

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 25 September 2018, at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN, DAVID CHEAPE, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, DAVID LUMGAIR, MARK McDONALD, IAN MCLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, BOB MYLES, RON STURROCK, MARK SALMOND 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, Ronnie Proctor MBE and Lois Speed, with Councillors Bob Myles, Mark McDonald, Colin Brown and Ron Sturrock substituting, respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moore declared a non-financial interest in Item 7 (Report No 291/18), in that he had been approached by the instigator of a petition, but had expressed no opinion on the matter. He indicated that he would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Braes declared a non-financial interest in Item 8 (Report No 292/18), in that he was a friend of an objector to the proposals. He indicated that he had not expressed any opinion in the matter; however he would not take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Bell declared a financial interest in Item 10 (Report No 294/18), in that she was a business owner affected by the proposed introduction of car parking charges as outlined in Report No 294/18. She indicated that she would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor McLaren declared a financial interest in Item 10 (Report No 294/18), in that he was the owner of a business potentially affected by the proposals under that Report. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of that item.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 August 2018 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 15 AUGUST 2018 TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 August 2018, there was submitted Report No 288/18 by the Strategic Director – Place, together with Schedule 1 – Changes to the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse.

With reference to Schedule 1, the Strategic Director welcomed Councillor Bell's suggestion that frontagers could be asked to help keep their front pavements and roadsides clear and suggested that this could be discussed at a Pride and Place Member Officer Working Group meeting in the near future.

5. HOUSING CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT 2018/19

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of special meeting of this Committee of 6 February 2018, there was submitted Report No 289/18 by the Head of Communities, relating to the Housing Revenue Account Capital performance to date in 2018/19, and setting out the actual capital spend to 31 July 2018, together with projected out-turns for the year to 31 March 2019 and any required updated capital funding proposals.

Officers answered questions from Councillors Braes, Duff, Myles, Moore and McLaren, following which the Committee, having reviewed and scrutinised the contents of the Report and the

projected year end positions on capital expenditure, and the indicative funding proposals for the programme, agreed to note the updated Capital Monitoring Budget as per paragraph 4.1 of the Report, and as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

6. SURPLUS PROPERTY – ROSEMOUNT PLACE, HILLSIDE

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 May 2018, there was submitted Report No 290/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, identifying a parcel of land at Rosemount Place, Hillside as being surplus to the requirements of the Council, and proposing its disposal to the owner of the adjoining property.

The ground lay to the southwest of number 20 Rosemount Place, Hillside, adjacent to the property's existing garden ground, and was owned by the Council, being held on the Housing Revenue Account.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to declare surplus to the requirements of the Council the land detailed in the Report and shown outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (ii) its disposal to the owner of the adjoining property at 20 Rosemount Place, Hillside.

7. KEPTIE STREET, ARBROATH – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – UPDATE

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of this Committee on 14 November 2017, there was submitted Report No 291/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, updating the Committee on feedback from local businesses regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath; seeking approval for further consultation to take place; and to delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of the further consultation.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to consult further on the proposals and to delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of the further consultation;
- (iii) to note that a further Report would be brought back to the Committee following completion of the proposed consultation in due course, reporting on the results of that consultation; including costings of the options proposed;
- (iv) that officers also consult with Northeast Sensory Services and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association;
- (v) that all members be invited to attend a further site visit; and
- (vi) that businesses on Keptie Street be made aware of the site visit in order that they too could have their views taken into account.

Councillor Braes, having declared a non-financial interest at Item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the undernoted item.

8. THE ANGUS COUNCIL (WEIGHT LIMITS ON BRIDGES) (VARIATION) ORDER 201X – NEWTON FARM BRIDGE, BRECHIN

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16 January 2018, there was submitted Report No 292/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, relating to the making of the Traffic Order in respect of a weight limit on Newton Farm Bridge, Brechin.

The Report indicated that the farmer of the land at Newton of Stracathro Farm, near the bridge location and through which the affected road ran, had objected to the proposals as the proposed weight limit would impact on the objector's business due to increased costs arising from the additional travelling distance of their vehicles between their fields.

