

## The Highland Council

Minutes of Meeting of the **Resource Monitoring Working Group** held in Committee Room 1, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 1.00 pm.

### Present:

Mr B J Murphy  
Mr J Rosie  
Mr J McGillivray  
Ms M Smith

Mrs A MacLean  
Mr D Henderson  
Mr R Pedersen

### Officials in attendance:

Mr N Gillies, Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services  
Mr R Guest, Head of Roads and Community Works, TECS  
Dr C Clark, Head of Waste Management, TECS  
Mr M Mitchell, Finance Manager, TECS  
Mr N Downie, Senior Business Support Officer, TECS  
Ms L MacKellaich, Road Safety Officer, TECS  
Miss M Murray, Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Office  
Miss N Gaffney, Clerical Assistant, Chief Executive's Office

### Mr B J Murphy in the Chair

### Business

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr A Rhind.

#### 2. Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Funding

There had been circulated Report No RMWG/01/10 by the Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services which advised of the funding available within the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) programme for 2009/10 and invited Members to consider the allocation of funds to individual projects. Given the need to progress works in the current financial year, details of six additional schemes were tabled for consideration.

The Road Safety Officer informed Members that additional works had been identified at Spean Bridge Primary School and the amount of funding recommended had therefore been increased by £690. In addition, it was highlighted that the staff costs in relation to the Safer Routes to School project were £7350 at present.

Members commended the Road Safety Officer for her efforts in relation to the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Fund.

Thereafter, the Working Group:-

i. **APPROVED** the applications from:-

- Cradlehall Primary - £12,609 for cycle shelter/storage
- Charleston Academy - £11,592 for staff cycle shelter/storage and upgrade to existing pupil shelter/storage
- Kinmylies Primary - £10,000 for pinch point traffic calming on Leachkin Road
- Spean Bridge Primary - £5,490 for roof for existing cycle storage and removal of fence and posts
- Muirtown Primary - £3,998 for cycle shelter/storage
- Inshes Primary - £2,900 for 20 mph limit for Dell of Inshes area
- Foyers Primary - £2,595 for advance 20 mph sign
- Walk to School Week - £1,940 for October Walk to School Week;
- Poolewe Primary - £27,000 for installation of footpath improvements and give way priorities at existing bridge
- Knockbreck Primary - £10,940 for installation of footpath and crossing point at school entrance
- Alvie Primary - £3,980 for installation of cycle storage for 16 bicycles
- Eigg Primary - £2,580 for installation of cycle storage
- Holm Primary - £7,800 for installation of cycle storage for 20 bicycles
- Deshar Primary - £2,650 for installation of part-time 20 mph sign; and

ii. **NOTED:-**

a) the funding allocation made under delegated powers:-

- Canisbay Primary - £908 for additional works
- Culloden Academy - £800 to increase visibility of part-time 20 mph sign
- Kingussie High - £536 for Network Rail costs for footpath works
- Coulhill Primary - £500 for cycle training markings
- Keiss Primary - £250 for bases for cycle shelter
- Beauly Primary - £113 for printing of Safer Routes to School leaflet
- Lochardil Primary - £84 for Hi Viz vests
- Grantown Primary - £62 for Hi Viz vests
- Obsdale Primary - £55 for Hi Viz vests
- Eigg Primary - £23 for Hi Viz vests

b) the staff costs for the Safer Routes to School projects - £7350; and

c) that £16,007 remained to be allocated to future projects in 2009/10.

**3. Trading Operations Revenue Monitoring – 1 April to 30 November 2009**

There had been circulated Report No RMWG/02/10 by the Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services which set out the revenue monitoring position for the period 1 April to 30 November 2009 and the projected year end position in respect of the trading operations for Roads and Community Works,

Waste Management, Vehicle Maintenance and Project Design Services.

The Working Group **NOTED** the report and the monitoring statements showing the trading operations revenue monitoring position for the period 1 April to 30 November 2009.

#### 4. **Distribution of the Landfill Community Fund**

Given the implications in terms of the continuation of the Dingwall Green Gym Project if funding was not secured at an early stage, there was tabled Report No RMWG/03/10 advising of the amount of the Landfill Community Fund available for disbursement, providing an update on the Highland Council Landfill Tax Projects administered by E B Scotland and inviting Members to consider an application from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers in respect of the Dingwall Green Gym Project to eradicate Himalayan Balsam from the River Conon and its tributaries.

The Working Group **AGREED** to recommend approval of the requested amount of £10,000 for the Dingwall Green Gym Project.

The meeting concluded at 1.25 pm.