

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE

BUCHAN HOUSE, PETERHEAD, 19TH MARCH 2019

- Present:** Councillors N Smith (Chair), D Beagrie (Vice Chair), A Allan, A Buchan, M Buchan, S Calder, A Fakley, J Ingram, S Smith and Councillor I Sutherland
- Apology:** Councillor A Simpson
- Officers:** Chris White, Buchan Area Manager (Business Services); Iain Meredith, Senior Solicitor - Governance (Business Services); Stewart Ingram, Principal Roads Engineer (Infrastructure Services); Rafal Jasinski, Engineer/Technician (Infrastructure Services) (via skype); Brian Shand, Principal Officer (Infrastructure Services); Viki Cameron, Head Teacher at Port Erroll (Education and Children's Services); Paul Whalley, Early Years Estate Manager (Education and Children's Services) (via skype); Tom Buchan, Facilities Manager (Business Services) (via skype); and Theresa Wood, Area Committee Officer (Business Services)

**PETERHEAD RUGBY CLUB –
WINNERS OF TENNENT'S CALEDONIA DIVISION 4 NORTH 2018/2019 TITLE**

The Chairman advised the Committee of Peterhead Rugby Club's recent success in becoming winners of the Tennent's Caledonia Division 4 North 2018/2019 Title. The Chairman further advised that Martin Ingram, Senior Solicitor for Aberdeenshire Council, continues to play his part in the Club.

The Committee **agreed** that a letter of congratulations should be sent to Peterhead Rugby Club.

DAVID NAISMITH, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

The Committee were advised that Dave Naismith, Principal Engineer within Transportation, is retiring from Aberdeenshire Council in the next couple of weeks. Dave has provided good advice to the Buchan Area Committee for many years, and the level of professional support that he has given will be hard to replace.

The Committee asked that their good wishes and grateful thanks be sent to Dave.

1. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chairman asked Members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct –

- (1) Councillor D Beagrie declared an interest in Item 6 by virtue of her role as a Feuars Manager, however, she concluded the interest to be remote and insignificant. Therefore, Councillor Beagrie advised she would remain and participate in this item,

- (2) Councillor I Sutherland declared an interest in Items 4 and 6 by virtue of his role as BID Manager, however, he concluded the interest to be remote and insignificant. Therefore, Councillor Sutherland advised he would remain and participate in this item,
- (3) Councillor I Sutherland declared an interest in Item 8 by virtue of his role as BID Manager, and advised that he would leave the meeting for this item and take no part in the discussion of this report, and
- (4) Councillor A Buchan declared an interest in Item 8 by virtue of him having a business in the area which may or may not be covered by the CCTV referred to in the report. Councillor Buchan concluded the interest to be remote and insignificant, however, and advised he would remain and participate in the item

2(a) STATEMENT ON EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **noted** the requirement, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010 –

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision

2(b) RESOLUTION

The Committee **agreed** in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the items specified below so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the undernoted paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Item No	Paragraph No of Schedule 7A
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12	8

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 26TH FEBRUARY 2019

The Minute of the Meeting of 26th February 2019 had been circulated and was **approved**.

The Committee further **agreed** to request that the information sought at the last meeting of the Committee in relation to Item 9 – Reducing Child Poverty in Aberdeenshire 2019 – be provided to Committee Members at the earliest opportunity (recommendations 4 and 8).

4. BUCHAN ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2019-2020

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services had been circulated asking that the Committee considers the proposed Annual Works Programme for Road Maintenance, including a Reserve List of Schemes, for the Buchan area.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to approve the Area Road Maintenance Programme as detailed in the appendix attached to the report,
- (2) to commend the work of the men and women who are out working on the roads and the way in which they handle their jobs so professionally in what can be, at times, dangerous situations,
- (3) to thank Officers for their efforts in keeping Councillors and members of the public up to date with road closure details etc, and
- (4) to request that Officers note that there are roadside works required approximately one mile south of Arnage School (noted to be in the Formartine area)

5. 2019/2020 BRIDGEWORKS PROGRAMME (ROAD NETWORK)

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services had been circulated asking that the Committee considers the proposed Bridgeworks Programme for the Buchan area.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to approve the Buchan Area 2019/2020 Bridgeworks Programme (Road Network), as detailed in the appendix attached to the report,
- (2) to note that any approval for any Buchan area based procurements of £50,000 or more will be sought within the Infrastructure Service 2019/2020 Procurement Plan, and
- (3) having highlighted that the temporary repair works carried out at Bishops Bridge, Cruden, back in 2014, were undertaken using modern techniques, to request that the bridge be historically restored as soon as resources allow

