

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held remotely, on Tuesday, 18 August 2020, at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors MARK SALMOND, TOMMY STEWART, MARK McDONALD, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, DAVID LUMGAIR, IAN MCLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, and LOIS SPEED.

Councillor Salmond, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Julie Bell with Councillor McDonald substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of:

- (i) Special Meeting of this Committee of 11 February 2020; and
- (ii) Meeting of this Committee of 25 February 2020,

were submitted, approved as correct records, and signed by the Convener.

4. RESTORATION WORKS AT RESTENNETH LANDFILL SITE

With reference to Article 4, Schedule 1 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 April, 2018, there was submitted Report No 197/20 by the Director of Communities, regarding proposals for the Council to enter into a contractual agreement with Delson Demolition Ltd for provision of earthworks associated with restoration, capping and landscaping works at the former Restenneth Landfill Site. SEPA had been consulted and had raised no issues. Delson had a current agreement with the Council for restoration works at the former Arrats Mill landfill site, and had approached the Council for a similar agreement at Restenneth. While other capping and restoration works, detailed in Section 5.4 of the Report, would incur costs as yet unconfirmed, it was anticipated that the contractual agreement with Delson would result in a significant underspend, which could then be reallocated to other Council priorities.

Members generally welcomed the proposals, and having officers respond to questions from Councillors Proctor, Duff and Braes, and comments from Councillor Devine, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to authorise the Director of Communities to enter into a contractual agreement with Delson Demolition Ltd for earthworks associated with restoration, capping and landscaping works at the former Restenneth Landfill Site as detailed in Section 5 of the Report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Communities bring a report to the Communities Committee regarding the award of a contract for specialised capping works at the former Restenneth Landfill Site, as detailed in Section 5 of the Report.

5. WEIGHT LIMIT ON HAYSHEAD ROAD, ARBROATH

There was submitted Report No 198/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, proposing the promotion of a permanent Order to limit the weight of vehicles using Hayshead Road, Arbroath, with appropriate exemptions.

The Convener intimated to members that he wished to propose an additional recommendation 4 to the Report, and this was circulated to members, the terms being as follows:-

“To instruct the Director of Infrastructure and Service Leader – Roads & Transportation to include the promotion, and if no objections are received, the making of the additional Orders for a reduction in the speed limits to 40mph on the following roads, which are currently de-regulated 60mph, either in the same Prohibition Order or separate Traffic Order as appropriate, along with implementation of signage and lining as required:

- (i) Bearfaulds Road from the commencement of the de-regulated signage at Meadowbank Inn to the junction with Seaton Road; and
- (ii) From the above junction with Seaton Road to the exiting 30mph boundary signage for Arbroath on Seaton Road.”

Members generally welcomed the Report and additional recommendation. The Committee heard from the Convener and Councillors Speed, Durno, Duff and Braes. The Service Leader - Roads and Transportation responded to members’ questions and confirmed that on occasions, circumstances might arise where Hayshead Road may still require to be used as a temporary diversional route.

The Convener, seconded by Councillor Stewart, then moved the recommendations as set out in the Report, along with the additional Recommendation.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to the promotion, and if no objections were received, or any objections were withdrawn, the making of a Traffic Regulation Order restricting the weight of vehicles permitted to use Hayshead Road, Arbroath;
- (ii) to provide an exemption for refuse collection vehicles and access to properties located on Hayshead Road;
- (iii) to note the erection of advisory signage in advance of the promotion of the Traffic Regulation Order, and to address the risk of displaced vehicles using inappropriate alternative routes, and
- (iv) to instruct the Director of Infrastructure and Service Leader – Roads & Transportation to include the promotion, and if no objections are received, the making of the additional Orders for a reduction in the speed limits to 40mph on the following roads, which are currently de-regulated 60mph, either in the same Prohibition Order or separate Traffic Order as appropriate, along with implementation of signage and lining as required:

Bearfaulds Road from the commencement of the de-regulated signage at Meadowbank Inn to the junction with Seaton Road; and

From the above junction with Seaton Road to the exiting 30mph boundary signage for Arbroath on Seaton Road.

6. WINTER SERVICE POLICY AND PROVISION FOR 2020/2021

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 August 2019, there was submitted Report No 199/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, setting out the proposed Service Policy for the coming winter, and detailing the proposed service provision for preventative treatment – A Code of Practice and snow clearing during the 2020/21 winter period, together with contingency arrangements to cater for extreme conditions prevailing, in conjunction with the operational issues detailed in the Operational Details, and as recommended by *Well Managed Highway Infrastructure – A Code of Practice*.

Councillor Braes, seconded by Councillor Devine, moved an amendment.

The Committee agreed to a 15 minute recess to allow the Convener to take advice from the relevant officers on the terms of the amendment.

The meeting re-convened at 15.07 following which the Convener the Convener ruled that the amendment was not competent as it had not been submitted in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 16(9).

Thereafter the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the Winter Maintenance 2019-20 Activity Review included in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (ii) to approve the policy for the Winter Service during the forthcoming winter, as stated in Appendix 2 to the Report;
- (iii) to note the operational details in Appendix 3 to the Report;
- (iv) to note the arrangements proposed to meet the costs of the Winter Service during 2020/21 as set out in the Report;
- (v) to delegate authority to the Service Leader – Roads and Transportation to change temporarily the level of service as proposed in the Report in extreme conditions including authorisation of the necessary associated expenditure;
- (vi) to delegate authority to the Service Leader – Roads and Transportation to deviate from the treatment decision matrix and introduce salt conservation techniques as proposed in the Report if difficulties were experienced or anticipated in obtaining sufficient salt supplies; and
- (vii) to agree that the Council continued with the previously adopted spread rates as set out in the Report.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(11)(ii), Councillor Braes requested that his dissent be recorded from the foregoing decision.