

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, COLIN BROWN, FRANK ELLIS, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, IAN MACKINTOSH, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, PETER MURPHY, ROBERT MYLES, RALPH PALMER, JOHN RYMER, MARK SALMOND, ROBERT SPINK, SANDY WEST and JOHN WHYTE.

Councillor FAIRWEATHER, Vice-Convenor, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David May, Jim Millar and Helen Oswald with Councillors John Rymer, Colin Brown and Glennis Middleton substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Myles declared an interest in item 11 as part owner of a woodland and in item 20 as a member of Tayside Contracts Joint Committee.

Councillor Palmer declared an interest in item 17 as his spouse was a Manager with the Royal Bank of Scotland and as he was a pensioner of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Councillor Rymer declared an interest in item 11 as he had an interest in forestry.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 April 2008](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

(b) Appeals (Smoking in Public Places) Sub-Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Appeals \(Smoking in Public Places\) Sub-Committee of 22 April 2008](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (APPENDIX I).

(c) Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee of 23 May 2008](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (APPENDIX II).

Having heard from Councillor King regarding the availability of the Director's half-yearly Report, it was agreed that the Head of Law and Administration give consideration as to the mechanism for making such Reports available to all members.

In accordance with Standing Order 36(2), the Committee agreed that, as representatives of Network Rail and British Transport Police were in attendance to answer questions on the Railway Level Crossing at Station Road, Carnoustie, the order of business be varied from that published and it was considered in the order recorded below.

*4. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING AT STATION ROAD, CARNOUSTIE

With reference to Article 6(b) of the minute of meeting of the Council of 15 May 2008, there was submitted [Report No 577/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of the findings following consideration of the issues which had been raised regarding the functioning of the railway level crossing at Station Road, Carnoustie and detailing proposed improvements.

The Report indicated that various issues had been raised regarding the potential safety of the level crossing located at Station Road, Carnoustie and concerns had been raised regarding the overall operational safety of the level crossing. As a result, it had been suggested that the crossing safety aspect be reconsidered jointly by the Council and Network Rail, in liaison with the British Transport Police. All aspects of the operation cycle of the railway level crossing had been taken into consideration in liaison with Network Rail and the British Transport Police, including the road infrastructure on the approaches to the level crossing.

COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MYLES, MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES:-

- (I) TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS GIVEN TO THE OPERATION OF THE RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING AT STATION ROAD, CARNOUSTIE;
- (II) TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT THIS LOCATION, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED TREE WORK IN STATION ROAD; AND
- (III) TO NOTE THAT NETWORK RAIL INTENDS TO PROVIDE A YELLOW BOX MARKING, UPDATE THE SIGNAL LIGHTS AND WAS FURTHER CONSIDERING BOTH THE LOWERING OF A SECTION OF A BOUNDARY WALL TO IMPROVE THE VISIBILITY OF THE CROSSING AND THE INSTALLATION OF CCTV COVERAGE OF THE CROSSING.

Councillor Palmer, seconded by Councillor Gaul, moved as an amendment, that recommendations (i) - (iii) as detailed in the Report be approved and that a further Report detailing the works necessary to deal with the glare from the road surface at Carnoustie Railway Crossing be brought forward to this Committee as soon as practicable, including indicative costings and proposals for funding.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Fairweather, Brown, Mackintosh, Murphy, Myles, Rymer, Salmond, Spink and Whyte (9).

For the amendment:-

Councillors Ellis, Gaul, King, Middleton, Palmer and West (6).

The motion was declared carried and became the finding of the meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 39(3)(i), Councillors Palmer and Gaul indicated that they wished the matter referred to the Council for a decision.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ANALYST

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Environmental and Leisure Services Committee of 6 March 2007, there was submitted [Report No 559/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking approval of the appointment of an additional Public Analyst to carry out formal analysis work for the Council as part of the joint working between the Dundee and Aberdeen Public Analyst laboratories.

The Report indicated that arrangements for laboratory facilities for the Council were provided by Dundee City Council's Scientific Services, and in more recent times, with Aberdeen City Council's Public Analyst Laboratory, which worked together to provide efficiencies in the use of equipment and establish centres of expertise. Under those arrangements, it was necessary that official samples etc. to be reported upon were dealt with by a public analyst and agricultural analyst appointed at both laboratories. Dundee City Council had now appointed an additional Public Analyst for the purposes of greater efficiency and improving upon the reporting back of samples and a formal request had been received from the Public Analyst to appoint Mr Steve Appleton as Public Analyst and Depute Agricultural Analyst for Angus.