6. LANDSCAPE SERVICES REVENUE AND CAPITAL WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services had been circulated asking that the Committee considers the proposed annual works programme for the Buchan area, inclusive of the reserve projects also.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to approve the Area Landscape Maintenance and Capital Programme as detailed in the appendix attached to the report,
- (2) to approve the schemes headed Reserve as detailed in the appendix attached to the report,

- (3) that Reserve schemes can be brought forward in the event of slippage, provided that their inclusion does not result in the overall expenditure exceeding the allocated budget sum,
- (4) to note that approval for any Buchan area based procurements of £50,000 or more will be sought within the Infrastructure Services 2019/2020 Procurement Plan,
- (5) to thank the Landscape Services team for all their hard work throughout the year,
- (6) to request an update in respect of the proposed new cemetery at Fetterangus and that this be emailed to Councillor Ingram directly,
- (7) that Councillor Allan be advised of any communities, throughout Buchan, who are exploring the idea of or going ahead with 'Community Orchards', and
- (8) to request that Officers note that some maintenance works are required to St Fergus Cemetery gates

7. EDUCATION SCOTLAND CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT PORT ERROLL SCHOOL

A report by the Director of Education and Children's Services had been circulated advising the Committee of a further visit to Port Erroll School and ELCC by the Care Inspectorate in December 2018.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) having considered the report, to endorse the Service's continuing efforts in support of its schools in the Education Scotland inspection process and in the raising of standards of attainment and achievement in all aspects of school life, and
- (2) to further reports on Education Scotland school inspections being presented

8. PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION – CCTV IN PETERHEAD

A report by the Director of Business Services had been circulated advising that a petition had been received in relation to the need for CCTV in Peterhead. Further, that Regeneration and Town Centre Officers had advised that following concerns raised at the Rediscover Peterhead AGM in November 2018, a small steering group had met to discuss the issue of CCTV in Peterhead. Discussions are ongoing with Roads Officers and costs are being identified. A paper is to be reported to the Buchan Area Committee, from the Director of Infrastructure Services, prior to the summer recess, outlining possible solutions for CCTV in Peterhead, including ownership, sustainability, maintenance and ongoing running costs.

The Chairman advised the Committee that Mr Gilbert Burnett, who had submitted the petition, had made a request to address the Committee, but was not in attendance. In his absence, the Committee went on to hear the petition.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to hear the petition, and
- (2) to receive a report, in due course, from the Director of Infrastructure Services in respect of possible solutions for CCTV in Peterhead.

9. ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES – PROCUREMENT APPROVAL

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services had been circulated asking the Committee to consider the Work Plan and approve the items which have been identified as falling within the remit of the Buchan Area Committee.

Having considered the Directorate Work Plan, the Committee **agreed** to approve the items on the Work Plan identified as falling within the remit of the Buchan Area Committee.

10. PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT 2, DALES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PETERHEAD

A report by the Director of Business Services had been circulated asking that the Committee approve the lease of a site which extends to approximately 0.72 ha or thereby at Plot 2, Dales Industrial Estate, Peterhead.

The Committee **agreed** to instruct Officers to conclude a one year lease of Plot 2, Dales Industrial Estate, Peterhead, on the terms as outlined within the report.

11. ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2019/2020 FOR BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORATE – PROCUREMENT APPROVAL

A report by the Director of Business Services had been circulated asking the Committee to consider the Work Plan and approve the items which have been identified as falling within the remit of the Buchan Area Committee.

Having considered the Directorate Work Plan, the Committee **agreed** to approve the items on the Work Plan identified as falling within the remit of the Buchan Area Committee.

The Committee further **agreed** to request that Officers provide local Members with more detail of the works proposed at Buchanhaven Primary School

12. ANNUAL PROCUREMENT WORK PLAN FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE – PROCUREMENT APPROVAL

A report by the Director of Education and Children's Services had been circulated asking the Committee to consider the Work Plan and approve the item which has been identified as falling within the remit of the Buchan Area Committee.

Having considered the Directorate Work Plan, the Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to approve the item on the Work Plan identified as falling within the remit of the Buchan Area Committee, and
- (2) to approve the Business Case as detailed in Appendix 3 attached to the report