an amendment that a Hearing be held to determine the proposed Kilmarnock Town Centre Pay and Display Car Parks Amendment Order.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS, OCHILTREE, KILMARNOCK AND FENWICK

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services (a) which requested the Committee to determine the objections to the proposed Road Humps Notices without a Hearing; (b) to consider objections which had been received to the proposals for road humps in various traffic calming schemes; and (c) which sought approval for the traffic calming schemes as advertised.

Having noted that in relation to traffic calming road proposals for Holmes Road, Kilmarnock, only objector no. 2 from the three objectors had maintained their objections, it was agreed:-

- (i) to determine the proposed Road Hump Notices without a Hearing;
- (ii) to consider the objections as detailed in Paragraphs 4.4 to 4.7 of the report, taking cognisance that only objector no 2 had maintained their objections in relation to Holmes Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) to approve the proposal for road humps in the following locations, as advertised:-
 - (a) Main Street, Ochiltree;
 - (b) Various streets in the Bonnyton Area, Kilmarnock;
 - (c) B7061 Main Road, Fenwick; and

- (d) Holmes Road, Kilmarnock.

SCOTTISH SMALL TOWNS REPORT 2007 - 2013

15. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services (a) which informed of the Scottish Small Towns Report 2007-2013; and (b) which highlighted the key findings and recommendations contained in the report in particular those that related to East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support, in principle, the recommendations contained in the Scottish Small Towns Report 2007-2013, as being particularly relevant to East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to invite the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership to consider the implications of implementing the recommendations contained in the report, in particular those regarding the preparation of "Whole Town Strategies" for each small town and to report back to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

THE STRATHCLYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPORT'S REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR THE WEST OF SCOTLAND 2007-2021

16. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services (a) which advised that the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Regional Transport Strategy for the West of Scotland 2007-2021 was now out for consultation; (b) which invited Members to submit comments on the consultative draft to the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services, or to the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation by Monday 5 February 2007; and (c) which requested the Committee to delegate to the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services, after consultation with the Chair, to forward East Ayrshire Council's response on the consultation document to Strathclyde Passenger Transport by the closing date of 12 February 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Regional Transport Strategy for the West of Scotland 2007-2021 was now out for consultation;
- (ii) to invite Members to submit comments on the draft Regional Transport Strategy to the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services, or to the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation by Monday 5 February 2007;
- (iii) to delegate to the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services, after consultation with the Chair, to forward East Ayrshire Council's response on the consultation document to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport by the due date; and
- (iv) that the Chair of the Committee write to Malcolm Reid, Transport for Scotland, seeking a timetable for the Stage 4 process of the dynamic loop.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 December 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as detailed within the Appendix to these Minutes.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

18. The Committee resolved 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 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.

KYLE WINDFARM PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY - PROCUREMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

19. There was submitted a report dated 3 January 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of action taken in accordance with the approved Scheme of Delegation to appoint a consultant Landscape Architect to support the Council's preparations for the Public Local Inquiry to be held in relation to the Kyle Windfarm proposal.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appointment of Keppie Design, Landscape Architects, to support the Council's preparations for the Public Local Inquiry to be held in respect of the proposed Kyle Windfarm; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1047 hours.

APPENDIX

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Traffic Signal Refurbishment 2006/2007	Peek Traffic Ltd., Hampshire	£26,343.90
Lugar Bridge Widening	I H Borland Ltd., Crookedholm	£486,404.42
Development of a Transport Model for Kilmarnock	Messrs Colin Buchanan & Partners, Glasgow	£89,945.00
A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing	Hy Spec Services Ltd., Fife	£61,220.00
Demolition and Rehabilitation Works at Dame Helens School, Ayr Road, Dalmellington	Burnfield Builders & Demolishers Ltd., Glasgow	£37,065.00
Supply & Installation of Bus Shelters	Trueform Engineering Ltd., Middlesex	£43,535.00
Carriageway Resurfacing 2006 - Cumnock Urban Surfacing	Hamilton Tarmac, Hurlford	£31,616.75
Framework Contract: CAD Floor Plan Production Service	CRGP Ltd., Glasgow	Schedule of Rates
Footway Resurfacing - Doon Valley	Alastair Dick Contracts Ltd., Darvel	£47,081.15
Signalisation of Queens Drive/Lawson Street, Queens Drive/Hurlford Road, Kilmarnock	Traffic Signals UK, Glasgow	£32,549.70
Footway Resurfacing - New Cumnock	Wallace Dick & Sons, Darvel	£32,331.90
B713 Whiteflat Bridge, Catrine - Strengthening	Kelburne Construction Ltd., Kilmarnock	£37,379.05
Urban Patching South Area	J H Civil Engineering Ltd., Airdrie	£55,648.50