

Committee Minutes

Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Edinburgh, 21 February 2012

Present:- Councillors Gordon Mackenzie (Convener), Aldridge (Vice-Convener), Barry, Buchanan, Burgess, Child (substituting for Councillor Wilson), Dawe, Dundas, Elliott-Cannon, Hawkins, Hinds, Jackson, McInnes, Morris, Mowat, Peacock, Perry and Tymkewycz.

Also Present:- Councillors Buchan and Burns.

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 29 November 2011 as a correct record.

2 Control of Gulls and Feral Pigeons in the City – Response to Motion by Councillor Buchan

(a) Deputation – Merchiston Community Council

The deputation asked the Committee to consider offering and promoting a denesting service to the public free of charge during the gulls' breeding season in April/June 2012. They suggested establishing a pilot scheme in the Merchiston area. The aim of the denesting service would be to reduce the number of young gulls as well as to act as a deterrent to adult gulls returning every year to nest in the area.

The deputation also previously asked the Committee to consider deploying two pest control officers for two days in mid-April and mid-May to tackle the problem.

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The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to stay for the debate on the matter.

(References – email dated 30 January 2012 from the Chair, Merchiston Community Council; additional supporting paper from Merchiston Community Council, submitted)

(b) Report by the Director of Services for Communities

The findings of the gulls' nest and egg removal project in Dumfries were reported together with a summary of enquiries made to other Scottish and English local authorities on measures being undertaken to control gulls and feral pigeons.

Councillor Buchan was heard in support of the proposals put forward by Merchiston Community Council in their deputation.

Decision

- 1) To note the report and also that the Council would continue to provide a gull nest and egg removal service on a chargeable basis.
- 2) That the Director of Services for Communities make arrangements to provide advice and assistance to Community Groups and individual residents who wished to carry out nest and egg removal from their properties.
- 3) That updated advice be made available through the Council website and leaflets as appropriate.
- 4) To note that the initial findings from the Dumfries de-nesting Project suggested that displacement of nesting gulls to surrounding areas had occurred.
- 5) To note that, although it was likely that displacement to adjacent neighbourhoods would result from any pilot project, to agree to an initial one year project in Merchiston and to receive a report on the effectiveness of the pilot to include information on any displacement to adjacent areas.
- 6) To instruct that further reports on the Dumfries Project, along with information on any relevant initiatives, be presented to Committee on an annual basis or sooner if appropriate.

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- 7) To otherwise discharge the motion by Councillor Buchan.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 November 2011 (item 5); report no TI+E/85/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

3 Ashley/Harrison Controlled Parking Zone – Results of Formal Consultation

The findings of the consultation on the proposed extension to the Controlled Parking Zone in the Ashley/Harrison area were reported together with recommendations on taking the proposals forward.

A summary of representations received during the consultation and the main objections to the scheme was presented.

Councillor Burns was heard as local Ward member in respect of indiscriminate parking on pavements.

Decision

- 1) To note the results of the formal consultation as part of the statutory process to extend controlled parking in the Ashley/Harrison area.
- 2) To abandon the statutory procedure to introduce controlled parking in the Ashley/Harrison area.
- 3) To instruct officials to work through the existing Parking Panel and Neighbourhood Partnership to discuss with residents living in the area bounded by Harrison Road, Slateford Road, Shandon Crescent, the South Suburban rail line and the Union Canal to develop a package of measures designed and tailored to relieve the specific parking pressures affecting the Shandon area throughout the day and night.
- 4) That the Director of Services for Communities report to the November meeting of the Committee on the proposed measures and that the report outline the regulatory alterations and non-regulatory changes required to bring into effect the proposals along with a timescale for their implementation. The report to also include detailed costs and supporting parking survey data analysis that examines the potential impacts on the internal network and surrounding areas of parking alterations.

