

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID MAY, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, ALEX KING, IAN MACKINTOSH, JIM MILLAR, DONALD MORRISON, PETER MURPHY, ROB MURRAY, ROBERT MYLES, HELEN OSWALD, RALPH PALMER, MARK SALMOND, ROBERT SPINK, SANDY WEST and JOHN WHYTE.

Councillor MAY, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Frank Ellis and Iain Gaul with Councillors Rob Murray and Donald Morrison substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fairweather declared an interest in item 23 as his cohabitee leased a business in Keptie Street, Arbroath. He indicated that he would not be taking part in any discussion or voting on the matter.

Councillor Salmond declared an interest in item 9 as he was an acquaintance of the shop owner and his family. He indicated that he would not be taking part in any discussion or voting on the matter.

Councillor Whyte declared an interest in items 16, 17, 18 and 19 as one of the Council's representatives on the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN). He indicated that he enjoyed the benefit of the general dispensation issued by the Standards Commission in relation to Council appointments to outside bodies and that he would therefore participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in item 4 as a feed user and producer. He indicated that he would be taking part in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Mackintosh declared an interest in item 4 as a farmer and feed user. He indicated that he would be taking part in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Millar declared an interest in item 23 as he had received correspondence in relation to the matter. He indicated that he would be taking part in any discussion and voting.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 August 2008](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Executive Sub-Committees

The [minutes of meetings of the Executive Sub-Committees of 9 September and 1 October 2008](#), copies of which are appended hereto, were submitted and noted (**APPENDICES I AND II**).

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

The [minute of meeting of the Appeals \(Smoking in Public Places\) Sub-Committee of 1 October 2008](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX III**).

4. REVIEW OF THE FEED, FOOD AND SAFETY SERVICES PLAN FOR 2007/2008

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 27 November 2007, there was submitted [Report No 979/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising that the Council was required, on an annual basis, to review the Feed, Food and Safety Services Plan.

The Report indicated that by undertaking the review, the Council was fulfilling its legal obligations contained within the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement and with Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (as amended).

COUNCILLOR MAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MILLAR, MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES:-

- (I) TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT; AND
- (II) TO APPROVE THE CONTENTS OF THE REVIEW AND ITS CONCLUSIONS, AS DETAILED IN THE APPENDIX TO THE REPORT.

Councillor Palmer, seconded by Councillor Morrison, moved as an amendment, that recommendations (i) – (ii) as detailed in the Report be approved and that a further Report detailing the measures to be taken to fill the vacant Head of Service post and the proposals to meet the shortfall in Health & Safety Inspections and Work Place Accidents be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors May, Fairweather, Mackintosh, Millar, Murphy, Myles, Salmond and Whyte (8).

For the amendment:-

Councillors King, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Spink and West (7).

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

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL

With reference to Article 5(b) of the minute of meeting of the Environmental and Consumer Protection Committee of 8 August 2000, there was submitted [Report No 980/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee that the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1988 defined the enforcement responsibilities between the Health and Safety Executive and the local authorities. The Regulations facilitated the transfer of enforcement responsibilities between enforcement authorities. However, the transfer could only be made by agreement between the two enforcing authorities at a local level.

The Report outlined the proposal to designate the Head of Environmental and Consumer Protection and the Senior Service Manager of the Division as the suitably authorised senior officials to endorse any future transfers.

- * The Committee agreed to recommend that the Head of Environmental and Consumer Protection and the Senior Service Manager of the Division be designated as the Council's officials to undertake the transfers when required in terms of the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998.

6. LOCAL AIR QUALITY – DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF PARTICULATE MATTER IN FORFAR

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Environmental and Leisure Services Committee of 3 October 2006, there was submitted [Report No 981/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services updating the Committee on the outcome of two Reports produced regarding Particulate Matter in Forfar.

The Report indicated that a Detailed Assessment of Particulate Matter in Forfar had been produced in October 2007, together with an inventory of particulate emission sources. Although particulate matter levels were currently exceeding the 2010 annual mean objective, it was predicted that these would decrease below the 2010 objective.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the conclusions of the two Reports which detailed the situation in respect of Particulate Matter in Forfar, copies of which had been placed in the Members' Lounge; and
- (ii) to note the associated financial implications, as detailed in the Report.

7. AUTHORISATION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF TRADING STANDARDS LEGISLATION

There was submitted [Report No 982/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking authority for the enforcement of new trading standards legislation.

The Committee agreed to grant authority to all Trading Standards Officers, Senior Enforcement Officers, Trading Standards Advisers and Consumer Adviser within the Environmental and Consumer Protection Division to enforce the Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008.

8. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 27 November 2007, there was submitted [Joint Report No 983/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services and the Director of Neighbourhood Services advising the Committee that, due to statutory staff holidays over the festive period, the arrangements for the various waste management services required to be altered.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the adjusted rota for waste and recycling collections over the festive period 2008/09, as detailed in the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the arrangements for the delivery of other cleaning and waste management services over the festive period, as detailed in the Report.

9. RURAL SHOP AND COMMUNITY POST OFFICE CONVERSION GRANT SCHEME – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - FERRYDEN STORES, 26 BROWNLOW PLACE, FERRYDEN

Councillor Salmond, having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of this item.

There was submitted [Report No 984/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee that the proprietor of Ferryden Stores had applied for grant assistance to undertake improvements to the premises.

The Report indicated that, following notification that the Post Office was to remain within Ferryden Stores, the proprietor was looking to undertake alterations to improve both the appearance and viability of the business for the benefit of the community within Ferryden.

The Committee agreed to offer a grant of £2,500, being the maximum grant available, for some of the works being undertaken to satisfy the requirements of Post Office Counters under the Rural Shop and Community Post Office Conversion Grant Scheme, subject to confirmation from the Chief Quantity Surveyor that the costs were reasonable.

10. RURAL SHOP AND COMMUNITY POST OFFICE CONVERSION GRANT SCHEME – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – NEWBIGGING VILLAGE SHOP

There was submitted [Report No 985/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services, together with an addendum, advising the Committee that the proprietor of the Newbigging Village Shop had applied for grant assistance to undertake further improvements to the premises.

The Report indicated that the proprietor of the Newbigging Village Shop was endeavouring to maximise the facilities and range of goods available within the shop to serve the growing community of Newbigging as well as the wider rural area.

Having noted the additional information contained within the addendum to the Report, the Committee agreed to offer a grant of £1,002.60, being 90% of the costs of Phase I improvements to the Village Shop at Newbigging under the Rural Shops and Community Post Office Conversion Grant Scheme, subject to the Chief Quantity Surveyor confirming that the costs were fair and reasonable, and to Phase 2 of the improvements being considered in due course.

11. ARBROATH AND MONIFIETH PATH NETWORKS – ADDITIONAL WORKS

There was submitted [Report No 986/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking Committee approval to undertake upgrading works to sections of the path networks in Arbroath and Monifieth.

The Report indicated that the St Vigeans Nature Trail was an important element of the Arbroath Path Network and was a very popular route. The proposed upgrading works would enhance the quality of the route particularly for disabled access, pushchairs and cyclists. The paths in Monifieth were also very popular but were in need of upgrading in places and the opportunity existed to bring forward these works in association with a comprehensive signposting system.

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

- (i) to approve the additional works to the Arbroath Path Network, as detailed in the Report, at an estimated cost of £56,425;
- (ii) to approve the additional works to the Monifieth Path Network, as detailed in the Report, at an estimated cost of £13,771; and
- (iii) to note that the 2007/2011 Financial Plan would be amended at the next opportunity to reflect the funding arrangements, as detailed in the Report.

12. BUILDING STANDARDS DIVISION OF THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

There was submitted [Report No 987/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of the results of the recent Audit of the Building Standards Section by the Building Standards Division of the Scottish Government. A copy of the full report had been placed in the Members' Lounge.

The Report indicated that the Building Standards Service scored extremely well against all perspectives and that there would be no need for further Audits during the current verification period. The Audit Team had found the service to have an excellent team working ethos and to be well managed, and had also found that protocols and procedures were in place for all work, which staff understood. The Audit Team had also found Building Standards to be

heavily committed to continuous improvement, training and development and cross working with other sections and divisions, and good communication had been found to be in place at all levels. Four 'excellents' and one 'good' had been awarded in the five perspectives and, at present, 18 authorities had been audited with no other authority matching the results of Angus.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) that the Director convey the Committee's appreciation of the work of the Building Standards Section.

13. BUS PUNCTUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 August 2007, there was submitted [Report No 988/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services outlining a proposed Bus Punctuality Improvement Plan for the Arbroath to Dundee corridor within Angus and seeking Committee approval to draw up partnership agreements with Stagecoach Strathtay.

The Report indicated that major improvements had been made in recent years to the quality of local bus services in terms of vehicles, service provision and associated infrastructure on the Tayway corridor between Arbroath and Dundee within Angus. The route was developing into a 'quality corridor' and provision of a Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership aimed to improve service reliability and would formally record a commitment by Stagecoach Strathtay and Angus Council to work in partnership to drive up standards of service provision with clear benefits for bus users.

