

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held remotely, on Tuesday, 20 April 2021, at 2.00 pm.

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

Councillor Salmond, Convener, in the Chair.

1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

There were no apologies intimated.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Cheape declared a non-financial declaration of interest in Item 6 as listed on the Agenda, Report No 120/21, in that he had consulted, met with, and listened to local residents. He had not commented or expressed any opinion, and would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

3. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 23 February 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Convener.

4. **REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION**

The Convener intimated that a Deputation request had been received from Mrs Gaynor Murray, a local resident, in connection with Item 4 (Report no 120/21) below.

In accordance with the provision Standing Order 11(1) the Committee agreed to alter the order of business and proceeded in the following order.

The Committee agreed to hear the deputation.

Mrs Murray then described to members the difficulties as she saw them, of current parking arrangements in Thistle Street, Carnoustie and provided slides to illustrate this. She indicated that she had tried to consider all views from residents in the street, and also offered her own proposals for improving the situation.

Mrs Murray then answered questions from Councillors Cheape and Proctor, following which the Convener thanked Mrs Murray for her deputation.

5. **THISTLE STREET, CARNOUSTIE – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND / OR ONE-WAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 24 November 2020, there was submitted Report No 120/21 by the Director of Infrastructure, presenting the results of the public consultation process regarding the possible introduction of waiting restrictions and/or one-way traffic management system on Thistle Street, Carnoustie.

The Convener acknowledged that there remained concerns about the proposed parking arrangements in Thistle Street, but pointed out that the Report made certain recommendations following local consultation. He asked for the views of local elected members, and in all, the Committee heard the views of Councillors Cheape and McDonald (both local members) and also Councillors Durno, Proctor, Braes, Davy and Moore.

The Director of Infrastructure reminded members that the problems in parking for residents of Thistle Street were longstanding, and that public consultation had been carried out on only the matters considered in this Report. The proposals made by Mrs Murray in the Deputation,

therefore had not been subject to consultation. What the Director described as the inconsiderate parking opposite the cul-de-sac in breach of the Highway Code, contributed significantly to difficulties in Thistle Street, by restricting access/egress from the cul-de-sac off Thistle Street and seriously inhibiting the progress of emergency vehicles. Yellow lines were already in place on the north side of Thistle Street, but any extension in length of these lines would require to be subjected to further consultation. Officers had considered the introduction of a one way system, which they believed would only be feasible from the West Path direction.

Following further discussion the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the comments received during the consultation process regarding the introduction of waiting restrictions and / or one-way traffic management system on Thistle Street, Carnoustie;
- (ii) to note the range of opinions expressed by those who had responded to the consultation;
- (iii) to the introduction of waiting restrictions on the south side of the street with discussions to take place on the length of the restrictions, with local elected members;
- (iv) to instruct the Service Leader – Roads & Transportation to initiate the promotion of the necessary traffic orders associated with the chosen option and to procure the required works; and
- (v) to carry out consultation as necessary on an extension to waiting restrictions on the north side of Thistle Street.

6. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2021/22

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16 April 2019, there was submitted Report No 118/21 by the Director of Communities, seeking authority to be delegated to the Service Leader – Environmental Services to procure vehicles and equipment required for the 2021 / 22 capital replacement programme.

The Service Leader – Environmental Services responded to questions from Councillors Devine, Duff, Moore and Braes, after which the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Service Leader – Environmental Services to procure vehicles and equipment required for the 2021/22 capital replacement programme on the basis set out in Report No 118/21.

7. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 - UPDATE

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 12 November 2019, there was submitted Report No 119/21 by the Director of Infrastructure, providing an update to members on the requirements of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, including consultation on the potential actions in the Cycle 2, 2022-28 Risk Management Plans for the Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin area, and the Tay area.

The Service Leader – Roads and Transportation answered questions from Councillors Duff, Davy, Moore, Speed and Durno.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the work undertaken to date in partnership with SEPA to allow the publication of draft Flood Risk Management Strategies information for joint public consultation in 2021;
- (ii) to note that the cyber-attack on SEPA had impacted on the joint public consultation, including the dates for publication;
- (iii) to the publication of potential actions for the Local Flood Risk Management Plan for the Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin Local Plan District and the Tay Local Plan District as detailed in Report No 119/21, for consultation by the end of July 2021;
- (iv) to authorise the required steps under the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin Local Flood Risk Management Plan up to the point of

its adoption by the Council to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005;

- (v) to note that a further report on the final Flood Risk Management Strategies and Plans would be brought to Committee after the joint public consultation with SEPA; and
- (vi) to note that the final actions in the Local Flood Risk Management Plan would require to be considered for funding through the Council's financial budgeting processes for 2022/23 and future years.

8. 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS – ARBROATH HIGH SCHOOL; ABBEY VIEW CAMPUS (HAYSHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ST THOMAS' RC PRIMARY SCHOOL)

There was submitted Report No 121/21 by the Director of Infrastructure, proposing the installation of part-time 20mph speed limits at Arbroath high school and Abbey View Campus (former Hayshead Primary School and St Thomas' RC Primary School), Arbroath. Although there were several speed management options to consider when introducing such specific speed limits, the most appropriate for school sites, and particularly for school frontages was 20mph part time speed limits or 20mph zones, as described in Appendix A to Report 121/21.

The Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group had included in its action plan (with reference to Article 7, minute of Meeting of this Committee on 23 February 2021) a Speed Management Plan as part of the delivery plan to the Road Safety Framework to 2030.

In response to questions from Councillors Moore and Speed, the Service Manager – Roads and Transportation advised that these schools were the last remaining to be dealt with from the 2003/04 study; and that it was intended to monitor both speed reductions and also the modes of travel used to school.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the inclusion of a recommendation for a Speed Management Plan in the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 Update and Phase 1 Recommendations' and the inclusion of this action, which would include the use of 20mph speed limits generally and specifically at school sites, in the action plan of the Angus Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group;
- (ii) to implement a part-time 20mph speed limit on Lochlands Drive, Arbroath outside Arbroath High School;
- (iii) to implement a part time 20mph speed limit on Hayshead Road, Arbroath outside Abbey View Campus; and
- (iv) to instruct the Service Leader – Roads and Transportation to initiate the promotion of the necessary Traffic Orders associated with the proposals.