

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

22 March, 2022

2.00 pm – 3.35 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Neil Crooks (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, Zoe Hisbent, Gordon Langlands, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay and Richard Watt.

**ATTENDING:** Julie Dickson, Community Manager, Izzy Scott-Trimmm, Team Manager Community Development – Kirkcaldy Area, Clair Lovett, Parks Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Martin Kingham, Service Manager, Roads Network Management, Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management South, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor David Ross.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Convener advised the School Attainment and Achievement report would be withdrawn from the agenda, following discussion with Senior Officers from Education and Children's Services, as a result of significant current pressures on school staff, who were unable to attend the Committee meeting. The report would be added to the forward work programme for consideration by the new Area Committee, following Local Government Elections in May, 2022.

The Convener also advised of an additional item, as urgent business, due to an existing Traffic Regulation Order expiring on 4 April, 2022, as failure to address the issue would result in Fife Council being unable to legally enforce traffic regulation on High Street Kirkcaldy after 4 April, 2022. The item would be considered after item no. 10 on the agenda.

**298. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were submitted in terms of Standing Order 7.1.

**299. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 25 January, 2022.

**Decision**

The Committee approved the minute.

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**300. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

The Convener agreed the item, as detailed on the agenda, would be withdrawn and included as a future report on the forward work programme for consideration at a later meeting of the relevant Committee to allow Education Officers to attend and present the report.

*Councillor Watt joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**301. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - KIRKCALDY AREA LOCAL BUDGETS 2022-25**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods informing Members of the availability of local funding and seeking approval to allocate spending for the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) 2022/25 and the Anti-Poverty Fund 2022/25 Kirkcaldy Area. The report also proposed new reporting arrangements to provide feedback to Members on allocations from these budgets.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed the following proposed notional allocations outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the report and the proposed new future reporting arrangements, as detailed in Section 4:

1. Section 2: 2022-2025 Area LCP Budget:  
£148,000 – Core Commitments  
£58,000 – Significant Area Priorities  
£60,000 – Budget allocated to the ward areas; and
2. Section 3: 2022-2025 Anti-Poverty Budget:  
£87,000 - Anti Poverty Core Work  
£64,000 - Anti Poverty Area Specific Project

**302. AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - KIRKCALDY RAVENSCRAIG PARK PLAY AREA**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate funds of £20K from the Area Capital Budget to meet the funding shortfall for Ravenscraig Park Play Area project, which was otherwise fully funded.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to allocate a contribution of £20K from the Area Capital Budget towards Ravenscraig Park Play Area in Kirkcaldy.

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**303. AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - MIDDLEDEN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS REDEVELOPMENT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate funds of £25K, from the Area Capital Budget, towards the Middleden Mountain Bike Trails project.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to allocate a contribution of £25K from the Area Capital Budget towards the Middleden Mountain Bike Trails project.

*Councillor Watt left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**304. AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - KIRKCALDY ATHLETICS TRACK DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate funds of £159K from the Area Capital Improving Health Through Leisure and Sport funding towards the development of an athletics track in the Kirkcaldy Area.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to allocate funds of £159K from the Area Capital Improving Health Through Leisure and Sport funding towards the development of an athletics track in the Kirkcaldy Area.

**305. PROPOSED NO MOTOR VEHICLES RESTRICTION - LOCHIES ROAD, BURNTISLAND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment requesting Members consider a proposal for the introduction of a No Motor Vehicles restriction on Lochies Road, Burntisland.

**Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:

1. agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the No Motor Vehicles restriction, as detailed in drawing no. TRO22\_15 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
2. authorised Officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless objections were received.

**306. PROPOSED RURAL CLEARWAY REVOCATION - A921 BURNTISLAND TO KINGHORN**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment allowing Members to consider a proposal to revoke the existing Rural Clearway Traffic Regulation Order on the A921 Burntisland to Kinghorn.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of traffic management:

1. agreed to the revocation of a Rural Clearway Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as detailed in drawing no. TRO22\_16 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
2. authorised officers to confirm the revocation within a reasonable period unless objections were received.

**307. URGENT ITEM - OBJECTION TO CHANGES TO VEHICULAR ACCESS, HIGH STREET PEDESTRIAN ZONE, KIRKCALDY**

The Committee considered an urgent report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment allowing Members to consider an objection to proposals for changes to the times vehicles were prohibited from entering the Kirkcaldy High Street Pedestrian Zone.

**Decision**

The Committee:

1. agreed to uphold the objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) amendment;
2. agreed to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for a minimum of 6 months allowing a change to the times vehicles could access the High Street pedestrian zone and to permit Fife Council Demand Responsive Transport vehicles to enter the pedestrian zone out with the closure times as shown in drawing nos. TRO21/45/PZ and TRO/21/45/OPR (Appendix 1), with all ancillary procedures; and
3. requested that Officers submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee, providing further recommendations towards the conclusion of the ETRO period.

**308. UPDATE ON CHANGES TO VEHICULAR ACCESS, HIGH STREET PEDESTRIAN ZONE, KIRKCALDY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing Members with an update on the automatic rising bollards system for High Street, Kirkcaldy, and on the progress of a consultation with businesses and residents to further restrict the times exempted vehicles could access the pedestrian zone between Tolbooth Street and Kirk Wynd Kirkcaldy.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**309. AREA CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT 2021-2022**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising Members of the current status of the additional capital investment awarded to Kirkcaldy area in the 2017-20 budget and the subsequent 2021-31 Capital Investment Plan.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the information contained in the report and the relevant appendices to the report, for the Capital funding allocations.

**310. COMMON GOOD FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising Members of the current status of the Common Good Funds in the Kirkcaldy area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2020-21.

**Decision**

The Committee:

1. noted the information contained in the relevant appendices to the report, for the various Common Good funds; and
2. considered the information provided in the report.

**311. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising Members of action taken using the list of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**312. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted the contents of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

**CONVENER'S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS**

As this was the last meeting of the Committee, prior to the local government elections in May 2022, the Convener wished to record his appreciation and thanks to all Members of the Committee for their contributions over the past 5 years in supporting the work of the Committee for the benefit of the people within the Kirkcaldy Area.

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