Once implemented, the Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership would be subject to ongoing monitoring and, if successful, this model could be rolled out to other corridors within Angus.

Having heard a number of members welcome the Report, the Committee agreed that Angus Council enter into a Bus Punctuality Improvement Plan, as detailed in the Report.

14. PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

With reference to Article 19 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 August 2008, there was submitted [Report No 989/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of proposed further changes to Stagecoach Strathtay local bus services in Angus following the introduction of network revisions on 18 August 2008, and seeking Committee approval to undertake contract procurement exercises.

The Report indicated that recent local bus service revisions introduced by Stagecoach Strathtay had been the subject of on-going discussions and, on the basis of operational issues and passenger feedback, Stagecoach intended to make further changes to the services.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the review being undertaken by Stagecoach Strathtay in respect of the service changes introduced by the company across Angus on 18 August 2008;
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Transport to seek tenders for the cleaning of bus shelters, with the results being reported to the next meeting of this Committee;
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Transport to seek tenders for a joint framework agreement with Perth & Kinross Council for the purchase of bus shelters, with the results being reported back to a future meeting of this Committee; and

- (iv) to authorise the Head of Planning and Transport to procure real-time information roadside displays by the most advantageous means taking into account EU tendering provisions, compatibility issues and whole life costs, and to report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

15. THE ELMS, ARBROATH: USE OF STATUTORY POWERS

With reference to Article 44 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 August 2008, there was submitted [Report No 990/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services outlining the options available to rescue the Category 'A' listed building known as "The Elms" in Cairnie Road, Arbroath.

The Report indicated that, in light of the considerable costs of implementing an Urgent Works Notice and, the uncertainty over recovering the associated expenses, the approach taken so far had been to seek potential restoring purchasers with whom to enter into negotiations, with the aim of developing a legal agreement for transfer of title. The ongoing search for a restoring purchaser would continue as it presented the lesser financial risk associated with using statutory powers.

The Report also indicated that this approach would not rule out negotiations with those persons who currently had an interest in the building, nor prevent any party who might be interested in redeveloping the building approaching the Council unilaterally.

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

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Infrastructure Services to bring a Report back to this Committee at the earliest opportunity setting out the financial consequences of adopting Option 1, as detailed in the Report (to proceed with the Urgent Works Notice under Section 49 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.

16. TACTRAN BUS AND COMMUNITY/DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT STRATEGY

There was submitted [Report No 991/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership's (TACTRAN) Bus and Community Transport/Demand Responsive Transport Strategy issued for consultation and recommending the basis for the Council's response.

The Report indicated that the Bus and Community Transport/Demand Responsive Transport Strategy fulfilled one of the early actions within the Regional Transport Strategy which was now a statutory document. The Strategy proposed a number of actions to contribute to the objectives of the Regional Transport Strategy, many of which were already being taken forward by the constituent councils.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the TACTRAN Bus and Community Transport/Demand Responsive Transport Strategy; and
- (ii) to approve the Report as the basis of the Council's response to TACTRAN's draft Bus and Community Transport/Demand Responsive Transport Strategy, in particular noting that the Strategy should only address those items which were significant at a regional level, and that many of the proposed actions were of a local nature, which should remain with the constituent local authorities to deliver.

17. TACTRAN WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY

There was submitted [Report No 992/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services outlining TACTRAN's Walking and Cycling Strategy issued for consultation and recommending the basis for the Council's response.

The Report indicated that walking and cycling were two key components of an integrated approach to transport planning and both could provide a cheap, accessible, healthy, environmentally friendly and enjoyable means of travel.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the TACTRAN Walking and Cycling Strategy; and
- (ii) to approve the Report as the basis of the Council's response to TACTRAN'S draft Walking and Cycling Strategy, in particular noting that the Strategy should only address those items which were significant at a regional level, and that many of the proposed actions were of a local nature, which should remain with the constituent local authorities to deliver.

18. TACTRAN PARK & RIDE STRATEGY

There was submitted [Report No 993/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services outlining TACTRAN's Park & Ride Strategy issued for consultation and recommending the basis for the Council's response.

The Report indicated that Park & Ride provision was a useful element of a multi-approach to dealing with car parking and wider transport issues of larger areas and their rural hinterlands. It provided an opportunity for both residents and visitors to have safe and convenient car parking and easy access to city centres and major attractions. The principle of earlier and better integration between land use planning and transportation at a national, regional and local level was encouraged by Planning and Transport policy at all levels.

