

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
INVERNESS CITY COMMITTEE – 8 JUNE 2009

Agenda Item	7
Report No	ICC 38/09

Inverness City Update

Report by the Area Roads and Community Works Manager

SUMMARY

This report details the work completed since 20 April City Committee and the schedule of work to be carried out.

1. Background

1.1 Following a report to the Inverness City Committee on the 20 April 2009 by Head of Roads and Community Works and Community Works Manager – Inverness City the meeting requested that a report be brought to the City Committee in June with specific updates on;

- Details of work completed
- Schedule of work for City wards

2. Report on specific questions

- 2.1 The Springfield area of the City does include Ballifeary.
- 2.2 A paper is being submitted to the next TECS Committee regarding proposals for a seagull intervention policy and the different options available to the Council.
- 2.3 Further bio-hazard training for operatives is to be arranged.
- 2.4 Litter picking is done in open spaces before grass cutting by grounds maintenance teams and additionally when required by street cleaners.
- 2.5 Housing and Property are not currently taking action against seagulls on their properties but liaison with TECS is ongoing as to how to deal with the issue.
- 2.6 New street cleaning motorised vacuum cleaners/blowers operating in the City are very successful at lifting cigarette ends and small pieces of litter.
- 2.7 There is a possibility that Traffic Wardens and BID Ambassadors could become authorised to issue fixed penalty notices on behalf of the local authority and this is currently being investigated.

3. Work Completed

- 3.1 Where as a result of investigations there is an identified need for additional litter bins these have been provided. Including extra litter bins at Montague Row.
- 3.2 External contractors have been completing cleaning of all bus shelters in the City.
- 3.3 Additional gum and butt bins have been ordered.

- 3.4 City deep clean has been completed and in streetscape area spot cleaning carried out.
- 3.5 A programme of white lining is currently being completed.
- 3.6 Three youth shelters have been installed; Charleston Academy, Maxwell Park and Milton of Leys.
- 3.7 The following play equipment has been installed; Anderson Street swings, Suliven Way goal posts, Holm Park goal posts, Benula Road one new piece of play equipment and Castle Heather Park picnic benches. Improvements have also been made to Walker Park and Bellfield Park which will be opened by the Provost on 3 June 2009
- 3.8 Presently advertising for City foreperson appointment expected in July.
- 3.9 The weed killing programme is currently being carried out and the schedule for the city centre streets is attached in appendix 1.

4. Work Scheduled

- 4.1 Gum and butt bins to be installed in June.
- 4.2 Once streetscape work is completed a survey of all areas will be carried out to establish re-grouting requirements, programme will then be carried out.
- 4.3 Gum buster machine is operating every two weeks throughout the City and this will continue throughout the summer.
- 4.4 Added to the street cleaning programme is that City streets washing with the mechanical sweeper every Monday and Thursday morning.
- 4.5 The structural maintenance programme for this financial year is currently being drawn up. Priorities for the City are; Ness Bridge footway, Chapel Street footway and Bank Street footway.
- 4.6 Hanging baskets and city floral dressing will be installed week beginning 12 June.
- 4.7 Watering of hanging baskets will commence week beginning 22 June, currently a route for the watering is being established.
- 4.8 Gully cleaning schedule for city centre wards is attached in appendix 2.
- 4.9 Surface dressing is due to commence shortly and will be completed by the end of July. A schedule of city centre streets to be surface dressed is shown in appendix 3.
- 4.10 Castle Heather Park; toddler play equipment delivered and installation funds currently being sought by the community, Drakies buffer zone plans currently being reviewed.
- 4.11 Review of City bin stores and provision required is planned.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is invited to Note the contents of the report.

Signature:

Designation: Area Roads and Community Works Manager

Date: 27 May 2009

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Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Weed killing Schedule
Appendix 2 – Gully Cleaning Schedule
Appendix 3 – Surface Dressing Schedule

Highland Regional Council	160153
Inverness City and Surrounding Area. General Weed Control	2009