The Committee agreed to approve the appointment of Mr Steve Appleton as Public Analyst for Angus Council in terms of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Depute Agricultural Analyst for Angus Council in terms of the Agricultural Act 1970.

6. AUTHORISATION OF TRADING STANDARDS OFFICERS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF NEW LEGISLATION

There was submitted [Report No 560/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking Committee approval to authorise the Council as local weights and measures authority for enforcement of new trading standards legislation within Angus.

The Committee agreed to grant authority to all Trading Standards Officers, Senior Enforcement Officers, Trading Standards Advisers and Consumer Advisers within the Environmental and Consumer Protection Division to enforce the statutory provisions of The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 and The Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008.

7. ANGUS REPUTABLE TRADER SCHEME - TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE

There was submitted [Report No 561/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing a proposed reputable trader scheme and seeking approval for implementation within Angus.

The Report indicated that the development of a reputable trader scheme in Angus was a modernisation of Trading Standards service provision which would strengthen links with local businesses and improve fair trading within the community. It would be of considerable assistance to consumers in finding trustworthy traders and would assist the legitimate business community in marginalising rogue traders.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the Trading Standards Service in developing a reputable trader scheme suitable for Angus;
- (ii) to approve the establishment of a reputable trader scheme in Angus;
- (iii) to approve the draft scheme detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (iv) to approve the ongoing development and modernisation of the scheme to meet the official published Local Authority Assured Trader Scheme Network standards and guidance for such schemes; and
- (v) to approve the establishment of a Trading Standards Adviser post for a temporary period of up to two years.

8. SEAGULLS REPORT

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 27 November 2007, there was submitted [Report No 562/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services setting out options for dealing with the problems associated with urban seagulls.

The Report indicated that urban seagulls presented many problems to people living in the central/harbour areas of Arbroath, Montrose and, to a much lesser extent, some of the smaller towns and solutions to these problems could only be found by local communities acting in conjunction with the various departments of the Council.

The Report identified a number of actions which could be taken by the Council, including:-

- Offering an egg/nest removal service either free of charge or by charging householders
- Offering advice to householders and businesses regarding proofing measures
- Erecting signs requesting people not to feed gulls
- Educating the public, including school children, not to feed gulls or drop litter
- Continuing to implement litter control measures, including a reduction in the number of refuse sacks being left out unprotected overnight.

Having heard a number of members welcome the Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the introduction of a free egg/nest removal service to residential properties from April 2009, subject to funding being identified as part of the 2009/2010 revenue budget setting process;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Infrastructure Services to bring back a further report setting out proposals for the location and costing of signage on streets, open spaces, parks and other public areas after consultation with the Community Councils in Arbroath and Montrose, and appropriate Council officers;
- (iii) to note the action to be taken to provide advisory booklets to the public and educate children on seagull related issues;
- (iv) to note the litter/waste control measures being taken to reduce available food for gulls in town centres; and
- (v) to note the financial implications arising as a direct result of the proposals contained within the Report.

***9. CARNOUSTIE SEAFRONT REDEVELOPMENT**

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 December 2007, there was submitted [Report No 563/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of the outcome of the public consultation undertaken on the outline proposals for the redevelopment of the seafront at Carnoustie and seeking Committee approval to proceed with the works and approval of a Select of List of Tenderers for the redevelopment works.

The Report indicated that the seafront at Carnoustie was an important leisure and recreational resource but facilities were currently limited and the area was in need of regeneration. The redevelopment of the seafront would regenerate the area and provide a popular and exciting attraction in the town.

Public consultation was undertaken on the outline proposals and a total of 125 comment sheets had been taken but only 31 had been completed and returned. All bar one of the returns agreed that the emphasis for the area should be outdoor leisure and play and the exception felt that greater emphasis should be placed on culture with the suggestion that public art play a key role. Overall, the comments contained in the returns were supportive of the proposals and the need for proper future maintenance and a restriction on access by dogs to the seafront and/or beach were the most frequently made comments. Other comments included concerns about the youth shelter, the need for toilets outwith the Leisure Centre, a desire for a cafe/refreshments and the need for lighting throughout the area.

COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MYLES, MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES:-

- (I) TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE OUTLINE PROPOSALS;
- (II) TO NOTE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED;
- (III) TO PROCEED WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SEAFRONT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF £1,154,000 AND TO AUTHORISE THE HEAD OF ROADS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCUREMENT OF THE WORKS SUBJECT TO PLANNING PERMISSION BEING GRANTED;
- (IV) TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SELECT LIST OF TENDERERS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT WORKS AS DETAILED IN APPENDIX 3 TO THE REPORT;
- (V) TO NOTE THAT THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND CO. HAD BEEN NOMINATED AS THE SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR THE SUPPLY AND

INSTALLATION OF THE LARGE PLAY UNIT UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS;

- (VI) TO NOTE THAT THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COULD BE MET FROM THE ALLOCATION FOR THESE WORKS WITHIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FINANCIAL PLAN 2007/2011;
- (VII) TO NOTE THAT THE 2007/2011 FINANCIAL PLAN WOULD BE AMENDED AT THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT THE REVISED EXPENDITURE PROFILE SET OUT IN THE REPORT; AND
- (VIII) TO NOTE THAT THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE COSTS OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE ADDRESSED AS PART OF THE 2009/2010 BUDGET SETTING PROCESS AS DETAILED IN SECTION 6 OF THE REPORT.

Councillor Palmer, seconded by Councillor Gaul, moved as an amendment, that a further Report detailing the works necessary to provide new public toilets, appropriate lighting, in particular in regard to the youth shelter, and a cafe/kiosk facility at Carnoustie Seafront be brought forward to this Committee as soon as practicable, including indicative costings and proposals for funding.

Having heard from Councillors Murphy, Palmer, Gaul, West, Myles, Ellis, Spink, Brown, Middleton, Rymer and King, Councillor Mackintosh, seconded by Councillor Myles, moved in accordance with Standing Order 17, that "the question be now put" ie: for closure of the debate.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For closure of the debate:-

Councillors Fairweather, Brown, Mackintosh, Murphy, Myles, Rymer, Salmond and Whyte (8).

Against closure of the debate:-

Councillors Ellis, Gaul, King, Middleton, Palmer, Spink and West (7).

The motion for closure of the debate having been declared carried, members then voted:-

For the motion by Councillor Fairweather:-

Councillors Fairweather, Brown, Mackintosh, Murphy, Myles, Rymer, Salmond, Spink and Whyte (9).

For the amendment by Councillor Palmer:-

Councillors Ellis, Gaul, King, Middleton, Palmer and West (6).

The motion was declared carried and became the finding of the meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 39(3)(i), Councillors Palmer and Gaul indicated that they wished the matter referred to the Council for a decision.

10. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND - PROGRAMME OF WORKS

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 June 2007, there was submitted [Report No 564/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of the projects undertaken through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Fund during 2007/2008 and seeking approval of the programme of projects to be funded during the current financial year.

The Report indicated that the funding of CWSS projects would greatly assist the Council in meeting its aims and objectives contained in the Angus Local Transport Strategy, the Angus Countryside Access Strategy and the Physical Activity Strategy, and full use would be made of the available allocation.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the programme of projects undertaken during the financial year 2007/2008; and
- (ii) to approve the programme of projects to be undertaken during the current financial year.

11. **ANGUS WOODLAND AND FORESTRY FRAMEWORK**

There was submitted [Joint Report No 565/08](#) by the Chief Executive and the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing proposals for the preparation of an Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework which would assist targeted use of existing resources and acquisition of further resources to invest in specific forestry and woodland initiatives.

The Report indicated that in recent years, the rationale for public support for forestry had changed markedly and now reflected the multiple benefits which could derive from well-managed woodlands. Recently, climate change mitigation and sustainable energy production from woodfuel had presented significant opportunities for well-managed new and existing woodlands in Scotland. Since the 1980s, many plantations across Scotland had reached maturity and, as a result, forestry and related industries such as wood processing, timber haulage, forest management and pulp manufacturing had become increasingly important to the Scottish and Angus economy.

