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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Conference Room 2, Ground Floor, Fife House, Glenrothes

25th April, 2023

9.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Ryan McQuade, Fife Property Gazetteer Officer, Sunil Varu, Economy Adviser – Town Centre Development, Economy, Planning and Employability Services; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Roads and Transportation Services; Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care Localities, Fife Health and Social Care Partnership; Donald Grant, Community Manager, Kevin O’Kane, Greenspace Partnership Officer, Lindsay Gilfillan, Project Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Lisa Cooper, Head of Primary and Preventative Care (SLT Lead for Dunfermline Health and Social Care Locality Planning Group), NHS Fife.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor James Calder declared an interest in Para. 56 below - Supporting the City of Dunfermline Local Community Plan - Community Recovery Fund (CRF) Proposals – Cruiseforth Destination Dunfermline – as he was on the Board of the organisation.

Councillor Aude Boubaker-Calder declared an interest in Para. 56 below - Supporting the City of Dunfermline Local Community Plan - Community Recovery Fund (CRF) Proposals – Cruiseforth Destination Dunfermline – as her husband was on the Board of the organisation.

47. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 7th February, 2023.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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48. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING CONSULTATION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability seeking approval under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act to name a new street 'Law Wynd' at the development at Leys Park Road, Dunfermline.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the name 'Law Wynd' for adoption at the development at Leys Park Road, Dunfermline.

49. EXPERIMENTAL PARKING RESTRICTION - FOUNDRY STREET, DUNFERMLINE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation proposing to introduce an experimental parking restriction on Foundry Street, Dunfermline.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road management:-

- (1) to the promotion and confirmation of an Experimental Traffic Regulator Order (ETRO) to introduce a limited waiting parking restriction on Foundry Street, Dunfermline for an experimental period of 18 months, as detailed in drawing TRO22_58 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) that a future report to the Committee providing further recommendations towards the conclusion of the ETRO period be submitted.

50. PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - TARMACHAN ROAD, DUNFERMLINE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation proposing to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions in Tarmachan Road, Dunfermline.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of traffic flow and road safety:-

- (1) to the promotion and confirmation of a Traffic Regulator Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing TRO22_30 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

51. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE DUNFERMLINE LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Primary and Preventative Care (Senior Leadership Team Lead for Dunfermline H&SC Locality Planning Group)/

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Group) providing an overview of the Health and Social Care (H&SC) Locality Planning for Dunfermline.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the Health and Social Care Partnership would provide six-monthly update reports to Committee on locality planning and joint areas of interest between Health and Social Care Partnership and community planning partners.

52. PLAY SPACE CATEGORISATION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of the Play Spaces Categorisation for the City of Dunfermline area to create better quality and more inclusive play spaces.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) approve the Play Spaces Categorisation for the City of Dunfermline area; and
- (2) review the implementation plan at a future meeting which would specify how the categorisation and improvement of play spaces would be progressed.

53. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - DUNFERMLINE CHILDREN'S GALA

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of a contribution of £7,500 from the Local Community Planning Budget (split equally across each of the 3 Dunfermline wards) to assist with the delivery of the 2023 Dunfermline Children's Gala.

Decision

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £7,500 from the Local Community Planning Budget (split equally across the 3 Dunfermline wards) to assist with the delivery of the 2023 Dunfermline Children's Gala.

54. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - OUTWITH FESTIVAL

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of a contribution of £15,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget to assist with the delivery of the 2023 Outwith Festival programme of events planned from 6th September to 10th September (inclusive).

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The Committee agreed to a contribution of £15,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget to assist with the delivery of the 2023 Outwith Festival programme of events.

55. **SUPPORTING THE CITY OF DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of proposals to allocate funds from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) allocated to the City of Dunfermline area that were ready to commence within the current financial year 2023/24, as detailed in the report.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve contributions from the Community Recovery Fund as set out below:-

- (1) Development of Dunfermline's City Status - £150,000.
- (2) Dunfermline Tourism Audit and Action Plan - £15,000.
- (3) Dunfermline and West Fife Local Tourism Association Investment into Development of Dunfermline.com - £30,000.
- (4) Dunfermline Greenspace SCIO - £197,000.
- (5) Fife Voluntary Action Dunfermline Advice/Services Hub - £100,000.
- (6) Fife Sports & Leisure Trust Communities Wellbeing Advisor - £86,900.
- (7) Community Use Central Equipment and Resources - £12,858.82.
- (8) Link Church Community Support Posts - £43,298.
- (9) Falling Up Together Community Workspace Hub - £11,543.
- (10) Dunfermline Regeneration Trust Dunfermline Skate Park - £50,000.

Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder and James Calder left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item, having earlier declared an interest. Councillor Pryde took the Chair in the absence of the Convener for this item.