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- 5) To instruct the Head of Transport, in consultation with local members, to write to residents informing them of the outcome of the consultation, the decision of the Committee and the basis on which that decision was taken.
- 6) That the Head of Transport report on indiscriminate parking on pavements.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 5 May 2009 (item 4); report no TI+E/98/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

4 Blue Badge Parking Permits – Motion by Councillor Child – Remitted from the Council of 24 November 2011

The following motion by Councillor Child was remitted from the Council of 24 November 2011:

“Council:

- recognises that the possession of a 'Blue Badge' parking permit can greatly improve the quality of life for many citizens with mobility problems in Edinburgh;
- calls for a report on the performance of the department in issuing Blue Badges over the last year, the reasons for any delays experienced, and the actions taken to ensure these permits can be issued, fairly and efficiently, within a reasonable timescale.”

The Director of Services for Communities reported on the performance of the Blue Badge Section in the last year. The Director also reported on the recent changes to the Blue Badge application and issuing process made by the Scottish Government. Local Authorities were now required to carry out robust identity and address checks in addition to eligibility checks.

Decision

- 1) To note the update by the Director of Services for Communities.
- 2) To discharge the motion by Councillor Child.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

**5 Traffic Speeds and Road Safety on the Jewel “Bus Only”
Route – Motion by Councillor Child – Remitted from the Council
of 2 February 2012**

The following motion by Councillor Child was remitted from the Council of 2 February 2012:

“Council recognises concerns of local residents about traffic speeds and road safety on the Jewel “bus only” route between Duddingston Road South and Asda, particularly at peak periods, and calls for a report within one cycle to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on measures to help enforce the legal restrictions currently in place and reduce the speed of vehicles using this route.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Child.

**6 Electricity Sub-Stations – Motion by Councillor Hart – Remitted
from the Council of 24 November 2011**

The following motion by Councillor Hart was remitted from the Council of 24 November 2011:

“Council notes the poor condition of several electricity sub-stations in South Edinburgh and instructs the Director of Corporate Governance to write to Scottish Power requesting action to address this problem in South Edinburgh as well as across the city.”

Motion

To approve the terms of the motion.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Child

Amendment

To recognise the issue of poor quality electricity sub-stations and instructs the Director of Corporate Governance to give every help possible to Councillor Hart to address this matter by writing, herself, to Scottish Power.

- moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie

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Voting

For the motion - 8 votes
For the amendment - 10 votes

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Buchanan.

7 Review of Trees Removed for Tram Works – Motion by Councillor Johnstone – Remitted from the Council of 2 February 2012

The following motion by Councillor Johnstone was remitted from the Council of 2 February 2012:

“That this Council:

Acknowledges the important contribution trees make to the city’s landscape and to air quality;

Notes the high level of concern amongst residents regarding removal of mature trees for tram works and lack of consultation regarding these works; and

Calls for a report outlining where and how many trees have been removed, any future planned removal and full details of planned replacements including numbers and variety and for increased engagement and consultation with residents regarding local tree removal.”

Decision

- 1) To approve the terms of the motion subject to paragraph 2 being amended to read as follows:

“To note the high level of concern amongst residents regarding removal of mature trees for tram works. To further note that between 3 and 5 years had elapsed since consultation on the issue of removal of mature trees had taken place.”

- 2) To note that no future removal of mature trees was planned.
- 3) To ask the Director of Services for Communities to report to the next meeting of the Committee on:
 - a) where and how many trees had been removed;

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- b) the consultation process undertaken, including details of the areas and organisations which were included in the consultation process;
- c) any improvements which could be recommended in the process for future consultations, noting the delay between the conclusion of the consultation process and implementation of the tree removal; and
- d) full details of replacements including numbers and variety.

8 Restaurant Waste Containers – Motion by Councillor Buchan – Remitted from the Council of 2 February 2012

The following motion by Councillor Buchan was remitted from the Council of 2 February 2012:

“Council:

- i) notes that the issue of waste containers associated with restaurants can be a source for olfactory pollution and disturbance for residents;
- ii) notes that powers to remove such containers are cumbersome to use and not fit for purpose; and
- iii) calls for a report into establishing a new by-law that would give the Council powers to remove offending containers if there were the validated support of up to 6 neighbouring residents.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Buchan.

9 Local Roads Budgets – By Councillor Jackson – Remitted from the Council of 22 December 2011

The following motion by Councillor Jackson was remitted from the Council of 22 December 2011:

“Council notes current budgetary difficulties being experienced in road repair and maintenance across certain neighbourhood management areas and calls for a report on ways in which the budget for local road repairs can be managed flexibly to enable a more responsive distribution of funds across the city.”