The Report concluded that the production of an Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework would be important in bringing together relevant policy initiatives and would provide a framework to securing on-going development of the rural and environmental agenda in Angus.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the background to the requirement for preparing a Woodland and Forestry framework for Angus;
- (ii) to approve the Project Brief, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the Report, as the basis for the study;
- (iii) to approve funding of up to £10,000 to match the funding already committed by Forestry Commission Scotland;
- (iv) to authorise the Head of Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Head of Law and Administration and the Head of Finance, to tender the contract for the appointment of a consultant and to appoint a preferred consultant; and
- (v) to note that a further report would be provided following the production of the Framework.

12. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE**

With reference to Article 4(a) of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 April 2008, there was submitted [Report No 566/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of proposed changes to local bus service provision in the Angus area.

Having heard from Councillors Glennis Middleton and Gaul, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the response from Stagecoach East Scotland in respect of the closure of Forfar bus depot;
- (ii) to note that Stagecoach would attend and give a short presentation at the next meeting of Angus Council on 26 June 2008; and
- (iii) to approve the contribution towards Aberdeenshire Council's cross-boundary bus contract for Services 8 and 9 operating between Montrose and Laurencekirk, as detailed in the Report.

13. FINALISED ANGUS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - POST-SECOND PUBLIC INQUIRY: UPDATE

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 March 2008, there was submitted [Report No 567/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services updating the Committee of the position following the second Public Local Inquiry held earlier this year and, in particular, outlining arrangements for dealing with the Inquiry Reporters' findings on objections to the post inquiry modifications of the Finalised Angus Local Plan Review.

The Report indicated that the Report of the Finalised Angus Local Plan Review Second Inquiry would be an important step in taking the Local Plan Review forward to adoption. Following receipt of the Second Inquiry Report, a full assessment would be prepared for consideration by this Committee which would enable preparation and publication of the Council's Statement of Response as required by Planning Regulations.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Angus Local Plan Review Second Public Inquiry Report had just recently been submitted to the Council by the Inquiry Reporter;
- (ii) that the Director of Infrastructure Services bring forward a Report to this Committee which would provide the proposed basis for the Council's Statement of Responses and progress towards adoption of the Angus Local Pan Review;
- (iii) that the Angus Local Plan Review Second Public Inquiry Report be made available for inspection in advance of the Committee's consideration of and response to its findings and recommendations, and:-
 - (a) that previous objectors to the post inquiry modifications relating to the Local Plan Review be notified of the availability of the Inquiry Report;
 - (b) that the availability of the Inquiry Report be advertised along with the qualification that the Council's response to the Report's content had yet to be considered and published;
 - (c) that a copy of the Inquiry Report be placed on the Council's website;
 - (d) that copies of the Inquiry Report be made available for inspection, free of charge, at Public Libraries, ACCESS Offices, Angus House, Forfar and County Buildings, Forfar, and at Birkhill, Fowlis and Wellbank Village Halls;
 - (e) that the charging structure for purchase of copies of the Inquiry Report be in accordance with the rates identified in Section 4 of the Report.

14. DUNDEE CITY REGION STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUTHORITY

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 August 2007, there was submitted [Report No 568/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the proceedings of the Interim Joint Committee of the Dundee City Region Strategic Development Plan Authority which had been held on 26 March 2008.

The Report indicated that the Interim Joint Committee for the Dundee City Region Strategic Development Plan Authority had been established in line with advice from the Scottish Government to facilitate progress in the short term. The inaugural meeting of the Interim Joint Committee had agreed a number of courses of action that required, under current procedures, to be ratified by this Committee. In addition, progress continued to be made by the Scottish Government on establishing the various statutory measures that were required to support the formation of new strategic development plan authorities. An early decision for the new authority would be in relation to the strategic development plan boundary and, in this respect, all of the Angus administrative area (less the Cairngorms National Park area) was recommended for inclusion.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the updated position in terms of implementing the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 with regard to strategic development planning;

- (ii) to approve, for the purposes of strategic development planning, that the Angus administrative area (excluding the Cairngorm National Park area) be included within the Dundee City Region strategic development plan boundary;
- (iii) to endorse the remits of the Interim Joint Committee; and
- (iv) to approve a contribution of up to £50,000 for financial year 2008/2009 as detailed in Section 4 of the Report.

15. UTILISATION OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIRS FUND FOR 2008/2009

With reference to Article 23 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 June 2007, there was submitted [Report No 569/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services proposing the allocation of part of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund in the current financial year, as detailed in Appendix A to the Report.