The Report further indicated that while the concerns of the objector were appreciated by the Head of Infrastructure, a bridge assessment by the owners, The Highways Agency – Historical Railways Estate, had indicated that the structure was in a poor condition and recommended the weight restriction to be introduced. The Council therefore sought to promote an order to impose the restriction in the interests of traffic safety. The weight restriction would remain in place until the owners were able to act upon the planning consent which they had already gained to carry out remedial works.

The Committee agreed to note the objections received during the publication period; and to approve the making of the Order.

Councillor Braes returned to the meeting at this point.

9. DAMACRE ROAD, BRECHIN – ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

There was submitted Report No 293/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising as to representations made to the Council in relation to traffic safety in Damacre Road, Brechin, and seeking authority to undertake formal consultation on traffic management proposals for the street.

Having heard Councillor Braes, a local member, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the concerns raised by local residents;
- (ii) that the Head of Infrastructure undertake public consultation on proposals for the introduction of a one-way traffic management system; and
- (iii) to note that a further report would be brought forward to this Committee following completion of the proposed consultation.

Councillors Bell and McLaren, having declared an interest at Item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

10. ANGUS COUNCIL (OFF-STREET CAR PARKS) (DECRIMINALISED ENFORCEMENT) (VARIATION) (No. 2) ORDER 2018 - CAR PARKING CHARGES

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 14 June 2018, there was submitted Report No 294/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising as to the introduction of charges for parking at various Angus Council-operated off-street car parks in Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Montrose.

The Committee agreed to note the objections received during the publication period and to approve the making of the Order.

Councillors Bell and McLaren returned to the meeting at this point.

11. VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS AT A930 DUNDEE - MUIRDRUM ROAD, CARNOUSTIE

With reference to Articles 5, 6 and 7 of the minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 24 April 2018, there was submitted Report No 295/18 advising as to proposed alterations to the current speed limit on a section of the A930 Dundee – Muirdrum road, to the north of Carnoustie.

Planning permission had been granted for the development of an area of agricultural land at Carlogie, Carnoustie, for a business, industrial and storage/distribution park. The overall development included improved roads infrastructure comprising realignment of the existing A930 Dundee to Muirdrum Road between Panbride Road and Muirdrum. It was anticipated therefore that with the completion of the development there would be an increased level of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle traffic on the new, realigned main road.

The Committee agreed to the promotion and making of a Speed Limits Order to implement a speed limit on a proposed realigned section of the A930 Dundee to Muirdrum road, to the north of Carnoustie as detailed in the plan at Appendix 1 to the Report.

12. VEHICLE LENGTH RESTRICTIONS ON ROADS – TANNAGE BRAE AND KNOWEHEAD, KIRRIEMUIR

There was submitted Report No 296/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising as to the requirement for promotion of an Order to provide an exemption from vehicle length restrictions in Tannage Brae and Knowehead for refuse vehicles. This would enable the waste operation service to utilise legally these roads for the collection of refuse from premises served directly from these roads and on other roads leading from Knowehead and Tannage Brae.

The Committee agreed to the promotion and, if no objections were received or any objections were withdrawn, the making of, a Traffic Regulation Order to provide an exemption for refuse collection vehicles to the current vehicle length restriction in Tannage Brae and Knowehead, Kirriemuir, and on other roads leading from them.

13. TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL – SURVEY AND CALL FOR VIEWS

There was submitted Report No 297/18 by the Head of Infrastructure, advising as to the introduction by the Scottish Government of the Transport (Scotland) Bill to the Scottish Parliament, and the associated launch by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee of the Scottish Parliament of a survey and call for views on the proposed legislation.

The Report set out draft responses to be submitted to that Committee and included comments on low emission zones, bus services, ticketing arrangements and schemes, pavement parking and double parking, roadworks and miscellaneous items.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Bill to the Scottish Parliament on 8 June 2018; and
- (ii) to approve the draft responses to the survey and call for views, as detailed in Report No 297/18.