

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 27 August 2019

Chair:

Councillor Jackie Burns

Councillors Present:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Gerry Convery (*substitute for Councillor Graham Scott*), Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Eileen Logan

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Graham Scott

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

F Jack, Team Leader, Roads and Transportation Services; M Muir, Roads Area Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Petitions Committee held on 24 June 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Petition Relating to Flooding and Deterioration on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang

A report dated 14 August 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on a petition lodged in relation to Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang.

The Petition had been assessed and met the criteria for being considered by this Committee.

A written submission from Roads Services was provided in the report and additional comments from the Lead Petitioner, who was present at the meeting, were detailed in an appendix to the report.

Officials from Roads and Transportation Services advised that:-

- ◆ a short to medium term solution to the issue of flooding was currently being progressed which involved installing a mechanical pump to take water up onto land owned by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and another landowner and then to discharge the water back down into a recognised watercourse
- ◆ the planning process was ongoing for further residential developments in this area which, when concluded, would provide a more permanent solution to the issues raised, including improving the road and footpaths

- ◆ a number of actions would be taken in the short term, including road lining, cutting back foliage at site lines and other routine maintenance work on the road

The Lead Petitioner referred to:-

- ◆ the insufficient width of the road and the lack of lines which made the road dangerous for drivers
- ◆ the lack of pavements on stretches of the road and the risk that this caused pedestrians, including those parents and children going to and from school
- ◆ the lack of progress made by the Council and developers in terms of the planning process for further development of the area
- ◆ the Council failing to include the necessary road improvements in the conditions when it approved an earlier planning application from another developer

The Chair highlighted that any permanent solution, and how long it would take to implement, was dependent on the Council working with developers, which made the timescales for getting such a solution difficult to predict.

It was noted that the situation at Gilbertfield Road was not uncommon in South Lanarkshire in that there were a significant number of rural/country roads now servicing significant residential developments due to, for example, Community Growth areas.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the ongoing actions to provide a short to medium term mechanical pumping solution to the flooding issue on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang be noted;
- (2) that the proposed range of routine maintenance actions, including road lining and cutting back foliage at site lines, be noted; and
- (3) that a detailed report on the overall plan for the road, including the updated position in terms of the planning process for future developments, be submitted to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee.

[Reference: Minutes of 24 June 2019 (Paragraph 2)]

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.