

AYRSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, John McGhee, Tom Cook and Jim Roberts (all East Ayrshire Council); and Councillors Alex Clark, Ian Cochrane, Bob Pollock and Philip Saxton (all South Ayrshire Council).

ATTENDING: Kevin Braidwood, Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance; Theresa Mackin, Business Support Manager; Kenny Markwick, Integrated Transport Services Manager (all Ayrshire Roads Alliance); Kevin Carr, Executive Manager (South Ayrshire Council); and Paul Whip, Group Finance Manager; and Lynn Young, Democratic Services Officer (both East Ayrshire Council).

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council, Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CHAIR

1. It was agreed to appoint Councillor Douglas Reid as Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. It was noted that no declarations of interest were intimated in relation to the undernoted items of business on the Agenda.

AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2019/20

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2020 (circulated) by the Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance which advised of the progress made with the road improvement programmes within East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire for financial year 2019-2020.

Arising from discussion, and in response to particular matters raised, Members received further information as undernoted:-

- Ayrshire Roads Alliance were investigating the possibility of the introduction of crossings in 20mph zones within rural villages;
- Design concerns with regard to LED lighting in Girvan and Prestwick;
- Older lighting columns to be replaced with LED heads in King Street, Kilmarnock; and
- All fluorescent lighting to be replaced with LED lighting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Ayrshire Roads Alliance works progress for 2019/20; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE - RISK REPORT AND REGISTER

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2020 (circulated) by the Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance which advised on the management of risk associated with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Arising from discussion and in response to particular matters raised, the Members noted further information as undernoted:-

- The risks associated with COVID19 (Coronavirus) would now be included within the Risk Register;
- Preparations underway by the Ayrshire Roads Alliance in respect of the potential COVID19 (Coronavirus) epidemic; and
- Arrangements in place for HMRC tax avoidance by sub-contractors.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the risk register presented in the report, and the inclusion of risks associated with COVID19 (Coronavirus);
- (ii) to continue to receive updates on progress; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE - UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

5. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2020 (circulated) by the Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance which advised of progress made to date against the Performance Scorecard.

Arising from discussion and in response to particular matters raised, the Members noted further information as undernoted:-

- The expected reduction in performance targets as a result of the anticipated COVID19 (Coronavirus) epidemic;
- Improved statistics in respect of C Class roads within rural areas; and
- Programme of re-surfacing and verge strengthening for the C113.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the performance scorecard as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to continue to receive the performance scorecard updates; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE - REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer: Economy and Skills, East Ayrshire Council which updated on the revenue budget monitoring position for the year to 5 January 2020, for the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Arising from discussion and in response to particular matters raised, the Members noted further information as undernoted:-

- The position with regards to the upgrade works at Kilmarnock Bus Station;
- The overspend in the winter maintenance budget;
- The programme of works to regularly clear gullies;
- HR requirements of the service and the impact of the forthcoming pay and grading review;

- Delays around the repair of the collapsed drain/gully in Troon; and
- Improvements carried out following the recent flooding incident at Shortlees, which included clearing of the culvert, dredging works at Simonsburn and the clearing of gullies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the financial management position of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance;
- (ii) that a further financial update be prepared for the next meeting of the Joint Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

7.1 Consultation

Following the completion of a consultation exercise in respect of a proposed cycle track within Troon, South Ayrshire, Members questioned whether the consultation was fit for purpose as a result of the responses and whether the consultation circulated was broad enough for an adequate response.

The Interim Head of Roads confirmed and it was noted that the Business Support Manager would look at the protocol for consultations and would report to both the Cabinet meeting of East Ayrshire Council and the Leadership Panel of South Ayrshire Council in due course.

He further confirmed and it was noted that the active travel strategy, which would be submitted to South Ayrshire Council's Leadership Panel would influence the overall consultation strategy of Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

7.2 Transport (Scotland) Bill - Pavement Parking

On a request for an update on the introduction within the Transport (Scotland) Bill of a national ban on pavement and double parking, the Interim Head of Roads confirmed and it was noted that discussions were still taking place with regards to the ban, and a number of surveys of roads across the Roads Alliance required to be carried out, however, it was anticipated that there would be exceptions to the ban.

The meeting terminated at 1037 hours.