

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors MARK McDONALD, KENNY BRAES, BRIAN BOYD, LINDA CLARK, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, DEREK WANN, IAN McLAREN, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor McDONALD, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener advised that Craig Easson, Service Leader – Environmental and Consumer Protection was retiring from the Council and on behalf of the Committee, he paid tribute to his professionalism, expertise, support and leadership over the many years and wished him well in his retirement.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Craig Fotheringham with Councillor Wann substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

Councillor Wann made a statement of transparency in relation to Item 4, Report 94/23 as the owner had been in contact but he had provided no advice. He indicated that he would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 February 2023 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. REVOCATION OF CLOSING ORDERS

There was submitted Report No 94/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth, advising that the respective owners of the properties at 5c and 5d South Street, Arbroath, now known as 5C South Street, Arbroath had applied for the revocation of the Closing Orders made by Angus Council in 1991, following an inspection of the property by an Environmental Health Officer on 17 March 2023. This inspection had confirmed that the properties now met the tolerable standard and the revocation of the Closing Orders were recommended.

The Committee agreed to make an Order revoking the Closing Orders on the properties at 5c and 5d South Street, Arbroath, now known as 5C South Street, Arbroath made by Angus Council in 1991.

5. ANGUS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted Report No 95/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable advising members of changes to the membership of the Angus Local Access Forum and seeking approval for appointment of new representatives to the Forum.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the current membership position;
- (ii) to approve the proposed changes to the way a balanced representation of interests was considered;
- (iii) to approve the appointment of Michelle Spink; and
- (iv) to approve the appointment of Norma Lyall.

6. STOPPING UP OF PART OF THE PUBLIC ROAD AT ROUNDYHILL, MONIFIETH

There was submitted Report No 96/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment regarding a proposal to stop-up a part of Roundyhill, Monifieth following a formal request for the removal of the turning head by the title holder as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the request to stop-up a part of Roundyhill, Monifieth;
- (ii) to the promotion and making, if unopposed, of a Stopping-Up Order to extinguish the public right of passage over a part of Roundyhill, Monifieth;
- (iii) that the Director of Infrastructure and Environment bring a Report back to this Committee if there were any objections to the Stopping-Up Order that could not be resolved and there was the requirement to submit to Scottish Ministers for confirmation; and
- (iv) to approve the deletion of the stopped-up part of the road from the list of public roads if the Stopping-Up Order was confirmed.

7. WARDDYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARBROATH – TRAFFIC CALMING

There was submitted Report No 97/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment informing members of the concerns received regarding road safety in the vicinity of Warddykes Primary School, Brechin Road, Arbroath and seeking authority to undertake formal consultation on the proposal to install traffic calming measures.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the road safety concerns received, particularly in the vicinity of Warddykes Primary School, Brechin Road, Arbroath;
- (ii) to approve in principle to the introduction of proposed traffic calming measures;
- (iii) to instruct the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to undertake consultation on the proposal; and
- (iv) to note that a further report would be brought forward to this committee following completion of the proposed consultation.

8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee agreed, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 28(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items so as to avoid the disclosure of information which is exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraphs 8 & 9.

9. VARIOUS SITES, ANGUS – BATHROOM REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2022-2023 - PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 98/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment seeking authority for the proposed procurement method where the maximum value of the contract arrangements were above the Chief Officer's delegated authority limit.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

10. PARKS AND BURIAL GROUNDS PLANT AND MACHINERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2023/2024

There was submitted Report No 99/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment presenting the Parks and Burial Grounds machinery replacement programme for 2023/24.

Members were asked to authorise the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to procure plant and machinery as detailed in the programme.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to procure Parks and Burial Grounds plant and machinery required for the 2023/24 capital replacement programme on the basis set out in the Report.

11. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2023/2024

There was submitted Report No 100/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment presenting the vehicle replacement programme for 2023/24. Members were asked to authorise the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to procure fleet vehicles and equipment as detailed in the programme.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to procure vehicles and equipment required for the 2023/24 capital replacement programme on the basis set out in the Report.

12. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY REPORT SCOTLAND EXCEL ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONTRACTORS FRAMEWORK DIRECT AWARD

There was submitted Report No 101/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment seeking delegated authority to direct award energy works using the Scotland Excel Energy Efficiency Contractors Framework on a maximum of 4 contracts within any 12 month period. The threshold for any single award to be capped at £2Million with cumulative awards annually not to exceed available funds in the agreed capital plan.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations as detailed in the Report.