The Committee agreed to the utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for:-

- Carriageway and footway surfacing works to the value of £1,118,000
- Street lighting upgrade/replacement works to the value of £265,000
- Bridgeworks to the value of £351,000
- Public Transport provision £30,000
- Traffic Signing Renewal to the value of £25,000
- Arbroath Harbour £10,000

16. B9128 HILLEND JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS - UPDATE

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16 October 2007, there was submitted [Report No 570/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the current position in respect of the acquisition of two adjoining areas of ground required for the improvement of the B9128 Hillend Junction and detailing the options to be taken should the land acquisition be delayed further.

The Report indicated that efforts to progress this matter had been thwarted by title considerations affecting the north-western plot and it was essential that the ground was in Council ownership prior to inviting tenders for improvement works at the junction which had been identified as a location meritorious of improvement to the alignment.

Due to continuing delays in acquiring the land required to carry out the works, the Report set out the options that were now available, to either have the work completed in this financial year on condition that the land was acquired in time, or defer the works until the next financial year and re-allocate the finance provision in the current year.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that the purchase of one of the two plots of land to be acquired to enable construction of the works had been delayed for reasons outwith the influence of the Council;
- (ii) to note that if the area of land in question was not in Council ownership by summer 2008, timescales would dictate that the Head of Roads would defer the B9128 Hillend Junction Improvements to 2009/2010 financial year and propose adjustment to the Financial Plan accordingly; and
- (iii) to note that the other plot of land had passed into Council ownership on 25 April 2008.

17. STOPPING UP OF ROAD AT 101 HIGH STREET, MONTROSE

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of the Development Control Committee of 19 April 2007, there was submitted [Report No 571/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing a proposal to stop up a section of the public road outside 101 High Street, Montrose to facilitate the construction of a ramp to facilitate disabled access to the Royal Bank of Scotland premises.

Having heard from a number of members and having noted the legal advice contained in the Report, the Committee agreed to approve the proposal to stop up that part of the road at 101 High Street, Montrose, subject to the Royal Bank of Scotland meeting all necessary costs and to their satisfying the Head of Law and Administration and the Head of Roads on ownership and indemnity issues.

18. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS - UPDATE

There was submitted and noted [Report No 572/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the current stage of progress regarding pending Traffic Regulation Orders.

19. TENDERS ACCEPTED - 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2008

There was submitted [Report No 573/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing tenders accepted on behalf of the Council under delegated authority by the Head of Roads during the period 1 January to 31 March 2008.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the details of the tenders accepted on behalf of the Council by the Head of Roads during the period 1 January to 31 March 2008; and
- (ii) to approve that, in future, reports advising this Committee of tenders awarded under delegated authority be brought forward annually at the earliest opportunity following the end of each financial year.

20. WORKS AWARDED TO TAYSIDE CONTRACTS

With reference to Article 17 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 August 2007, there was submitted [Report No 574/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the works awarded to Tayside Contracts on behalf of the Council by the Head of Roads during the financial year 2007/2008.

The Committee agreed to note the value of work awarded to Tayside Contracts by the Roads Division during financial year 2007/2008, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the Report.

21. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

There was submitted [Report No 575/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services advising that, at the request of the Head of Roads, eight Temporary Traffic Orders had been made, as detailed in the Report.

22. NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT MONTROSE ROAD, FORFAR - NEW STREET NAME

There was submitted [Report No 576/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing a request for a new street name for a housing development at Montrose Road, Forfar.

The Report indicated that, since the new street names proposed had proved contentious, in that no agreement had been reached among the elected members of the affected ward, the matter was being placed before Committee for a decision.

Councillor Middleton, seconded by Councillor Gaul, moved that the Committee agrees that the street name for the housing development at Montrose Road, Forfar be "Strangs Gardens".

COUNCILLOR BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RYMER, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES THAT THE STREET NAME FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT MONTROSE ROAD, FORFAR BE "SIR JAMES DUNCAN GARDENS".

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Ellis, Gaul, King, Middleton, Palmer, Spink and West (7).

For the amendment:-

Councillors Fairweather, Brown, Mackintosh, Murphy, Myles, Rymer, Salmond and Whyte (8).

