

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors DONALD MORRISON, JEANETTE GAUL, BRIAN BOYD, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GAUL, JIM HOUSTON, DAVID MAY, IAN McLAREN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, HELEN OSWALD, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, MARK SALMOND and EWAN SMITH.

Councillor MORRISON, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

There were no apologies intimated.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### 3. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 November 2015 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 NOVEMBER 2015 TO 19 JANUARY 2016**

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 November 2015, there was submitted and noted Report No 15/16 by the Strategic Director – Communities, together with its seven schedules, providing information to members with regard to services delivered in the Communities Directorate for the relevant period.

### 5. **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 - UPDATE**

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 18 August 2015, there was submitted Report No 17/16 by the Strategic Director - Communities, updating the Committee on the publication of the Flood Risk Strategies by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and progress on the draft Local Flood Risk Management Plans under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.

These strategies committed the Council, SEPA and all other responsible authorities to the delivery of the actions set out in the Report, conditional on funding allocation. The Act required Scottish Government to have regard to these strategies and plans when allocating funding to SEPA and responsible authorities. The details for each of the actions required in the Plans would be developed with the Member Officer Working Group and in partnership with SEPA and all responsible authorities. A detailed draft would be presented to a future meeting of this Committee for approval in advance of publication in June 2016.

Members paid tribute to the sterling work carried out by Council and Tayside Contracts staff together with the emergency services and other agencies, to assist local residents affected by flooding at various locations across the county.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the Flood Risk Management Strategies for Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin (TEAMB) and Tay, and the obligations contained for the delivery of the actions in the period 2016 – 2022, as detailed in the Report;
- (ii) to note the progress of the draft Local Flood Risk Management Plans for TEAMB and Tay, which set out the delivery of the actions in the period 2016 – 2022, as detailed in the Report; and

- (iii) to approve the further development of the Local Flood Risk Management Plans to deliver the actions in the period 2016 – 2022, subject to funding from Scottish Government capital funding allocations and council revenue and capital budget setting over the period 2016 – 2022.

## **6. SURPLUS PROPERTY – THE LODGE, THE GABLES, ARBROATH ROAD, FORFAR**

There was submitted Report No 18/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services, advising that the house known as The Lodge, at The Gables, Arbroath Road, Forfar, was surplus to the requirements of the Council, and proposing its disposal.

The Committee agreed that the property, as shown outlined on the Plan at Appendix 1 to the Report, be declared surplus to the requirements of the Council and disposed of on the open market.

## **7. DISPOSAL OF GROUND AT DALGETTY COURT, MUIRHEAD**

There was submitted Report No 19/16 by the Head of Planning and Place, relating to the proposed disposal of an area of ground measuring around 64 square metres, at Muirhead.

The Committee agreed that the area of ground adjacent to 12 Dalgetty Court, Muirhead, as shown on the Plan appended to the Report, be sold to the owners of that property, on appropriate terms and conditions, subject to:-

- (i) Section 12 consent being received from Scottish Ministers; and
- (ii) the purchasers meeting all costs in connection with the disposal.

## **8. VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR AREAS**

There was submitted Report No 20/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services, outlining proposed amendments to current waiting restrictions and School Keep Clear Area restrictions at various locations across Angus, to take account of changing circumstances at these sites.

The Committee agreed to the promotion of Traffic Regulation Variation Orders to effect changes to current waiting restrictions in Arbroath, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose, and School Keep Clear Area restrictions in Monifieth, all as set out in the Report.

## **9. ANGUS COUNCIL (KIRRIEMUIR ROAD FORFAR) (COMBINED 20MPH VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS VARIATION, WAITING RESTRICTIONS VARIATION AND SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR AREAS VARIATION) ORDER 2016**

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 April 2015, there was submitted Report No 21/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services, relating to the making of an Order for the purpose of varying the provisions of current Traffic Orders in respect of a 20mph variable speed limit adjacent to schools, waiting restrictions and school keep clear areas at Kirriemuir Road, Forfar.

One of the two objections lodged during the consultation process remained outstanding and the Report detailed the response to this made by the Head of Technical and Property Services.

The Committee agreed to note the objection received during the consultation process, and to approve the making of the Order as published.

## **10. A933 & B965 ENTRANCES TO FRIOCKHEIM – AMENDMENT TO EXISTING SPEED LIMIT**

With reference to Article 21 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 4 March 2008, there was submitted Report No 22/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services, advising the Committee as to concerns raised by local members, on behalf of local residents, over speeding on both the A933 and B965 approaches into Friockheim and the request for reduced speed limits; and also detailed the findings of engineering investigations carried out at both locations.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the concerns of the local residents, and also the findings of the engineering investigations carried out to assess those concerns; and
- (ii) to approve the implementation of amendment to the existing speed limit on the B965.

**11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee resolved in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Part 1, Schedule 7A, Paragraphs 6 and 9 (Article 12); and Paragraph 1 (Article 13).

**12. DISPOSAL – FORMER PICTAVIA VISITOR CENTRE, BRECHIN**

There was submitted Report No 23/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services, regarding proposed arrangements for the disposal of the former Pictavia Visitor Centre in Brechin.

The Committee agreed to approve the sale of the former Pictavia Visitor Centre, Brechin, as set out in the Report.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF A RELATIVE OF A CHIEF OFFICER**

There was submitted Report No 16/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services regarding the appointment of the relative of a Chief Officer to a post within the Communities Directorate of the Council.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendation, as detailed in the Report.