

ROADS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Roads and Technical Services Committee held within the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 1st December, 1999.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald (LAB), Councillors John Syme (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB) (Substitute for Andrew White (LAB)), Ian McDonald (SNP), Duncan McDonald (LAB), Linda McColl (LAB), Iain Robertson (SNP), Ronald McColl (SNP) and Connie O'Sullivan (LAB).

Attending: Pat Cleary, Director of Roads and Technical Services; Albert Roy, Manager - Roads Services, Department of Roads and Technical Services; and Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor - Legal and Administrative Services.

**Apologies for
Absence:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mary Collins (LAB) and John McCutcheon (SNP).

Councillor John Syme in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Roads and Technical Services Committee held on 13th October, 1999 were submitted and approved.

ROAD SAFETY CLASSROOM CALENDAR COMPETITION

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services on the winners of the 2000 Classroom Calendar Competition.

After hearing the Convener, Councillor Syme, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) that Alex Armstrong, the overall winner, and all of the group winners be congratulated; and
- (c) that the appreciation of the Council be recorded with respect to all the schools and pupils who had participated and helped to make the competition a success.

MILLENNIUM DRINK DRIVE CAMPAIGN

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services regarding the Council's promotion of the Millennium Drink Drive Campaign.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (b) to endorse the Millennium Drink Drive publicity campaign.

THE FOOLSSPEED CAMPAIGN

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services regarding the Foolsspeed Campaign and seeking approval for the Council to increase its participation as a partner in this campaign.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) to approve the continuance of the Council as a partner in the Foolsspeed Campaign; and
- (c) to approve the displaying of the Foolsspeed logo on Council vehicles; and
- (d) to approve the distribution of Foolsspeed tax disc holders, with the summer edition of 'Westpoint' to Council staff.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND - FAIFLEY TO BAILLIESTON QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR - UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services on progress on the provision of the Faifley to Baillieston Quality Bus Corridor.

Following discussion and having heard the Director of Roads and Technical Services in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the progress that had been made on the matter.

ROAD ADOPTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services with regard to adding roads and footpaths which have been constructed to an acceptable standard to West Dunbartonshire Council's list of Public Roads in terms of Sections 16 and 18 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

It was agreed that approval be given for the adoption of the undernoted:-

Lewis Gardens, Old Kilpatrick
Lewis Crescent, South Footway, Old Kilpatrick
Admiralty Grove, Old Kilpatrick
Admiralty Place, Old Kilpatrick
Admiralty Gardens, Old Kilpatrick
Old Dalnottar Road, South Footway, Old Kilpatrick

NAMING OF ROUNDABOUTS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services seeking approval for the naming and signing of roundabouts in West Dunbartonshire.

The Committee agreed to approve the naming and signing of roundabouts in West Dunbartonshire and that a further report be submitted following completion of the consultation exercise which would be carried out in relation thereto.

RURAL GRANT FUND INITIATIVE - MOBILE TRAVEL CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services on an initiative by Strathclyde Passenger Transport, the aims of which were to increase the awareness of public transport generally and to promote local services.

It was noted that the process of developing a route schedule was underway and that liaison had taken place regarding suitable locations for the Mobile Travel Centre to visit in Balloch, Alexandria and Gartocharn.

The Committee agreed to approve the further involvement of the Council, as appropriate, in relation to this matter.

BALLOCH BRIDGE AND DUMBARTON BRIDGE - REMEDIAL MEASURES UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services on progress made with remedial measures to Balloch Bridge and Dumbarton Bridge.

Following discussion and having heard the Director of Roads and Technical Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed that the contents of the report be noted and that a further report be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee.

ROADS DIRECT INTERIM ACCOUNTS TO PERIOD 7

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services on the budgetary performance of Roads Direct up to monitoring period 7 (31st October, 1999).

The Committee agreed to note the position with regard to the budgetary performance of the Roads Direct Labour Organisation.

REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO PERIOD 7

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services on the budgetary performance of the Department of Roads and Technical Services up to monitoring period 7 (31st October, 1999).

Following discussion and having heard the Director of Roads and Technical Services in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the position with regard to the budgetary performance of the Department.

CENTRAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services providing budget monitoring information relating to committed expenditure met from the 1999/2000 Central Repairs and Maintenance Account up to 17th November, 1999.

The Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the contents of the report and the accompanying Property Maintenance Review in respect of week 33; and
- (b) to approve the proposal to retain the contingency sum for the present at £100,000 in view of the adverse variance outlined in the report and recent committed expenditure figures.