

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held remotely, on Tuesday, 25 May 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. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations intimated.

## 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 April 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Convener.

## 4. INFORMATION REPORTS

There was submitted and noted Report No 159/21, by the Director of Infrastructure, which, with the attached Schedules 1 and 2, provided key information to members during the period 24 February to 25 May 2021 with regard to services in the Roads and Transportation Service of the Infrastructure Directorate, relating to Winter Maintenance in 2020/21; and the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey and the Local Government Benchmarking Framework, respectively.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER / OFFICER GROUPS

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 13 May 2021, there was submitted Report No 160/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, giving details of Member/Officer Group membership within the remit of this Committee, and providing the opportunity for members to review the membership in the light of political balance as reported to the Council.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the changes to political balance as detailed in the Addendum to Report No 136/21;
- (ii) to note the current membership of the Flood Risk Management and the Road Safety Member/Officer Groups; and
- (iii) to make adjustments to the two Member/Officer Groups as follows:
  - (a) Flood Risk Management Group to comprise 6 members – Administration (3) - Councillors Craig Fotheringham, Ian McLaren and Ronnie Proctor; SNP (2) - Councillors Bill Duff and Lynne Devine; Non-Aligned (1): Councillor Cheape.
  - (b) Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group to comprise 6 members – Administration (3) – Councillors Mark Salmond, Tommy Stewart and Richard Moore – (Councillor McLaren to leave the Group); SNP (2) – Councillors Kenny Braes and Mark McDonald; Non-Aligned (1) – Councillor Lois Speed.

## **6. ANGUS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 August 2019, there was submitted Report No 161/21 by the Interim Director of Communities advising as to changes to the membership of the Angus Local Access Forum, and seeking approval for the appointment of two new representatives to the Forum.

The current membership of the Forum was detailed in Appendix 1 to Report No 161/21.

In terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the Forum, established and appointed by each local authority, had responsibility for 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 Committee agreed:

- (i) to the appointment of Mr Jonathan Dymock as a land manager representative, and Mr Andrew Matthews as a community representative; and
- (ii) to request that, to update the Committee on the work of the Angus Local Access Forum, an Information Report be prepared for the next meeting of this Committee, and that consideration be given to regular receipt by the Committee of the minutes of the Forum.

## **7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee resolved, in terms of Standing Order 28(2), that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraphs 6 and 9 (Item 8); and 2, 3, 6 and 9 (Item 9).

## **8. NEW-BUILD RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST**

There was submitted Report No 162/21 by the Director of Infrastructure, seeking authority for a proposed procurement where the maximum value of the contract arrangements exceeded the Chief Officer's delegated authority limit.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations in the Report.

## **9. SUPPORTED HOUSING IN WEST ANGUS**

There was submitted Report No 163/21 by the Interim Director of Communities to update members on plans to deliver a supported housing facility in West Angus.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations in the Report.