

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 29 May 2018, at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, LOIS SPEED, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID LUMGAIR, IAN MCLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, MARK SALMOND and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor SPEED, Vice Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Craig Fotheringham and Braden Davy, with Councillors David Fairweather and Colin Brown substituting, respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 April 2018 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee of 23 March 2018, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted. **(Appendix 1).**

(c) William Lamb Studio Advisory Committee

The minute of meeting of the William Lamb Studio Advisory Committee of 29 March 2018, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted. **(Appendix 2).**

Arising therefrom, the Strategic Director – Place updated the Committee as to future arrangements regarding the William Lamb Studio in Montrose. Meetings had taken place between Council officers and the Friends of The William Lamb Studio, including Mr Norman Atkinson, the Chair of that Group. Mr Atkinson was currently preparing a submission for consideration by Montrose and District Elected Members.

The Committee agreed to note the position.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO SUB COMMITTEES AND MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP

The Committee agreed the following appointments in place of Councillor Hands who was no longer a member of this Committee:-

- (1) Executive Sub-Committee: Councillor Devine;
- (2) Environmental Appeals Sub-Committee: Councillor Braes; and
- (3) Pride in Place Member/Officer Working Group: Councillor Devine.

5. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 APRIL 2018 TO 29 MAY 2018

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 April 2018, there was submitted and noted Report No 171/18 by the Strategic Director – Place, together with its three schedules, namely:-

Schedule 1 – Winter Maintenance 2017/2018 Activity Review;

Schedule 2 – Private Sector Housing Grants 2017/18 – Quarter to 31 March 2018; and

Schedule 3 – Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority and Exemptions from 1 October 2017 – 31 March 2018.

With reference to Schedule 2, having heard the Strategic Director – Place, members paid tribute to Council and Tayside Contracts staff, and to volunteers, particularly from the local farming community, in recognition of the way in which they had dealt with the difficult conditions over the winter period. Members also praised the levels of community resilience displayed throughout Angus over the same period.

6. SURPLUS PROPERTY

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 April 2018, there was submitted Report No 172/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, identifying parcels of land at Maryton and Padanaram as being surplus to the requirements of the Council, and proposing their disposal to the owners of adjoining properties.

The ground to the east of number 8 Third Row, Maryton, currently formed part of the tenancies of numbers 4 and 6, Third Row; while ground to the rear of 39 St Ninian's Road, Padanarm, currently formed part of the tenancies of numbers 37 and 39 St Ninian's Road.

The Committee agreed to declare surplus to the requirements of the Council the parcels of land to the east of Number 8 Third Row, Maryton, as detailed on the Deed plan attached at Appendix 1 to the Report; and to the rear of 39 St Ninian's Road, Padanaram, as detailed on the Deed plan attached at Appendix 2 to the Report; and each to be sold to the respective owners of those properties, generating capital receipts for the Housing Revenue Account.

7. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009: A CONSULTATION ON POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE AREAS

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 15 November 2016, there was submitted Report No 173/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising members as to the draft response to the consultation on the review and revision of identification of Potentially Vulnerable Areas as part of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.

In terms of its central role as set out in the 2009 Act, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) had launched a formal consultation seeking views on the new potentially vulnerable areas (PVAs). This had been published on 1 May 2018 with responses to be submitted to the closing date of 31 July 2018. PVAs would be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval in September of this year with the final version of the National Flood Risk Assessment, and PVAs, being published within December 2018.

The Flood Risk Management Member Officer Working Group had been briefed on this matter and had indicated support for the results of the review.

The Council's proposed detailed response to the consultation was attached as Appendix 3 to the Report and the Council was encouraging participation in the consultation amongst local interest groups and organisations, including Community Flood Action Groups and Community Councils.

The Committee agreed to approve the draft response to the consultation *Flood Risk Management Planning: 2018 Potentially Vulnerable Areas*, as detailed in the Report.

8. VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS AT KIRRIEMUIR ROAD, FORFAR

There was submitted Report No 174/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising members that as a result of a forthcoming housing development of approximately 240 houses at Turfbeg, Forfar, on land bounded on its north side by Kirriemuir Road (the A926), which included the formation of two new junctions and new bus stops on Kirriemuir Road, there would be an increased level of vehicular and passenger traffic on Kirriemuir Road on completion of the development.

The Angus Traffic Co-ordinating Group had recently considered a speed reduction proposal for the current 60mph limit to be reduced to 40mph on Kirriemuir Road adjacent to the development site. The Group agreed that this was appropriate in the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety and free traffic flow.

The Committee agreed that the Council promote and make a Speed Limits Order to effect changes to the current speed limit on a section of Kirriemuir Road, Forfar as detailed in this Report.

9. STOPPING-UP OF TWO SECTIONS OF FORMER B954 MUIRHEAD-ALYTH ROAD AT DRONLEY, BIRKHILL

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 June 2017, there was submitted Report No 175/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, relating to the proposed Stopping-Up of two sections of the former public road at Dronley.

At both locations, the solum of each section of road were now owned by a local farmer and once stopped up, the solum would revert to the farmers control at these locations.

The Committee agreed to the promotion and making, and to the confirmation if unopposed, for the submission to Scottish Ministers for confirmation if opposed, of the Stopping Up Order to extinguish public right of passage over two sections of former road at Dronley, Muirhead as indicated in the two Appendices to the Report.

10. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND – PROGRAMME OF WORKS

With reference to Article 17 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 June 2017, there was submitted Report No 176/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising as to delivery of a programme of projects funded in 2017/18 through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Fund, and setting out the programme of projects proposed for funding during 2018/19. Appendices 1 and 2 to the Report summarised the projects undertaken during 2016/17, and the proposed programme to be undertaken in 2018/19, respectively.

Having heard from Councillor Cheape, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the amended programme of projects which was undertaken during 2017/18; and
- (ii) to approve the programme of projects to be undertaken during the financial year 2018/19; subject to the deferral of the proposal in relation to Carnoustie, to allow wider consultation with the local community on possible alternatives.

11. PROPERTY TRANSACTION – HOMOLOGATION REPORT

With reference to Articles 14 and 16 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 December 2015, there was submitted Report No 177/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, seeking homologation of the decision to agree the letting of the first floor of William Wallace House, Orchardbank, Forfar, to Tayside Valuation Joint Board.

It was proposed to let the first floor of the building to TVJB for a period of 10 years at a rental of £50,000 per annum subject to rent review at the end of the fifth year, at which time TVJB would have an option to terminate the lease.

Several viewings had taken place with third parties and it was hoped to secure a tenant for the remaining vacant space within the building in due course. As William Wallace House sat within the Housing Revenue Account, any leases would secure income to the HRA.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to homologate the decision taken by the Strategic Director – Place; Head of Infrastructure; Service Leader – Housing; and the Service Leader – Legal and Democratic to agree the letting of the first floor of William Wallace House to Tayside Valuation Joint Board; and

- (ii) to delegate authority to the Service Leader – Housing, in consultation with the Head of Infrastructure and the Head of Finance and Legal, to approve for the leases of vacant offices at William Wallace House at market value rent.