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Decision

- 1) To note that roads budgets were managed flexibly both within Neighbourhood Teams and between them and the centre.
- 2) To call for a report on the distribution of local roads budgets in order to ensure the appropriate factors were taken into account.

10 Pedestrian Safety in Morningside Grove – Motion by Councillor McInnes – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor McInnes was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Committee:

- 1) recognises that because of the proximity to the residential retirement flats at Craiglea Place, pedestrian safety is a very serious issue in Morningside Grove; and
- 2) calls for a report on any measures that can be taken to improve traffic safety on Morningside Grove specifically for elderly residents.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McInnes.

11 Supported Bus Services – Motion by Councillor Peacock – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor Peacock was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Committee:

- 1) welcomes the additional £70,000 provided by the Administration for supported bus services in the 2012-13 budget;
- 2) notes the demands of local campaigners in the Fillyside/Craigentenny area for a service to replace the number 12 bus which was discontinued in 2008;

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- 3) agrees to consult the local community on potential options as to how public transport could best be provided in the Fillyside/Craigentinny Avenue (north) area and to report back to the next meeting of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee with proposals.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Peacock.

12 Street Events and Parking on George Street – Motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie in terms of Standing Order 28:

- “1) Committee notes the proposals for a series of street events on George Street in the vicinity of the Assembly Rooms during the Edinburgh Festival. The proposals require a section of carriageway on George Street to be used for the events.
- 2) The proposals will necessitate the suspension and relocation of some parking bays on George Street to accommodate the event and this will potentially be an annual event during the Edinburgh Festival.
- 3) Committee therefore instructs the Director of Services for Communities to note the need to suspend the required number of parking bays and to initiate the statutory consultation process in order to provide replacement parking on George Street in the vicinity of the Assembly Rooms.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie.

13 Parking Permits for Businesses – Motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

- “1) Committee notes the current policy regarding parking permits for businesses only applies to Class 1 use as outlined in ‘The Town & Country Planning (Use of Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997.

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- 2) Committee notes that only eligible businesses in the Peripheral and Extended Controlled Parking Zones can apply for business permits. Businesses in the original, Central Parking Zone are not eligible.
- 3) Committee notes the proposals, approved by this Committee on 29 November 2011, to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to make Class 2 uses eligible for Business Permits in the Peripheral and Extended Controlled Parking Zones. This order is due to come into effect from April 2012 for a maximum of 18 months.
- 4) Committee notes the difficulties with parking in the city centre that certain businesses categorised in other use classes, notably Class 3, experience and agrees to request a report from the Head of Transport to investigate the feasibility of extending the permit scheme further to include other use classes.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie subject to the following adjustments:

- Paragraph 3 – delete “Peripheral and”.
- Insert “and areas” at the end of paragraph 4.

14 Edinburgh Roadworks Ahead Agreement – Motion by Councillor Aldridge – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor Aldridge was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

- “1. To note that the Scottish Roads Work Commissioner had recently, for the first time, issued financial penalties against four utility companies for their failure to reinstate road openings in line with the national specification.
2. Recognising the problems caused in Edinburgh through poor reinstatement following works carried out by utility companies, to call for representations to be made to the Scottish Roadworks Commissioner to increase the percentage of roadwork reinstatement inspections for which Councils are allowed to charge a fee from the utilities and to ensure that the fee levels are commensurate the costs incurred by Councils.
3. To agree that Council should also make representations to COSLA and through any other appropriate channels, on a more robust mechanism to recover costs from utilities for inspections and on actions which could be taken to increase powers available to local authorities to address the problem of defective utility works.

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4. Recognising that residents and representatives of the business community in Edinburgh were excellently placed to help and support the Council in providing information on road works reinstatements which have failed, to agree to put on-line records of reinstatements carried out over the past 2 (or 3) years and invite residents and businesses to assist the work done by Council inspection teams in reporting defects on those reinstatements.
5. To agree that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee detailing progress on the above including:
 - a) reference to what further action can be taken to identify and monitor defective utility works in the city through public involvement as well as identifying how to best utilise Council staff resources in identifying such works; and
 - b) the operation of the Edinburgh Roadworks Ahead Agreement, including consideration of action which could be taken to strengthen the terms of the Agreement.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Aldridge.

