

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 14 August 2018, at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, SHEILA HANDS, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAN MCLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, MARK SALMOND, LOIS SPEED and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor SALMOND, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Braden Davy, Brenda Durno and David Lumgair, with Councillors Angus Macmillan Douglas, Sheila Hands and David Fairweather substituting, respectively.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Stewart declared a non-financial interest in Item 5 (Report No 230/18), in that a family member was a 'Blue Badge' holder. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 May 2018 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Executive Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Communities Committee of 3 July 2018, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted. **(Appendix 1).**

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 30 MAY 2018 TO 14 AUGUST 2018

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 May 2018, there was submitted Report No 229/18 by the Strategic Director – Place, together with its three schedules, namely:-

Schedule 1 – Private Sector Housing Grants 2018/19 – Quarter 1 to 30 June 2018;

Schedule 2 – Arbroath (Brothock Water) Flood Protection Scheme – Update;

Schedule 3 – Winter Service Policy and Provision for 2018/19.

These Schedules provided information to Members with regard to services delivered by the Place Directorate.

The Committee agreed to note Schedules 1 and 2.

Schedule 3, regarding winter road maintenance services, detailed, inter alia, reductions in certain service provision, particularly in rural areas.

Having heard from the Convener, the Clerk confirmed that as Schedule 3 was an Information Report, it was not competent for any motions or amendments to be considered.

Having heard from Councillors Moore, Braes, Fairweather, Cheape, Hands, Proctor, Bell, Duff and Devine, the Committee agreed to note Schedule 3.

Councillor Stewart, having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

5. PROVISION OF DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES FOR QUALIFYING PERSONS

With reference to Article 31 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 24 August 2010, there was submitted Report No 230/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, seeking approval for the Head of Infrastructure to utilise powers to designate disabled persons' parking places in residential areas for individual qualified persons.

Recent changes to the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) offered the opportunity for more flexibility to be applied to the decision making process with regard to the provision of signage and road markings generally. This included the possibility of bays potentially being designated for individual Blue Badge holders, as opposed to all Blue Badge holders. The Council would consider such applications on merit on a case by case basis, subject to the individual circumstances of the applicant. Given the experience that there was a limited number of cases where designation would be appropriate, and noting the cost of such designation in terms of signage and administration, it was envisaged that this power would be used only where it became necessary to avoid neighbour disputes or where consequences around the disability were so severe that occasional loss of parking would be significant.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to implement a policy to designate a disabled person's parking bay to specific individual qualifying persons at the discretion of the Head of Infrastructure.

Councillor Stewart re-entered the meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF TIGHNDUIN GARDENS, MONIFIETH

There was submitted Report No 231/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, setting out proposals to adopt the road at Tighnduin Gardens, Monifieth and setting out the process necessary to implement adoption in terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposals to adopt Tighnduin Gardens, Monifieth;
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Infrastructure to undertake all necessary actions in relation to the process for adopting Tighnduin Gardens, and to adopt the street in question; and
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Infrastructure to add Tighnduin Gardens to the list of public roads in due course.

7. ANGUS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of Communities Committee of 26 September 2017, there was submitted Report No 232/18 by the Head of Communities, advising the Committee of changes in the membership of the Angus Local Access Forum.

In terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the Forum, established and appointed by each local authority, had the responsibility of advising the local authority and other person or body consulting the Forum on matters relating to the exercise of access rights, the existence of and delineation of rights of way, or the drawing up and adoption of a plan for a system of core paths. The Report detailed changes in membership of the Forum and made recommendations as to appointment of new representatives to it.

The Committee agreed to the following appointments:-

- (i) Nicholas Hamilton as a user representative;
- (ii) Alan Hunter, Manager – Development Standards, as the Angus Council representative; and
- (iii) Angus Grey as the Forestry Commission representative.