

AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2001 AT 1002 HOURS IN THE MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS, 15 LINKS ROAD, PRESTWICK

PRESENT: Councillors George Smith (East Ayrshire Council); Thomas Barr, Samuel Gooding and David Munn (North Ayrshire Council); Gordon McKenzie, Ian Stewart and Margaret Toner (South Ayrshire Council).

ATTENDING: Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer (East Ayrshire Council); Brian MacDonald, Assistant Chief Executive; Bob Forrest, Principal Planning Officer; James W Mason, Principal Engineer, Traffic (North Ayrshire Council); Ian McLarty, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Robert McVey, Traffic Consultancy Manager (South Ayrshire Council); Ian Johnson, Structure Plan and Transportation Manager; John Esslemont, Senior Policy Advisor; and Claire Walsh, Transport Policy Officer (Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robert McDill (East Ayrshire Council), Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control (East Ayrshire Council); Neil Buchan, Head of Roads (North Ayrshire Council); Archie Harkness, Director of Strategic Services; and Keith Murray, Head of Infrastructure Services (South Ayrshire Council).

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Thomas Barr, Chair of Property Services, North Ayrshire Council, as a new Member of this Committee.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2. The Minutes of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee held on 8 December 2000, were approved.

Councillor Margaret Toner joined the meeting at this point.

**SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY AND PLANNING - AWARD FOR AYRSHIRE
JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN: MONITOR 2000**

3. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the success of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan: Monitor 2000 report in the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning.

**GLASGOW AND CLYDE VALLEY STRUCTURE PLAN 2000 - DRAFT
MODIFICATIONS**

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the modifications proposed by the Scottish Ministers to the Structure Plan covering the Glasgow and Clyde Valley area.

Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager, East Ayrshire Council, requested an amendment to the report to reflect the making of the Muirkirk Uplands Nature Conservation (No 2) Order 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the report, including the aforementioned amendment, as a basis for submitting formal comments to the Scottish Ministers on the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plans;
- (ii) to formally object for the reasons outlined in this report to Modifications 20, Amendment (b), Modification 45 and Modification 57, Amendment (a) and to seek an addition to Modification 20, Amendment (a) to reflect the significance of the Kilmarnock/Barrhead Line; and
- (iii) that the three Local Authorities should be encouraged to object as necessary to these Modifications, in the terms outlined in this report.

**AN EXPLORATION OF REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS FOR
SCOTLAND**

5. 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 "An Exploration of Regional Climate Change Scenarios for Scotland".

EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the recent invitation by the Scottish Executive Environment Protection Unit to participate in research commissioned to assist in meeting the requirement of the EC Water Framework Directive.

It was agreed to approve the involvement of the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the Advisory Group into River Based and District Management Planning for the EC Water Framework Directive.

WIND TURBINE FARMS AND GLASGOW PRESTWICK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

7. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the impact wind turbine farms may have on transmitted signals within the area covered by the Airport radar at Prestwick.

The Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, reported the receipt from the Scottish Executive of a consultation document on controlled air space, which will be taken into account regarding Prestwick Airport in the response to the consultative document.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to amend the report to include reference to receipt of the consultative document from the Scottish Executive on controlled air space and to lobby for an extension to the controlled air space at Prestwick;
- (ii) to forward to the Scottish Executive, all Local Authorities and Westminster MP's within the radar area, a copy of this report which would seek their support in addressing this issue;
- (iii) that the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, would prepare a more detailed report in the light of further work with the Airport Management; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING IN SCOTLAND

8. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on a response to the Minister for Environment, Sports and Culture on the future of Strategic Planning.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the report for submission to the Scottish Executive as the views of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee;
- (ii) to circulate the report to each Council for information; and
- (iii) to circulate the report to Ayrshire MSP's with a view to gaining their support.

COMMENTS ON THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE'S CONSULTATION PAPER: "STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR SCOTLAND'S PASSENGER RAILWAY"

9. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the Scottish Executive's Consultation Paper: "Strategic Priorities for Scotland's Passenger Railway" which set out the aims and aspirations of the Scottish Executive for Scotland's Passenger Rail Network over the next 15-20 years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report which would be submitted as a response to the Scottish Executive on the consultation document "Strategic Priorities for Scotland's Passenger Railway"; and
- (ii) that the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, would report to the next Committee on implications and status of cross-link and update on potential links within the City of Glasgow and outwith to the wider Scottish area.

COMMENTS ON THE DETR'S CONSULTATION PAPER: "THE FUTURE OF AVIATION"

10. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the Consultation Document: "The Future of Aviation", which considered a policy framework for the long-term development of the civil and aviation industry in the UK.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report which would be submitted as a response to the DETR Consultation Document: "The Future of Aviation".

DEVELOPMENT OF A FREIGHT QUALITY PARTNERSHIP IN AYRSHIRE

11. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on the development of a Freight Quality Partnership in Ayrshire.

It was agreed to approve in principle to establish a Freight Quality Partnership in Ayrshire; and further work to identify key players and develop a remit.

WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP (WESTRANS) JOINT TRANSPORT STRATEGY: CONTEXT REPORT

12. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation, on progress with the preparation of a Joint Transport Strategy for West Central Scotland.

DATES FOR AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

13. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation on proposed dates for future meetings of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee.

It was agreed the undernoted dates for the next five meetings of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee (venue - Municipal Chambers, Links Road, Prestwick):-

- Friday 22 June 2001 - 10.00 a.m.;
- Friday 7 September 2001 - 10.00 a.m.;
- Friday 7 December 2001 - 10.00 a.m.;
- Friday 8 March 2002 - 10.00 a.m.; and
- Friday 7 June 2002 - 10.00 a.m.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

14. The Chair thanked the Committee and the Manager, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation and his team for their support and contribution to the work of the Committee and wished South Ayrshire Council success during their next year of tenure as Chair of this Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1135 hours.