15 Trees in Council Ownership – Motion by Councillor Jackson – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor Jackson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Committee:

- 1) notes the damage caused to trees in the Council's ownership by storm conditions in early January;
- 2) notes that many trees throughout the city have grown to a size incompatible with their proximity to housing etc;
- 3) notes that many houses close to walkways, schools etc. have their natural light dramatically reduced;
- 4) notes that major limbs and branches have fallen into private gardens crushing outbuildings and causing several near misses to residents and therefore;

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- 5) calls for a report on the management of all trees within the councils ownership.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Jackson.

16 Parking in Telford Drive/Road Area – Motion by Councillor Hinds – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor Hinds was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Committee notes the continuing difficulties for residents because of congested streets caused by inconsiderate parking in the Telford Drive/Road area.

Committee asks officials to have discussions with Drylaw /Telford Community Council on action which could be taken to alleviate the residents’ problems. This should include the possibility of double yellow lines and local priority parking. Following this consultation, a report should be submitted to the TIE Committee on the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations on the way forward.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

17 On-Street Residential Bike Parking for Tenement Areas

In response to a motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, information was submitted on progress being made towards development of a pilot project to trial the installation of covered on-street cycle storage facilities for use by residents in tenemental properties. It was proposed to undertake a consultation exercise with local residents to identify six sites and the type of facility to be installed.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress to date on the implementation of a pilot residential cycle parking project.
- 2) To note that the Director of Services for Communities would report to a future meeting of the Committee on the operation and effectiveness of the cycle parking after a six month period of operation.

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- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie of 10 May 2011.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 10 May 2012 (item 11); report no TI+E/87/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

18 Road Safety Implications of Subdivision or Redevelopment of Residential Properties – Motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie

In response to a motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, an update was given on measures being undertaken to address the road safety implications of subdivision or redevelopment of residential properties.

The Council's policy document "Movement and Development – Traffic and Transport Design Guide for Developments in the City of Edinburgh" was currently under review which presented an opportunity to review existing guidance on roads and vehicular access to parking in consultation with Planning.

Decision

To note the update and discharge the motion by Councillor Mackenzie.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 10 May 2011 (item 12); report no TI+E/88/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

19 Zero Waste - Edinburgh and Midlothian

The Zero Waste Project was a partnership between the City of Edinburgh Council and Midlothian Council to procure facilities for the treatment of food and residual waste in line with the Scottish Government's Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations.

Approval was sought to progress procurement of the new road access and site services for the Millerhill Zero Waste Parc and to appoint the City of Edinburgh Council as lead authority to sign contracts on behalf of both partners.

Decision

- 1) To note the recent developments in Scottish Zero Waste Policy.
- 2) To welcome the granting of planning permission in principle for the Millerhill Site.

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- 3) To note the progress in procuring treatment facilities for both food waste and residual waste.
- 4) To note the progress with the road access procurement.
- 5) To note the accelerated procurement of site services.
- 6) To approve the appointment, in principle, for the City of Edinburgh Council as lead Authority for the Contract Phase.
- 7) To note that the Joint Working Agreement would be finalised immediately prior to contract agreements.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 21 September 2010 (item 13); Act of Council No 5 of 14 October 2010; report no TI+E/89/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

20 Consultation on Proposals to Dismantle Nuclear Submarines

The Council had been invited to comment on a consultation by the Ministry of Defence outlining options for the dismantling and disposal of radioactive waste from decommissioned nuclear submarines.

Motion

- 1) To advise the Ministry of Defence that this Council rejects the dual site option as outlined in paragraph 3.17 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities and was firmly of the view that the submarine dismantling work and the storage of resultant intermediate Level Radioactive Waste should not take place at Rosyth.
- 2) To otherwise note the report.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

Amendment 1

To advise the Ministry of Defence that the Council supports the option to remove radioactive materials from the submarines at both Rosyth and Devonport as outlined in paragraph 3.17 of the Director's report.

