MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held via SKYPE on THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021

Present: Councillor Barbara Morgan (Chair)

Councillor Lorna Douglas
Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor George Freeman
Councillor Graham Hardie
Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Gemma Penfold

Councillor Richard Trail

Attending: Shona Barton – Committee Manager

Tom Murphy – Operations Manager Douglas Whyte – Housing Team Leader

Colin Young - Senior Transportation Delivery Officer

Inspector Roddy MacNeill - Police Scotland

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, congratulated Councillor Gemma Penfold on her election to represent Ward 11, Helensburgh and Lomond South, and welcomed her to her first meeting of the Area Committee.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Minute of the Meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee held on Thursday, 17 December 2020

The minutes of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee held on Thursday 17 December 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were submitted.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

The Committee considered a report and verbal update from Inspector Roderick MacNeill updating them on current issues being dealt with by Police Scotland in the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

In addition to the detail contained within the report Inspector MacNeill advised that they were in the process of updating CCTV with new models, working off 4G, in Helensburgh town centre where their placement and positioning will be re-assessed. He also advised that Hermitage Park have been given access to a camera that will also be linked up to the police station.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered the contents of the report and the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Inspector Roderick MacNeill - Police Scotland, dated 19 February 2021, submitted)

During the forging item Councillor Aileen Morton joined the meeting.

6. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the recent activities carried out by the Roads and Infrastructure Service. This included information on how the Service continues to take covid-19 secure measures whilst focusing on delivering frontline services.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated February 2021, submitted)

7. HOUSING SERVICES ACTIVITY UPDATE 2019/20 - STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN (SHIP) - ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which updated them on the Housing Services activity within the Helensburgh and Lomond Area.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 11 January 2021, submitted)

At this point Councillor Iain Paterson left the meeting.

8. AREA SCORECARD - FQ3 2020-21

The Committee considered the Area Scorecard report for Financial Quarter 3 of 2020-2021 (October-December 2020) which illustrated the agreed performance measures.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee;

- 1. noted the performance presented on the Scorecards and supporting commentary;
- 2. noted that upon receipt of the quarterly performance reports the Area Committee Members could contact either the Performance Improvement Officer or the responsible named officer with any queries; and

noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance Improvement Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the report and scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 25 March 2021, submitted)

9. COMMERCIAL SERVICES PROPERTY UPDATE

A report which provided Members with an update on the development and sale of properties in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee noted the position in respect of the various properties.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 5 February 2021, submitted)

10. HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Workplan as of March 2021 was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee noted the contents of the workplan.

(Reference: Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Workplan dated 25 March 2021, submitted)

11. HELENSBURGH, CARDROSS AND DUMBARTON CYCLEPATH UPDATE COVERING REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report updating them on the progress made since their last meeting on 17 December 2020 in relation to the delivery of a dedicated, high quality walking and cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:

- 1. welcomed the community engagement planned for late March/early April 2021 to inform the designs currently being developed; and
- 2. discussed the future programme for the completion of the design work required for the cyclepath.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with Responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 18 February 2021, submitted)