

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 1 April 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors MARK McDONALD, KENNY BRAES, SERENA COWDY, JACK CRUICKSHANKS, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAN McLAREN, LLOYD MELVILLE, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT, MARTIN SHEPHERD, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART and JULIE BELL.

Councillor McDONALD, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Beth Whiteside, with Councillor Julie Bell substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

The Committee agreed to note that there were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 February 2025 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. B9113 FORFAR TO MONTROSE ROAD AT GOWANBANK, C6 DUNDEE TO TEALING ROAD AND C4 KINGENNIE TO DUNTRUNE ROAD – AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING SPEED LIMITS

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of Development Management Review Committee of 30 September 2024, and Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 January 2025, there was submitted Report No 119/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, which brought forward proposals to reduce the speed limits at Gowanbank, Forfar and Duntrune, Dundee.

The Director of Infrastructure and Environment introduced the Report, advising that the purpose of the Report was to implement the decisions of Committee to allow the amendments to proceed with the proposed traffic orders.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note Condition 14 agreed by the Development Management Review Committee when considering Report No. 299/24, in respect of an application for Planning Permission (20/0830/FULL) for the Erection of a Crematorium Building and associated Parking, Access, Turning Space, Landscaping and Boundary Enclosures of Land North-East of Duntrune House, Duntrune;
- (ii) to approve the implementation of the proposed amendments to the existing speed limits on the C6 and C4 to the east of Burnside of Duntrune;
- (iii) to note the previous decision of this Committee when considering Report No. 13/25 on 21 January 2025, regarding traffic calming measures for the B9113 Gowanbank, Forfar; and
- (iv) to approve the implementation of the proposed amendments to the existing speed limits on the B9113 Forfar to Montrose Road at Gowanbank, Forfar.

5. ANGUS NEW SCOTS REFUGEE INTEGRATION STRATEGY 2025-29

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 2 May 2023, there was submitted Joint Report No 120/25 by the Service Leader, Vibrant Communities and the Service Leader, Children, Family and Justice, seeking approval of the Angus New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy for the period 2025-2029 following a period of consultation with partners which would form the Council's policy in relation to resettlement delivery.

The Service Leader, Vibrant Communities introduced the Report, advising that new refugees had been welcomed to Angus through the approved refugee resettlement schemes including those supporting individuals from Afghanistan and Syria. Since 2021 there had been a strong partnership approach to assisting Ukrainians that had fled war.

Following positive comments from Members, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the ongoing work being undertaken by the Resettlement and ESOL Vibrant Communities team and partners to support New Scots who were arriving and living in Angus; and
- (ii) to approve the Angus New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy 2025-29.