- moved by Councillor McInnes, seconded by Councillor Jackson

Amendment 2

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To ask the Ministry of Defence to take the appropriate action to minimise the risk of radioactive contamination in order to protect the surrounding environment.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Child

Voting

For the motion - 10 votes
For amendment 1 - 3 votes
For amendment 2 - 5 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Aldridge.

(Reference – report no TI+E/86/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

21 Services for Communities: Revenue Budget Monitoring 2011/12 – Month Eight Position – 30 November 2011

Details were provided of the month 8 revenue monitoring position for the Department of Services for Communities. At this stage, the Department was projecting a balanced General Fund budget for the year end and a balanced Housing Revenue Account.

Decision

To note the Services for Communities Department forecast 2011/12 position at month eight.

(Reference – report no TI+E/90/11-12/CG+SfC by the Directors of Corporate Governance and Services for Communities, submitted)

22 Rail 2014 Consultation

Transport Scotland had invited the Council to comment on a consultation document setting out issues and options for how Scotland's passenger railway should develop to meet the needs of passengers. The deadline for responses was 20 February 2012.

A proposed response to the consultation was outlined in Appendix 2 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities. The response had been

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submitted to Transport Scotland in time to meet the deadline subject to approval by this Committee.

Decision

To agree the response as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities and that the following additional points be included:

- Q.24 - passenger rail services should be reinstated at Abbeyhill Station
- High speed rail link should be referenced
- Q.40 – key environmental performance indicators should include KPIs for carbon reduction required by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and reduction of waste through recycling initiatives.

(Reference – report no TI+E/91/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

23 Transport, Infrastructure & Environment Performance Report – October/November 2011

Performance management information for October/November 2011 for the Department of Services for Communities was presented.

Decision

To note the performance information for the period October to November 2011.

(Reference – report no TI+E/92/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

24 Cleanliness of the City

An update was given on the results from the Cleanliness Index Monitoring Systems (CIMS) survey carried out during December 2011. Information was also provided from the Neighbourhood Local Environment Managers on current service delivery and improvement plans within each area.

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Motion

- 1) To note the report.
 - 2) To further note that the Administration had agreed additional investment of £500,000 for street cleansing in the current financial year to target those areas in the city requiring action.
- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Tymkewycz

Amendment

To request that the Director of Services for Communities report on Audit Scotland's findings that Edinburgh came bottom of the league table in the Local Authority Cleanliness Measure for street cleanliness and identify what lessons might be learned from other Scottish cities about how to keep Edinburgh's streets clean.

- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Child

Voting

For the motion - 10 votes
For the amendment - 8 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Aldridge.

(Reference – report no TI+E/93/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

25 Edinburgh Tram – West End Workshops

A series of Workshops had been held to consider options for addressing concerns raised by the Moray Feu about the impact of the tram project on their area. The Workshops had identified a number of proposals and workstreams for consideration by the Committee as detailed in the report by the Director of Services for Communities.

Decision

- 1) To note the previously agreed proposals to allow overnight through-traffic on Shandwick Place and notes also that this would go some way to addressing HGV-related concerns.

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- 2) To agree that a review be undertaken, post-implementation of the tram, to establish if the proposal for Shandwick Place can be extended to allow through-traffic during the daytime, off-peak.
- 3) To note the position with regard to maintaining the traffic arrangements on Charlotte Square and agrees that a review be undertaken post-implementation of tram, to establish if overnight HGV access can be introduced on the Queensferry Street-Shandwick Place link.
- 4) To note that the Glenfinlas Street closure would be maintained.
- 5) To agree that an independent Chair would be appointed for future workshops.
- 6) To instruct the Head of Transport to explore the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology, and/or other means which do not require additional police resources, to implement an overnight HGV restriction when Shandwick Place re-opens.
- 7) That the Head of Transport explore the feasibility of installing signage banning HGV access.
- 8) To report by to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the end of 2012 on progress.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 23 November 2010 (item 3); report no TI+E/94/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

26 Co-located Traffic Control Centre

It was proposed to co-locate the Council Traffic Control Centre with Lothian Buses within their Annandale Street Headquarters. More efficient co-ordination of buses and general traffic through the City would benefit all residents of Edinburgh and contribute to reducing air pollution and vehicle fuel consumption.