The amendment was declared carried and became the substantive motion.

Thereafter, Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Palmer, moved as a further amendment, that the Committee agrees that the street name for the housing development at Montrose Road, Forfar be Duncan Gardens.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the substantive motion:-

Councillors Fairweather, Brown, Mackintosh, Murphy, Myles, Rymer, Salmond and Whyte (8).

For the further amendment:-

Councillors Gaul, King, Palmer and West (4).

No vote:-

Councillors Ellis, Middleton and Spink (3).

The substantive motion was declared carried and became the finding of the meeting.

23. SCOTTISH ROAD MAINTENANCE CONDITION SURVEY RESULTS

With reference to Article 26 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 June 2007, there was submitted [Report No 578/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) results for 2007/08.

The Report indicated that the road condition survey had been undertaken through a contract arranged by the Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland, and this year's survey had also changed its specification. The new specification aligned the SRMCS contract with the rest of the UK survey known as Surface Condition Assessment for the National Network of Roads which had also introduced a new version of the performance indicator known as the Road Condition Indicator or RCI. It was intended that the RCI would become the standard method of assessing road conditions throughout the UK and the new performance indicator RCI was shown in column four of Appendix 1 to the Report, along with the retrospectively calculated two year indicator for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007. Under the new RCI, Angus Council Roads were eighth best in Scotland for 2007/2008 and the new RCI produced a lower figure of 30.3% compared to 34.5% from the previous Statutory Performance Indicator on a two year rolling average.

The Committee agreed to note the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey results for 2007/2008.

24. WINTER MAINTENANCE 2007/2008 ACTIVITY REVIEW

With reference to Article 22 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 June 2007, there was submitted [Report No 579/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of the service delivery, weather severity and outturn expenditure on winter maintenance for 2007/2008.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that the number of evenings and mornings where treatment of the priority road network was necessary during the 2007/2008 winter season was more than the 12 year average;
- (ii) to note that the net unaudited outturn expenditure on Winter Maintenance for 2007/2008 was £1,781,641 (compared to a budget of £1,659,000 for third party payments) resulting in an overspend of £122,641 (approximately + 7%);

- (iii) to note that this excess expenditure on Winter Maintenance would be contained within the overall Roads Revenue Budget for 2007/2008; and
- (iv) to authorise the Head of Roads to procure best value arrangements for the provision of salt and weather forecast services for 2008/2009.

25. CASUALTY REDUCTION TARGETS AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PROGRAMME

There was submitted [Report No 580/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services outlining the current road accident situation in Angus and the progress made towards the National Government's casualty reduction targets, together with the preparation and implementation of an accident investigation programme for Angus Council roads.

The Report indicated that a more detailed analysis would be carried out into accident types, trends and patterns to assist in both targeting resources and prioritising schemes to maintain Angus Council's commitment to accident/casualty reduction.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress towards the 2010 Casualty Reduction Targets; and
- (ii) to approve the proposals for the implementation of an accident investigation programme.

26. BROTHOCK WATER, ARBROATH - FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

There was submitted [Report No 581/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services setting out a programme for an investigation into the possibility of constructing a flood alleviation scheme on the Brothock Water, north of Arbroath. The Report recommended that suitable specialist consultants be appointed in order to carry out some of this work and that the Roads Division's Financial Plan be amended so that adequate funding was available as required.

The Report indicated that it was proposed that a possible flood alleviation scheme for the Brothock Water be progressed so that the town of Arbroath could be protected against storm events up to a standard commensurate with current planning legislation, on the basis of the upstream attenuation option detailed in the Report. In order that a formal scheme be prepared for approval, a further stage of design work was required which would involve work by the external consultant working in tandem with in-house staff over the next one-two years.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the next stage of the design and investigation so that a formal flood prevention scheme for the Brothock Water could be prepared for approval;
- (ii) to approve the exemption from the normal tendering requirements under clause 16.3.4 of the Financial Regulations as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the Report, in order to permit the extended commission of JBA Consulting so that the areas of work of a specialist nature could be progressed;
- (iii) to approve the proposed adjustment of the Financial Plan in order to finance the next stages in the preparation of a formal scheme, noting that government grant funding for the flood prevention work had not yet been secured as detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the Report; and
- (iv) to approve the timetable outlined in paragraph 3.6 of the Report, for the proposed scheme.