No.	Section	Proposed Date	Completed Date	Day	Extras	Completed Date	Day
	Inverness City Areas:						
1	Kinmylies	25/05/2009					
2	Merkinch, South Kessock	25/05/2009					
3	Longman Industrial Estate, North	18/05/2009					
4	Dalneigh	22/05/2009					
5	West Bank	26/05/2009					
6	East bank & Center	21/05/2009					
7	Longman Industrial Estate, South	18/05/2009					
8	Ballifeary	26/05/2009					
9	Drummond, Lochardil	21/05/2009					
10	Hilton	21/05/2009					
11	Crown	22/05/2009					
12	Raigmore	20/05/2009					
13	Culcabock	18/05/2009					
14	Milton, North	19/05/2009					
15	Milton, South	20/05/2009					
16	Ardersier	27/05/2009					
17	Balloch	27/05/2009					
18	Beauly	27/05/2009					
19	Cannich	28/05/2009					
20	Clachnaharry	28/05/2009					
21	Croy	27/05/2009					
22	Culloden	28/05/2009					
23	Daviot	28/05/2009					
24	Dores	28/05/2009					
25	Drumnadrochit	29/05/2009					
26	Fort Augustus	29/05/2009					
27	Foyers	28/05/2009					
28	Invermoriston	29/05/2009					
29	Kirkhill	29/05/2009					
30	Millburn	29/05/2009					
31	Milton of Leys	27/05/2009					
32	Smithton	27/05/2009					
33	Sunnyside	27/05/2009					
34	Tomatin	29/05/2009					
35	Westhill	27/05/2009					
36	Cawdor	29/05/2009					
37	Kilmorack	29/05/2009					

Inverness Area Gully Cleaning Schedule

Appendix 2

Area	Including	Ref	Started	Completed	Driver
Area East of A9	Croy, Ardersier, Sunnyside	A	26/02/08	26/06/08	B. Hope
Area West of Loch Ness	Kirkhill, Kiltarlity, Beauly, Cannich, Tomich, Drumnadrochit, Invermoriston	B	30/04/08	11/06/08	J. Craib
Area between Loch Ness and A9	Fort Augustus, Foyers, Gorthleck, Dores	C	12/06/08	04/08/08	J. Craib
Scourguie/Kinmylies		D	19/08/08	17/10/08	J. Craib
Dalneigh/Ballifeary		E	14/04/09	11/05/09	J. Craib
Merkinch/South Kessock		F	07/05/09		W. Mackay
City Centre		G	28/08/08	07/10/08	J. Craib
South of Inverness Southern Distributor	Milton of Leys	H	04/11/08	20/03/09	J. Craib
Raigmore		I			
Longman		J	12/05/09		J. Craib
Hilton/Culduthel		K			
Crown		L			
Lower Drummond/Holm Mains		M			
Drummond/Lochardil		N			
Culcabock/Drakies		O			
Westhill		P			
Smithton		Q	12/02/08	30/04/08	J. Craib
Balloch		R	10/02/08	25/02/08	B.Hope

SURFACE DRESSING PROGRAMME - 2009

Inverness / Urban City & Culloden

Job No.	Class	No.	Description	Location
	C		1028 Cherry Park, Balloch	Loop prior to Traffic Calming
	C		1191 Midmills Road	Ex SMA (Brae Section)
	U		1267 Tesco, Inshes	Southern Carriageway
	U		1287 Smithton Villas	Whole scheme
	U		1315 Braeside Park, Balloch	19-31, 55-65 bit missed last year + 11-16
	U		1335 MacLeod Road	Ex S/D
	U		1819 Cullernie Gardens	Off Braeside Park
	U		1840 Cradlehall Park	main drag top to bottom
	U		1957 Birchwood Road	320m East + 320m West
	U		2702 Cranmore Drive	All Roads
	U		3855 Daviot Drive	whole length
	U		3856 Dell Road	Old Edinburgh Rd - Tomatin Rd
	U		4069 Canal Road	6 sections (whole length)
	U		4286 Drummond Court	bottom end (ex B/M)
	U		4290 Drummond Place	whole length (ex B/M)
	U		4364 Temple Crescent	Tomatin Road to Old Edinburgh Road
	U		4368 Tomatin Road	whole length
	U		4415 Merlin Crescent	whole length
	U		4454 Balvonie Avenue	whole length
	U		3884 Drumossie Avenue	Cul-de-sac 123 - 149
	U		3884 Drumossie Avenue	Cul-de-sac 89 - 107
	U		4547 Leachkin Road	from bus bay to past Nevis Park
	U		4590 Victoria Terrace	98m
	U		4605 Charleston View	Ex S/D