

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK McDONALD, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, JACK CRUICKSHANKS, BETH WHITESIDE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAN McLAREN, LLOYD MELVILLE, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JULIE BELL and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor McDONALD, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Lynne Devine, Jill Scott and Martin Shepherd, with Councillors Beth Whiteside and Julie Bell substituting for Councillors Devine and Shepherd respectively.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

The Committee agreed to note that there were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

### 3. MINUTES

#### (a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 11 June 2024 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

#### (b) Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee

The Committee agreed to note the minute of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee meeting of 26 April 2024, a copy of which is appended hereto (**APPENDIX I**).

### 4. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE - ARBROATH HARBOUR MARINE SAFETY PLAN AND POLICIES

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 August 2021, there was submitted Report No 229/24 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, detailing the Marine Safety Plan 2024-2027 for Arbroath Harbour and four associated marine policies which required to be authorised and published on the Council's website to ensure continued compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code.

The Director of Infrastructure and Environment introduced the Report and it was noted that there had been no significant changes to the Plan or Policies, which reflected positively on the 2021 to 2024 version. The current update primarily involved a refresh with revised dates and the removal of completed actions. The 2024 to 2027 period would essentially continue the approach of the 2021 to 2024 plan and policies.

In response to a query from Councillor Bell, the Harbour Master advised that training on the matter would be beneficial.

The Committee agreed: -

- (i) to note the assessment of the Council's performance against the objectives set out in the most recent Marine Safety Plan 2021-2024; and
- (ii) to approve, as Duty Holder under the Port Marine Safety Code, the Marine Safety Plan 2024-2027 for Arbroath Harbour and the associated marine polices referred to in the Marine Safety Plan.