The general thrust of the Park & Ride Strategy was broadly accepted, although the solutions were to local issues in the three principal communities of Dundee, Perth and Stirling. In addition, there were issues relating to securing possible new locations for Park & Ride provision in the TACTRAN region which would require to be addressed by future development plans and there was also a need to ensure that Park & Ride was supplemented by other traffic measures such as bus priority and car parking restraint if the significant modal shift from private car to public transport was to be achieved.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the TACTRAN Park & Ride Strategy;
- (ii) to approve the Report as the basis of the Council's response to TACTRAN'S draft Park & Ride Strategy, noting that the Strategy should only address those items which were significant at a regional level, and that actions which were of a local nature should remain with the constituent local authorities to deliver; and
- (iii) that Councillor Whyte, being a Council appointee to TACTRAN relay back to TACTRAN the views expressed with regard to the inadequate car parking provision at Arbroath Railway Station.

19. TACTRAN TRAVEL INFORMATION STRATEGY

There was submitted [Report No 994/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing TACTRAN'S draft Travel Information Strategy and recommending the basis for the Council's response.

The Report indicated that the Regional Travel Information Strategy fulfilled one of the earlier actions within the Regional Transport Strategy which was now a statutory document. The Strategy proposed a number of actions to contribute to the objectives of the Regional Transport Strategy, many of which were already being taken forward by the constituent Councils.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the TACTRAN Travel Information Strategy; and
- (ii) to approve the Report as the basis of the Council's response to TACTRAN'S draft Travel Information Strategy, in particular noting that the Strategy should only address those items which were significant at a regional level, and that many of the proposed actions were of a local nature which should remain with the constituent local authorities to deliver.

20. CARNOUSTIE TO EASTHAVEN FOOTWAY/CYCLEWAY - SELECT LIST OF TENDERERS

With reference to Article 25 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 August 2008, there was submitted [Report No 995/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking approval of a Select List of Tenderers for the construction of the proposed footway/cycleway between Carnoustie and Easthaven.

The Committee agreed to approve the Select List of Tenderers for the footway/cycleway between Carnoustie and Easthaven, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the Report.

21. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS – UPDATE

There was submitted and noted [Report No 996/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the current stage of progress regarding pending Traffic Regulations Orders.

22. NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT BRECHIN ROAD, MONTROSE – NEW STREET NAME

There was submitted [Report No 998/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing a request for a new street name for a housing development at Brechin Road, Montrose.

The Report indicated that two suggestions had been put forward by the local members, namely, McDonald Crescent and Stevens Way.

Having heard from a number of members, the Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Report.

***23. REMOVAL OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING KEPTIE STREET, ARBROATH**

Councillor Fairweather, having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of this item.

With reference to Article 34 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 August 2008, there was submitted [Report No 999/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking approval to remove the partially constructed pedestrian crossing in Keptie Street, Arbroath.

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

- (I) TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING PARTIAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING; AND
- (II) TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RED COLOURED TACTILE PAVING SURFACE ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNALISED CROSSINGS WITH A BUFF COLOURED TACTILE PAVING SURFACE ASSOCIATED WITH UNCONTROLLED CROSSINGS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF TACTILE PAVING SURFACES.

Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Palmer, moved as an amendment, that the Committee agrees:-

- (i) not to remove the existing partial pedestrian crossing; and

- (ii) not to replace the red coloured tactile paving surface associated with the signalised crossings and not to replace it with buff coloured tactile paving surface associated with uncontrolled crossings.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors May, Mackintosh, Millar, Murphy, Myles, Salmond and Whyte (7).

For the amendment:-

Councillors King, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Spink and West (7)

There being an equality of votes, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion, which became the finding of the meeting.

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

24. CARNOUSTIE SEAFRONT REDEVELOPMENT - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 3 June 2008 and Article 4(f)(ii) of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 26 June 2008, there was submitted [Report No 1000/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing tenders received for the Carnoustie Seafont Redevelopment and recommending acceptance of the lowest tender submitted.

The Report indicated that the proposed works included the installation of new play equipment and associated play surfaces, footpath works, soft landscaping, construction of a new shelter, creation of a teenage area, refurbishment of the paddling pool and the construction of a nine hole crazy golf course.

Following discussion, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 20(2), Councillor Oswald, seconded by Councillor Palmer, moved, as a procedural motion, that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the adjournment:-

Councillors King, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Spink and West (7).

Against the adjournment:-

Councillors May, Fairweather, Mackintosh, Millar, Murphy, Myles, Salmond and Whyte (8).

The procedural motion failed consequently the meeting continued.

The Committee thereafter agreed to approve acceptance of the lowest tender for Option A submitted for the works, that of Dundee Plant Company Ltd, in the amount of £864,514.16.

