

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK MCDONALD, KENNY BRAES, BRIAN BOYD, JULIE BELL, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAN McLAREN, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor MCDONALD, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener congratulated all members present on their election to the Council, and paid tribute to the previous Convener Mark Salmond for all his contributions over the years and fairness in dealing with Committee business. He expressed confidence that all members of this Committee would work well together for the good of the people of Angus.

The Convener advised that Ian Cochrane and Douglas Hill were retiring from the Council and paid tribute to their professionalism, expertise and leadership over the many years and wished them well in their retirement.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Linda Clark, substituted by Councillor Bell.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

### 3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee noted that its membership was as agreed at the meeting of the Council on 26 May 2022.

### 4. REMIT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee agreed to note the remit of the Committee as appended to the papers.

### 5. MINUTES

#### (a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 February 2022 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

#### (b) Special Committee Meeting

The Special minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 February 2022, was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

#### (c) Land Reform Sub Committee

The minutes of meetings of the Land Reform Sub-Committee of 27 January and 15 February 2022 were submitted and noted.

#### (d) Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee of 4 March 2022, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted.  
**(APPENDIX I)**

## 6. APPOINTMENTS TO SUB COMMITTEES

The Committee agreed to appoint members to the undernoted Sub Committees as detailed: -

### (a) Executive Sub Committee

Councillors McDonald and Braes as Convener and Vice Convener; and Councillor Stewart.

### (b) Land Reform Sub Committee

Councillors McDonald and Braes as Convener and Vice Convener; together with the members of each Ward affected by the business to be transacted.

### (c) Environmental Appeals Sub Committee

Councillors McDonald and Braes as Convener and Vice Convener; and Councillor Fairweather.

### (d) Appointments to Member Officer Working Groups

The Committee agreed to appoint members to the undernoted Member Officer Working Groups as detailed: -

#### (i) Flood Risk Management MOG

Councillors Braes, Cowdy, Duff, McLaren, Proctor and Scott. It was agreed that Councillor Duff be appointed the Chair.

#### (ii) Road Safety MOG

Councillors Clark, Cowdy, McDonald, Fotheringham, McLaren and Scott. It was agreed that Councillor McDonald be appointed the Chair.

### (e) Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee

The Committee agreed to appoint members to the Arbroath Harbour Joint Consultative Committee as detailed: -

Councillors Cowdy, Durno, Fairweather, Louise Nicol and Shepherd.

It was noted that there was one vacancy which would be filled at the Communities Committee on 16 August 2022. The Committee agreed that Cllr Fairweather serve as interim Convener of the Committee.

## 7. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER ROUTES FUND – PROGRAMME OF WORKS

With reference to Article 17 of the minute of meeting of Council of 24 June 2021, there was submitted Report No 134/22 by the Director of Infrastructure which provided an update on the delivery of the programme of projects funded in 2021/22 through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes ("CWSR") fund and to seek approval of the programme of projects to be funded during 2022/23.

A summary of the projects undertaken during 2021/22 was outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report and a summary of the proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2022/23, which were developed based on responses to the public consultation was outlined in Appendix 2 of the Report.

Appendix 3 to the Report outlined the other active travel projects identified and assessed through CWSR consultation which would be utilised to feed into the pipeline of Active Travel projects as funding opportunities were presented and would be reassessed against the specific funding criteria on offer. These funds included Smart Choices, Smarter Places; Regional Active Travel Development Fund; Places for Everyone; Sustrans NCN Development

Fund; and could also extend to Place-Based Investment Programme Fund, Participatory Budgeting, Regeneration Capital Grant Fund and future town centre and regional regeneration funding.

It was noted that as the projects on the CWSR programme or other funded active travel were developed, further details would be provided to members in the relevant ward(s), shared with community councils and publicised in advance of physical works commencing. Any major projects would also be subject to reporting to committee as appropriate.

Appendix 4 to the Report provided a location plan which showed the distribution of projects across Angus from CWSR 2021/22, the proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2022/23 and other projects which had been identified. Discussion took place and members expressed their desire to see the projects all linked up in the future.

The Service Leader, Roads and Transport provided an overview of the projects and responded to a number of member's questions and comments.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the amended programme of projects undertaken during 2021/22;
- (ii) to approve the programme of projects to be undertaken during financial year 2022/23; and
- (iii) to note that a list of other projects identified through the CWSR consultation process were utilised as substitutes for the CWSR programme of projects 2022/23 and delegated authority to the Service Leader – Roads & Transportation to make substitutions and to feed the others into the pipeline of Active Travel projects as funding opportunities were presented.