

## **AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2000 AT 1005 HOURS IN THE MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS, 15 LINKS ROAD, PRESTWICK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors George Smith and Robert McDill (East Ayrshire Council); Samuel Gooding (North Ayrshire Council); and Gordon McKenzie (South Ayrshire Council).

**ATTENDING:** Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer (East Ayrshire Council); Bob Forrest, Principal Planning Officer; and Neil Buchan, Head of Roads (North Ayrshire Council); Keith Murray, Head of Infrastructure Services; and Ian Johnson, Policy, Projects and Research Manager (South Ayrshire Council); and Ian Johnson, Structure Plan Manager; and John Esslement, Senior Policy Adviser (Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric Ross and James Raymond (East Ayrshire Council); David Munn and Robert Reilly (North Ayrshire Council); Andrew Hill and Margaret Toner (South Ayrshire Council); and Brian MacDonald, Assistant Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Council).

**CHAIR:** Councillor George Smith, Chair.

#### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Committee observed a minute's silence to mark the recent death of Councillor Joe McKinney, South Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed that the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, would forward a letter of condolence to Councillor McKinney's family on behalf of this Committee.

#### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

2. The Minutes of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee held on 11 October 2000, were approved.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 **The establishment of a Strategic Flood Appraisal Group for Ayrshire (Item 9, Page 2)** - Ian Johnson, Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, reported that following discussions with each of the three Ayrshire Councils and the Scottish Executive a Strategic Flood Appraisal Group for Ayrshire had been established, linked to the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee. Its first meeting would take place in January 2001 with future research topics and structure plan policy on flooding as priority items.
- 3.2 **West of Scotland Transport Partnership (WESTRANS): Regional Transport Partnership (Item 12, Page 3)** - Ian Johnson, Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, reported that a Sub-Group had been established in WESTRANS, Chaired by Bobby McVey, South Ayrshire Council to examine the constitutional arrangements for formalising WESTRANS. In addition, it was noted that Ian Johnson had been invited to attend meetings of the WESTRANS Committee.

### **HOUSING LAND PROVISION WITHIN AYRSHIRE**

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the implications of projected forecast changes in households would have on the demands for housing land within Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report as a basis for the provision of future housing land requirements within Ayrshire;
- (ii) to forward the report to East, North and South Ayrshire Councils as additional guidance in the provision of housing land within Ayrshire; and
- (iii) to note that the Committee may have to consider the forecast changes in households as an alteration to the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan, in 2001.

### **COMMENTS ON THE ARGYLL AND BUTE STRUCTURE PLAN CONSULTATIVE DRAFT - "DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE"**

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the consultative draft of Argyll and Bute Structure Plan recently received from Argyll and Bute Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report as the views of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee on the consultative draft Structure Plan for Argyll and Bute - "Developing our Future";
- (ii) that this report be forwarded to Argyll Council; and
- (iii) that the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, liaise with the Officers of Argyll Council on the issues raised.

### **CONSULTATIVE DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE - RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the recent publication of the consultative draft National Planning Policy Guideline - Radio Telecommunications.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to include within the report reference to the General Development Order as an issue to be considered by the Scottish Executive and recommend that the relevant legislation be brought forward quickly; and
- (ii) to forward a copy of this report to the Scottish Executive as the views of the Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee and express concern over the lack of any role for the Structure Plan process in the development of the telecommunication industry in Scotland.

**REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE (NPPG 1):  
THE PLANNING SYSTEM**

7. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the revised National Planning Policy Guideline (NPPG 1): The Planning System.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, would write to the 3 Councils to advise on the comments of a Scottish Minister in relation to Structure Plans, with a view to these Councils forwarding their own comments to the Scottish Executive; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**THE SCOTTISH CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME**

8. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the implications of the recently published report "The Scottish Climate Change Programme".

**FORESTS FOR SCOTLAND - THE SCOTTISH FORESTRY STRATEGY**

9. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the recent publication by the Scottish Executive entitled "Forests for Scotland - The Scottish Forestry Strategy"; and to advise whether concerns raised within the draft Strategy had been addressed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the continued development of an Indicative Forestry for Strategy Ayrshire taking account of the National Forestry Strategy; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hours.