Decision

- 1) To approve the co-location of the Council Traffic Control Centre to Lothian Buses Headquarters at Annandale Street.

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- 2) To retain the current control room location on Level 10 City Chambers for system development, operational resilience and major incident recovery purposes.

(Reference – report no TI+E/95/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

27 Vehicle Activated Speed Signs – Update on Priority List

In response to a motion by Councillor Jackson, approval was sought for a priority list of sites for the installation of Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and to commence work at the following three sites:

- Lasswade Road at Ellen's Glen Road
- Lanark Road West (between Dolphin Avenue and Curriehill Road)
- Two locations on Duddingston Road West

Decision

- 1) To approve the introduction of the next three sites on the list as detailed at paragraph 5 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities.
- 2) To note that there would be a consultation for each site with residents, relevant Neighbourhood Partnerships and local Councillors prior to any installation works.
- 3) To note that the priority list would be reported to the Committee for approval on an annual basis.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 4 May 2010 (item 10); report no TI+E/96/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

28 Priority Parking in South Morningside – Results of Formal Consultation

The outcome and findings of the consultation on the proposed introduction of priority parking in the South Morningside area were submitted. An update was given on the number of representations received objecting to the proposed scheme and numbers supporting the proposal.

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Motion

- 1) To proceed to make the traffic order for Priority Parking in South Morningside subject to the changes listed in Appendix 5 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities.
 - 2) To commence the statutory process to make additional changes to the advertised order as detailed in Appendix 6 of the Director's report.
 - 3) To initiate, by the end of March 2012, the statutory consultation process for an Order to reduce the length of double yellow lines around junctions on Craiglea Drive and to delay implementation of the Priority Parking zone until the statutory process has been completed.
 - 4) To instruct the Head of Transport, in consultation with local members, to write to residents informing them of the outcome of the consultation, the decision of the Committee and the basis on which that decision was taken.
- moved by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Amendment 1

To take no action on the recommendations by the Director of Services for Communities but to ask the Director to review the length of double yellow lines in the area and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Barry

Amendment 2

To accept the motion and add:

- 5) That this communication makes clear that the Committee respects the clear opinion of residents in the streets to be removed from the scheme and recognises this as a settled opinion.
 - 6) That the Committee acknowledges that it was wrong to include in the proposed plan residential streets that had made their opinion clear against controlled parking in 2009.
 - 7) To note that it is disappointing that despite meetings, a motion and feeling of local residents, there is progress only now on the double yellow lines in Craiglea Drive.
- moved by Councillor McInnes, seconded by Councillor Jackson

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In accordance with Standing Order 30(7), paragraph (5) of amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For amendment 1	-	4 votes
For amendment 2	-	4 votes

Decision

To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 November 2011 (item 36); report no TI+E/97/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

29 Re-determination of Means of Public Right of Passage – Various Locations

Approval was sought to commence the statutory procedure to re-determine part of the carriageway to footway on Albion Road.

Approval was also sought to re-determine sections of footway to shared use path for use by pedal cyclists and pedestrians in the Firrhill area.

Decision

- 1) To instruct the Director of Services for Communities to initiate and make the necessary Re-determination Orders for Albion Road under the relevant section of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
- 2) To instruct the Director of Services for Communities to initiate and make the necessary Re-determination Orders for Colinton Road and Oxgangs Road North under the relevant section of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

(Reference – report no TI+E/84/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

Chair

Councillor Aldridge replaced Councillor Gordon Mackenzie in the Chair for the following item of business.

30 Westfield Avenue, Stopping Up of Footpath and Montgomery Street, Stopping Up of Carriageway

Approval was sought to commence statutory procedures to stop up a section of access road between 27 and 36 Montgomery Street and to stop up the existing footpath and make a new footpath linking Westfield Avenue to the Water of Leith Walkway.

