

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Agenda Item	6
Report No	DSA/9/23

Committee:	Dingwall and Seaforth Committee
Date:	22 May 2023
Report Title:	Dingwall Common Good Fund – Variation to Property Budget 2023/24
Report By:	Executive Chief Officer - Communities and Place

1. Background/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report highlights the concerns relating to the deteriorating condition of sections of the access road and parking area at Dingwall Jubilee Park Road. The majority of the road, 72%, is an adopted road in Highland Council ownership, with the remaining 28% in the ownership of Dingwall Common Good Fund. This is highlighted in black in the map found at **Appendix I**
- 1.2 Members are recommended to consider increasing the Dingwall Common Good Fund property budget for 2023/24 by £10,000 which will support a funding package to enable essential repairs to be carried out to the parking area and length of access road in Common Good ownership. The Camping and Caravanning Club Ltd, who lease the Caravan Park, will contribute £12,870 as per condition of their lease. The remainder of project costs will be from the Ross and Cromarty Roads Capital Budget.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- Approve an increase of £10,000 to the 2023/24 Common Good property budget to enable a contribution towards the essential road and carpark maintenance works.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource Implications: The resource implications are set out in the report. There are adequate funds in the Common Good budget to cover this variation to budget.
- 3.2 Legal and Risk Implications: There is a need to upgrade the stretch of road to mitigate the potential risk of any potential damage to vehicles.
- 3.3 Community Impacts, Climate Change and Gaelic Implications: None

4. Project – Jubilee Park Road and Parking Area

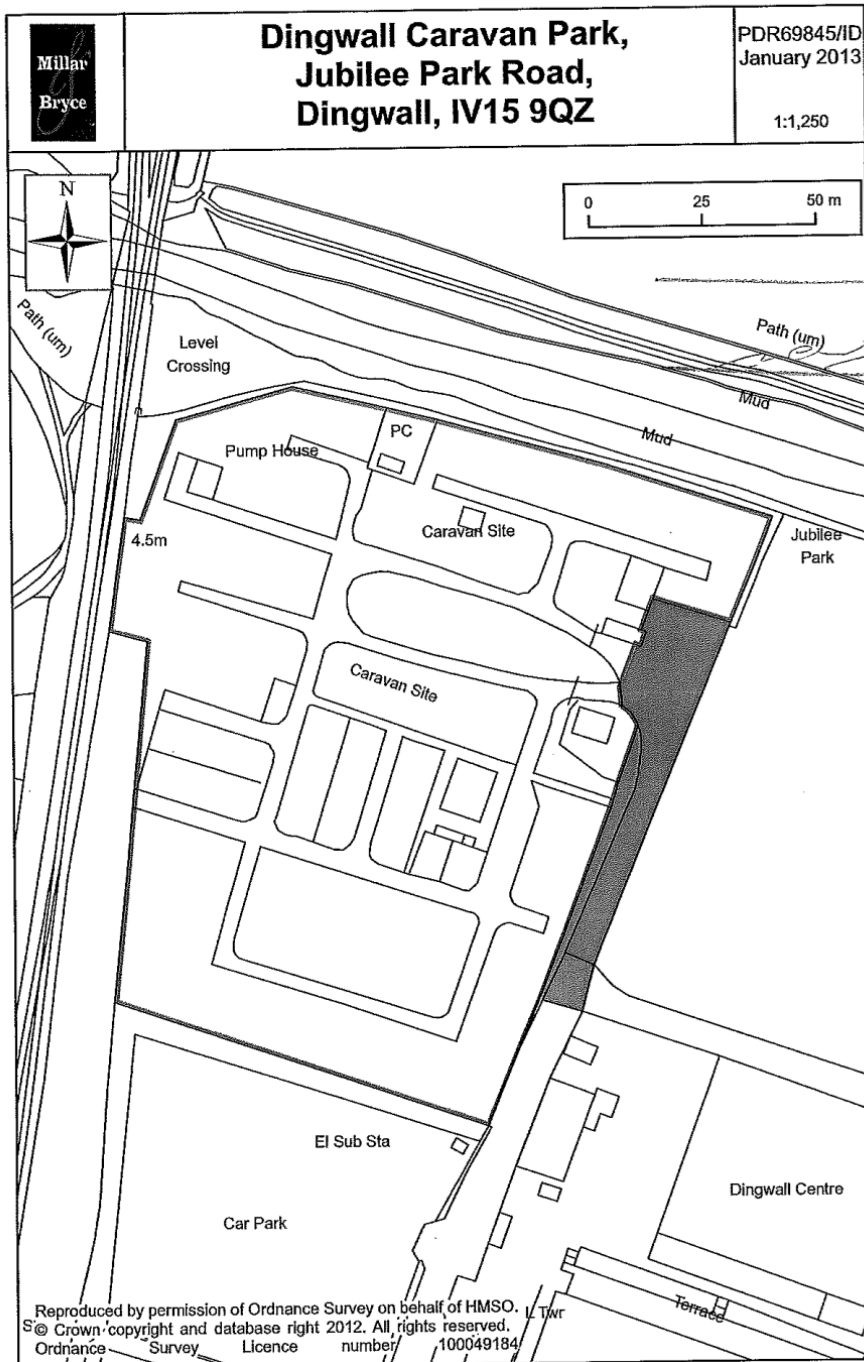
- 4.1 Dingwall Jubilee Park Road is a well used access road which leads to the Global Energy Stadium (Ross County Football Club (RCFC), the Highland Football Academy, Jubilee Park, Jubilee Caravan Park and Ferry Point. The area is also a popular destination with local and neighbouring communities and visitors to the area. The majority of the road, 72%, is an adopted road in Highland Council ownership, with the remaining 28% in the ownership of Dingwall Common Good Fund. This is highlighted in black in the map found at **Appendix I**
- 4.2 The need for essential road works to upgrade this stretch of road has been identified as a priority and, should a funding package be in place, it is estimated that works would be undertaken between 19 to 23 June 2023.
- 4.3 It is proposed that a contribution of £10,000 towards this work is made from the Dingwall Common Good Fund. This would be in addition to the property budget already approved in February 2023, as this would be retained for anticipated property expenditure.
- 4.4 The Camping and Caravanning Club Ltd, who lease the Caravan Park, will contribute £12,870 as per condition of their lease and the remainder of the project costs will be from the Ross and Cromarty Roads Capital Budget.
- 4.5 As reported in the 2023/24 proposed budget setting section of the January 2023 Monitoring Report (section 7), the Common Good Fund had estimated to have useable reserves for March 2023/24 of £256,953. Due to there being an underspend in 2022/23 outturn, there are sufficient reserves to cover the additional contribution being requested in 2023/24.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer, Communities and Place

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