

The Highland Council

Minutes of Meeting of the **Black Isle Committee** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Monday 15 November 2022 at 10.30 am.

Present:

Ms S Atkin
Ms L Johnston
Ms M MacCallum

In attendance:

Mrs D Ferguson, Senior Ward Manager, Communities and Place
Mr I Moncrieff, Roads Operations Manager, Infrastructure, Environment and Economy
Mrs T Scott, Principal Planner, Planning Infrastructure, Environment and Economy
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Performance and Governance
Mrs O Marsh, Committee Officer, Performance and Governance

Also in attendance:

Mr R Dibble, SFRS

An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to the Committee.

Ms L Johnston in the Chair

Business

1. Apologies for Absence Leisgeulan

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Scottish Fire and Rescue Area Committee Performance Report Seirbheis Smàlaidh is Teasairginn

There had been circulated Report No BI/12/22 dated 31 October 2022 by the Local Senior Officer for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

During discussion the following comments were made;

- thanks were expressed for the hard work that went into producing the comprehensive report;
- it was reassuring that there had been no fatalities from dwelling fires and no non-fatal casualties from fire this year;

- it was acknowledged that firefighter recruitment was proving to be challenging;
- in relation to the ballot for industrial action within the fire service, it was queried what the current status was and what impact this would have on the fire service it went ahead;
- it was queried what factors were affecting the recruitment in Fortrose;
- attention was drawn to the high false alarm callouts this year. In this regard it was queried what were the main triggers;
- regarding deliberate fires and anti-social behaviour, information was sought, and provided, on how the Black Isle compared with other areas of Highland;
- information was sought, and provided, regarding youth firefighting qualifications and if there were still courses available; and
- Firefighters highlighting risks associated regarding using temporary heating with communities was welcomed.

The Committee **NOTED** the attached Area Performance Report.

4. **Inner Moray Firth Proposed Local Development Plan 2 Plana Leasachaidh Ionadail ga Mholadh airson Linne Mhoireibh A-staigh 2**

There had been circulated Report No BI/13/22 dated 28 October 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy.

During discussion the following comments were made;

- it appeared that houses were being built without adequate community infrastructure. In this regard it was queried if there was a regulatory limit on building houses before appropriate infrastructure should also be built;
- whilst praise of the Black Isle local development plan was given, Members queried developer contributions towards certain areas of need, such as Tore. In this regard it was highlighted that whilst Tore had additional housing allocation on the plan its village hall was out of action, and it had a smaller school facility;
- it was felt that there was an absence of transparency with developer contributions and this was creating a lack of trust in the community. Therefore, Members requested an improved approach in this matter;
- concern was raised regarding the development plan for Avoch due to the impact this would likely have on Avoch Primary School. In this regard it was felt that more planning was needed taking the school facility into more consideration; and
- information was sought, and provided, regarding the 0.8-hectare site at Munloch if this site size was deemed adequate for a new school provision.

The Committee:-

- i. **AGREED** the recommended Council response to the place-specific issues relevant to this Committee area raised in representations received on the Proposed Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- ii. **NOTED** the issues raised in representations as they related to strategic matters that might have implications for this Committee area and **NOTED** the working draft response to these issues as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;

- iii. **AGREED** to authorise officers to undertake the statutory and other procedures required to submit the Plan to Scottish Ministers and to progress the Plan through its examination up to but excluding the Plan's adoption; and
- iv. **AGREED** to authorise the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, to make any necessary Habitats Regulations Appraisal, factual or other non-material changes to Appendix 1 of the report prior to its submission to Scottish Government.

5. Black Isle Ward Discretionary budget applications approved since last meeting
Iarrtasan Buidseit fo Ùghdarras Uàird an Eilein Duibh air an aontachadh on choinneamh mu dheireadh

The Committee **NOTED** that the following Black Isle Ward Discretionary Budget applications had been approved since 8 August 2022:

- i. Resolis Hall Committee – Defibrillator Battery Pad - £380
- ii. North Kessock Village Hall Committee – Hall Improvements - £3,000
- iii. Killearnan Public Hall – Electrical Wiring - £500

6. Common Good Funds
Maoin Maith Choitichinn

a. Cromarty Common Good Fund
Maoin Math Coitcheann Chromba

There had been circulated Report No BI/14/22 dated 20 October 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place and the Head of Corporate Finance and Commercialism.

The Committee **NOTED** the position of Cromarty Common Good Fund as shown in the 2022/23 Quarter Two monitoring statement.

b. Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund
Maoin Math Coitcheann na Cananaich agus Ros Maircnidh

There had been circulated Report No BI/15/22 dated 20 October 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place and the Head of Corporate Finance and Commercialism.

During discussion it was queried on what date any rents would be renegotiated and if this could be supplied to Members.

The Committee:-

- i. **NOTED** the position of Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund as shown in the 2022/23 Quarter Two monitoring statement; and
- ii. **AGREED** to provide to Members further clarification of when any rents would be renegotiated

**7. Culbokie Proposed 20mph and 40 mph Speed Restrictions
Criochan Astair 20 msu agus 40 msu gam Moladh airson Cùil Bhàicidh**

There had been circulated Report No BI/16/22 dated 24 October 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy.

Members thanked officers for the very thorough and detailed report and also commended the input from the Community Council in relation to the speed limit adjustment.

Thereafter, The Committee **NOTED** the objections and **APPROVED** the draft traffic regulation order.

**8. Minutes
Geàrr-chunntas**

The Committee **NOTED** the Minutes of Meeting of the Black Isle Committee held on 8 August 2022 which were approved by the Council on 22 September 2022.

The meeting ended at 12:10pm