Decision

- 1) To instruct the Director of Services for Communities to make the necessary Order for Westfield Avenue to come into effect at an early date when the alternative footpath becomes available to the public.
- 2) To commence the statutory procedure to stop up the relevant section of the access road between Nos 27 and 36 Montgomery Street and delegate to the Director of Services for Communities the making of the Order provided no objections are received when the Order is advertised.

(Reference – report no TI+E/99/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Gordon Mackenzie declared a non-financial interest in the above item of business as his parents-in-law were owners of one of the properties affected by the proposals and took no part in the debate on the matter.

Chair

Councillor Gordon Mackenzie took the Chair for the remaining items of business.

31 Shore (South Section) – Traffic Regulation Order

Approval was sought to commence the statutory procedure to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a bus contraflow and waiting and loading prohibitions on Shore, Leith between Sandport Place and Bernard Street.

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Decision

To approve the commencement of the statutory procedure to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to introduce the bus contraflow and waiting and loading prohibitions.

(Reference – report no TI+E/102/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Barry declared a financial interest in the above item of business as a taxi driver affected by the proposals and took no part in the debate on the matter.

32 Forthcoming Bus Service Changes

Information was given on proposed changes to a range of services in the Lothian Buses network with effect from 4 March 2012. Lothian Buses had intimated that the changes had become necessary due to changes in the levels of remuneration received under the Bus Service Operators Grant Scheme and the Scotland-wide Free Bus Travel Scheme.

Decision

- 1) To note the changes to some Lothian Bus Services to be introduced on 4 March 2012 and to express concern about the implications of some of these changes on residents as bus users.
- 2) To utilise the statutory consultation period to make clear the effect of these changes on the public specifically but not exclusively to services 7, 19, 20, 30 and 33.
- 3) To recognise the requirement of Lothian Buses to meet government legislation requirements but to note that no other political group made provision in their motion to support this.
- 4) That, following the forthcoming cross-party meeting with Lothian Buses, an urgent cross-party meeting be requested with the Minister for Housing and Transport to convey deep concerns regarding the impact on the future for bus services in Edinburgh.

(Reference – report no TI+E/1200/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

33 Bus Lane Camera Enforcement – Charging Level for Civil Bus Lane Infringements

Decision

To set the level of charge for civil infringement of bus lanes at £60, reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days, with effect from 2 April 2012.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 July 2010 (item 39); report no TI+E/101/11-12/SfC by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

34 Emergency Motion by Councillor Hinds – Access to Waverley Station

The following emergency motion by Councillor Hinds was submitted in terms of Standing Order 27:

“Committee notes with concern the imminent proposed closure of Waverley Station to all vehicles.

Committee further notes:

The potential consequences of such a move on passengers who are disabled, frail, travelling with young children, travelling with heavy or cumbersome luggage.

That lorries supplying the retail outlets in the station will continue have access to the station concourse.

That proposed exits are inadequate and place too much of a burden on surrounding streets to accommodate passenger pickups and drop-offs. This will be particularly arduous for families with small children or anyone with mobility difficulties, obliging them to struggle over considerable distances to meet their onward travel connection.

Waverley will be the only mainline station where elderly people and those with mobility difficulties cannot interchange with their other modes of transport at the same level as the station. The long ramps up to Waverley Bridge are not wheelchair friendly.

That every year access to the station is restricted for a few hours before the Hogmanay Street Party. This causes great inconvenience to the elderly and disabled. Making this inconvenience the norm is wrong.

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Committee believes that the closure of Waverley Station to all vehicles is out of proportion to any perceived security risk.

Committee therefore instructs the Head of Transport to enter into urgent negotiations to seek an early and satisfactory resolution to this problem which would ensure safe access for all to this busy transport hub.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds subject to the final two paragraphs of the motion being deleted and replaced with the following:

- To note that security at mainline railway stations in the UK is a reserved matter and that Network Rail state that these proposals are a response to guidance from security experts at the Department of Transport.
- To note that the Head of Transport, representatives of the taxi trade and others continue to seek a satisfactory resolution for rail passengers, particularly those who are frail or with young children wishing to travel on by car or taxi.
- To agree that a report on access to Waverley Station and the impact on surrounding streets will be provided for the next meeting of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 18 June 2012, ahead of the proposed implementation in July 2012.