25. A94 DOUGLASTOWN TO INGLISTON CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING

There was submitted [Report No 1001/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing tenders received for the A94 Douglastown to Ingliston Carriageway Resurfacing and recommending acceptance of the lowest tender submitted.

The Report indicated that the basic elements of the project were the removal of worn out carriageway, resurfacing by cold milling and replacement with new binder and surface course material on the length of A94 from Douglastown to Ingliston.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the method of tender opening with conditions used to attract tenderers; and
- (ii) to approve acceptance of the lowest tender submitted for the works, that of Tayside Contracts, in the amount of £397,312.10.

***26. ARBROATH HARBOUR - CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF A PUBLIC SLIPWAY**

With reference to Article 4(c) of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 April 2008, there was submitted [Report No 1002/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services detailing the results of the market research undertaken into the demand for a public slipway at Arbroath Harbour.

The Report indicated that 156 responses had been received to the Council's questionnaire and there was no consistent trend apparent in the results. Some responses were not sufficiently clear to enable a definitive assessment of the level of demand for a slipway to be determined and, therefore, some further research was undertaken by direct contact with some of the respondents, particularly clubs and associations.

The Report further indicated that as there was uncertainty both over the level of usage and that the income would cover the operating costs, together with the relatively high capital costs (£300,000 estimate), the proposal to provide a public use slipway for the launch and retrieval of trailer-mounted vessels was not recommended.

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

- (I) TO NOTE THAT THE MARKET RESEARCH WHICH HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN DID NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CONFIDENCE THAT THE LEVEL OF DEMAND WOULD BE SUCH AS TO GENERATE THE INCOME REQUIRED TO MEET THE RUNNING COSTS OF A MANAGED FACILITY; AND
- (II) THAT THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC SLIPWAY FACILITY AT ARBROATH HARBOUR SHOULD NOT BE PROGRESSED AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF THE HIGH CAPITAL COST.

Councillor Spink, seconded by Councillor King, moved as an amendment, that the Committee agrees to support the principle of the need for a slipway at Arbroath Harbour and to widen the scope of the search for a suitable site, and to investigate the funding options available for its provision.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors May, Fairweather, Mackintosh, Millar, Murphy, Myles, Salmond and Whyte (8).

For the amendment:-

Councillors King, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Spink and West (7).

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

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

27. ARBROATH HARBOUR JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – UPDATE AND REQUEST TO INCREASE FREQUENCY OF THE MEETINGS

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee of 23 May 2008, there was submitted [Report No 1003/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising the Committee of the update to the membership of the

Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee and detailing a request from a member of the Consultative Committee to increase the frequency of the meetings to three per year.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the amendments to the representation on the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee, as detailed in the Report; and
- (ii) not to increase the frequency of the meetings of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee to three per year and to retain the number of meetings at two per year.

28. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

There was submitted and noted [Report No 1004/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services advising that, at the request of the Head of Roads, five Temporary Traffic Orders had been made, as detailed in the Report.

29. ANGUS COUNCIL (VICTORIA STREET, CARNOUSTIE) (STOPPING-UP) ORDER 2008

With reference to Article 21 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 June 2006, there was submitted [Report No 1005/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services dealing with the proposed stopping-up of a section of Victoria Street, Carnoustie.

The Report indicated that the section of road in question was no longer required as a public road and in order to extinguish a public right of passage over it, the promotion of a formal Stopping-Up Order was required.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the alteration in the area to be stopped-up; and
- (ii) to approve the making of the Order, as detailed in the Report.

30. ANGUS GLENS WALKING FESTIVAL POST 2009

With reference to Article 38 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 June 2007, there was submitted [Report No 1006/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services proposing that the Council establish an Angus Glens Walking Festival to become part of a suite of flagship events post 2009.

The Report indicated that Angus was well placed to capitalise on the growth in outdoor activity holidays, with work already being undertaken to develop the golf and angling markets. Separately, work had been carried out to develop the infrastructure to accommodate walking and other pursuits and, as a flagship event, the Angus Glens Walking Festival was an important showcase to highlight the variety of walking and other activity opportunities that existed throughout the year.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the establishment of the Angus Glens Walking Festival to become part of a suite of flagship events to promote Angus post 2009; and
- (ii) to underwrite the event up to a maximum of £11,000 for at least three years.

31. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraphs 6, 8 and 9.

32. LEASE OF UNIT 5A BRECHIN BUSINESS PARK

There was submitted [Report No 1008/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking Committee approval to lease Unit 5a Brechin Business Park.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.