

ROADS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Roads and Technical Services Committee held within the Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dunbarton on Wednesday, 22nd March 2000 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald (LAB) and Councillors Mary Campbell (LAB), John Syme (LAB), Duncan McDonald (LAB), John McCutcheon (SNP), Linda McColl (LAB), Iain Robertson (SNP) and Ronald McColl (SNP).

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; David McMillan, Director of Commercial and Technical Services; Pat Cleary, Director of Roads and Technical Services and Albert Roy, Manager - Roads Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Andrew White (LAB), Connie O'Sullivan (LAB), Mary Collins (LAB) and Ian McDonald (SNP).

Councillor John Syme in the Chair

THEATRE IN EDUCATION

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services informing of the pilot of a new theatre in education production for Primary 6 pupils in West Dunbartonshire.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

KERBCRAFT - CHILD PEDESTRIAN TRAINING SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing an update on Kerbcraft, the child pedestrian training scheme.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

ROAD ADOPTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking approval to add the roads and footpaths listed to West Dunbartonshire Council's list of Public Roads in terms of Section 16 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

The Committee agreed to approve the adoption of Jane Rae Gardens, Clydebank and to add it to West Dunbartonshire Council's List of Public Roads in terms of Section 16 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services informing of the success of the Department in maintaining its registration of a Quality Assurance System.

The Committee agreed to note the achievement of the Department in maintaining its registration as a 'Quality Assured Firm' and to note that the Department intends to continue to build on this success by extending the system to include all activities.

PARKING FACILITIES/WAITING RESTRICTIONS GLASGOW ROAD, DUMBARTON

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services advising on the results of the full consultation procedures undertaken in regard to the above.

The Committee agreed to approve the draft Traffic Regulation Order and to authorise that it now be formally promoted.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing information on a number of Traffic Regulation Orders that have been requested and seeking authority to proceed with the appropriate consultation in this regard.

The Committee agreed to approve in principle the promotion of the Traffic Regulation Orders referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the report.

CENTRAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing budget monitoring information relating to committed expenditure met from the 1999/2000 Central Repairs and Maintenance Account.

The Committee agreed to note the budgetary information contained in the report and the accompanying Property Maintenance Review of week 48.

ROADS DIRECT INTERIM ACCOUNTS TO PERIOD 9

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing information on the financial performance of Roads Direct for the period 1 April 1999 to 31 December 1999 (Period 9).

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO PERIOD 9 - ROADS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing information on the performance of the Department up to 31 December 1999 (Period 9).

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

ROAD MAINTENANCE REVENUE PROGRAMME 1999/2000 - END OF YEAR UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing an update on the progress of the Road Maintenance Schemes previously approved by the Committee.

In relation to a point which was raised by Councillor McColl, it was agreed that those schemes which were outstanding from the list approved in April, 1999 should be carried forward and given priority in the forthcoming financial year.

The Committee otherwise agreed to note the contents of the report.

PROVISIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE REVENUE PROGRAMME 2000/2001

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking approval for a provisional programme of road maintenance works to be carried out in 2000/2001.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) to approve the Provisional Road Maintenance Revenue Programme 2000-2001 as outlined in sections 3.2 to 3.8 of the report; and
- (b) to delegate authority to the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in consultation with the Convener of the Roads and Technical Services Committee to take appropriate action in the event of the programme being delayed as a consequence of public utility operations and/or adverse weather conditions.

THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT BILL

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking approval and instruction with regard to the Council's response to the Scottish Executive's proposals as contained in The Integrated Transport Bill.

After hearing the Convener, Councillor Syme and Provost Macdonald, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to endorse the resolutions as approved by the Community Initiatives Committee on 10 March 2000;
- (b) to approve that the resolution of the Community Initiatives Committee as detailed in paragraph 3.2.1(a) of the report be incorporated in the Council's formal response to the Scottish Executive's request for comments on its proposals contained in The Integrated Transport Bill, subject to the reference to the "Clydebank" community being amended to read the "West Dunbartonshire" community; and
- (c) to authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders to make further comment on the Scottish Executive's proposals as may be considered appropriate, including a comment to the effect that the provision of adequate public transport services which facilitate access to hospitals is considered essential and should be afforded a high degree of priority.

Note: Councillor D. McDonald left the meeting during consideration of the foregoing item.

FLOOD PREVENTION AND LAND DRAINAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

There was submitted a report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services presenting the report required under Section 3 of the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 and seeking approval for the publication thereof.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report on the Prevention or Mitigation of Flooding of Non-Agricultural Land and to approve the publication of the document.

The meeting closed at 10.19 am.