56. **SUPPORTING THE CITY OF DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) PROPOSALS – CRUISEFORTH DESTINATION DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of a proposal to allocate funds from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) allocated to the City of Dunfermline area to the CruiseForth Destination Dunfermline initiative.

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Decision

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £38,000 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the CruiseForth Destination Dunfermline initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 a.m. and reconvened at 11.20 a.m.

Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder and James Calder rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

57. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising on action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

58. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the City of Dunfermline Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) note the forward work programme; and
- (2) add the following reports to the work programme:-
 - Play Space Categorisation progress.
 - 6 monthly update on locality planning and joint areas of interest between the Health and Social Care Partnership and community planning partners.
 - Food Safety Inspections in Dunfermline.

59. NOTICE OF MOTION - DUNFERMLINE LEISURE FACILITIES

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion had been submitted:-

Motion

Councillor Gavin Ellis, seconded by Councillor Aude Boubaker-Calder, moved as follows:-

“In light of Dunfermline losing the Woodmill high School facilities and ongoing problems with the Carnegie leisure centre, Dunfermline Area Committee recommends/

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recommends that Cabinet Committee consider instructing a feasibility study to be carried out regarding the provision of a modern mixed use leisure facility for the City of Dunfermline and West Fife. The feasibility study should include the costs and locations for a new facility and any negatives to doing so.”

Amendment

Councillor Auxi Barrera, seconded by Councillor Derek Glen, moved as follows:-

“The feasibility study should assess options to improve existing service provision at Carnegie Leisure Centre timescales and provide a timescale for implementation of all options identified by the Study.”

Roll Call

For the Motion – 6 votes

Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

For the Amendment – 4 votes

Councillors Naz Anis-Miah, Auxi Barrera, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw and Derek Glen.

Decision

The Committee agreed in terms of the motion.

60. **NOTICE OF MOTION - QUEEN MARGARET HOSPITAL HAEMATOLOGY CLOSURE**

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion had been submitted:-

Motion

Councillor Aude Boubaker-Calder, seconded by Councillor James Calder, moved as follows:-

“The City of Dunfermline Area Committee notes that the Queen Margaret Haematology Unit has recently closed, requiring residents of Dunfermline and West Fife having to travel to Kirkcaldy for gruelling Chemotherapy treatments.

The Committee believes that as a growing City, Dunfermline deserves the best possible healthcare, and that this decision should be reconsidered.

The Committee therefore resolves to ask the City of Dunfermline Area Convener to write to NHS Fife asking for an explanation and reconsideration of this decision.”

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Amendment 1

Councillor Gordon Pryde, seconded by Councillor Cara Hilton, moved as follows:-

“Amend motion title to - Queen Margaret Hospital Haematology and Hospice Closures.

Add to original motion:-

“The City of Dunfermline Area Committee also notes that following its reopening in January 2022 the Queen Margaret Hospice was again closed in February 2023.

This Committee believes that it is imperative that those requiring palliative and end-of-life care have a say in how and where that care is delivered. For many that require end-of life care their wish will be for that care to be delivered in their own homes. That care at home option though will not be an option for everyone.

The Committee resolves that the Convener in his letter to NHS Fife outline its view that palliative and end-of-life care services should be provided as locally as possible and that the service at Queen Margaret be reopened.”

Amendment 2

Councillor Naz Anis-Miah, seconded by Councillor Auxi Barrera, moved as follows:-

Addition to Motion

“The City of Dunfermline Area Committee (CDAC) unanimously agrees as a growing city, Dunfermline needs a hospital with permanent services and is fully staffed to provide the best possible service to local residents and wider fife.

CDAC is concerned about the levels of staffing at QMH and the impact on all services available to residents in Fife.

CDAC asks the Convener to include the concerns around the levels of staff in his letter to NHS Fife.”

The mover of the motion agreed to accept both amendments. The conjoined motion was agreed as follows:-

Queen Margaret Hospital - Haematology/Hospice Closures/Staffing Levels

“The City of Dunfermline Area Committee notes that the Queen Margaret Haematology Unit has recently closed, requiring residents of Dunfermline and West Fife having to travel to Kirkcaldy for gruelling Chemotherapy treatments.

The Committee also notes that following its reopening in January, 2022 the Queen Margaret Hospice was again closed in February, 2023.

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The Committee believes that it is imperative that those requiring palliative and end-of-life care have a say in how and where that care is delivered. For many that require end-of life care their wish will be for that care to be delivered in their own homes. That care at home option though will not be an option for everyone.

The Committee is concerned about the levels of staffing at Queen Margaret Hospital and the impact on all services available to residents in Fife.

The Committee unanimously agrees, as a growing city, Dunfermline needs a hospital with permanent services and is fully staffed to provide the best possible service to local residents and wider Fife.

The Committee therefore resolves to ask the City of Dunfermline Area Convener to write to NHS Fife in terms of this motion.”

Decision

The Committee agreed the conjoined motion unanimously.