

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

17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.10 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ken Caldwell (Convener) David Alexander, David Graham, John O'Brien, Graham Ritchie, Ryan Smart and Alistair Suttie.

**ATTENDING** Susan Keenlyside, Lead Consultant, Transport Networks, Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Guy Murray, Programme Manager Levenmouth Reconnected Blueprint, Ross Speirs, Service Manager (Structural Services), Assets, Transportation and Environment, Roads & Transportation Services; David Paterson, Community Manager, Levenmouth, Kenneth Imrie, Local Community Planning Support Officer (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Alison Wood, Planner, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Zoe Thomson, Depute Rector, Education; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Finance and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Colin Davidson.

Prior to the commencement of the Committee business, members noted the sad passing of Ruth Taylor and commended her contribution to the Levenmouth area, in particular her involvement with the CLEAR project. The Committee passed on their condolences to family and friends.

**289. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

**290. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 22nd September, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**291. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – MAIN STREET, WEST WEMYSS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which asked members to consider the proposal to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on Main Street, West Wemyss.

**Decision**

The Committee in the interests of accessibility and road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/21/52 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2)/.

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- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

### **292. CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS - PROPOSED SPEED CUSHIONS, LABURNUM ROAD, METHIL**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which asked members to consider an objection to the proposal to introduce speed cushions on Laburnum Road, Methil.

#### **Motion**

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Smart, moved that the report be continued to the next committee meeting to allow officers to undertake a site visit.

#### **Amendment**

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, moved that members accept the recommendation detailed in the report to set aside the objection.

#### **Roll Call**

#### **For the Motion** – 3 votes

Cllrs Graham, Ritchie, Smart.

#### **For the Amendment** – 4 votes

Cllrs Alexander, Caldwell, O'Brien and Suttie.

Having received a majority of votes, the amendment was accordingly carried.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed in the interests of road safety, to set aside an outstanding objection to the introduction of speed cushions detailed in drawing no.TRO/21/26 of the report.

### **293. COMMON GOOD FUND ANNUAL UPDATE 2020-2021**

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 Levenmouth area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2020-21.

#### **Decision**

The Committee noted the information contained in the report and relevant appendices for the various Common Good Funds.

**294. LEVENMOUTH RECONNECTED PROGRAMME (LRP) COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR POST**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment informing members of the LRP large grant application to fund a Communications Advisor's post to support the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme.

**Decision**

The Committee approved the recruitment of a Communications Advisor for 2 years from January 2022 to support the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme.

**295. LEVENMOUTH CONNECTIVITY PROJECT ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK & MOBILITY HUBS – UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating members on the progress of the Levenmouth Connectivity Project, associated projects and related funding opportunities.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the progress made, including:-

- (1) the development of active travel routes within the Levenmouth Area, including proposed links to the new stations at Cameron Bridge and Leven;
- (2) submission of a funding application by the Leven Programme to Sustrans to support the detailed design and pre-construction phases of the active travel network; and
- (3) investigation of potential mobility hubs at the proposed rail stations in partnership with SEStran Regional Transport Partnership.

**296. LEVEN PLACEMAKING STUDY**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment and the Head of Planning updating members on the proposed Leven Placemaking Study, which would develop a placemaking concept plan with a view to influencing the design of the new Leven Rail Station.

**Decision**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the progress of the Leven Placemaking Study; and
- (2) that the funding of the Leven Placemaking Study, in line with the agreed Accelerated Proposal Approval Process, had been approved by Fife Council's Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment and the Convener of the Levenmouth Area Committee.

**297. A955 LEVEN RAILWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating members on the partnership work undertaken with Transport Scotland to advance the delivery of the Leven Railway Bridge replacement works as part of the delivery mechanism for the Leven Rail Link.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the time critical, ongoing collaborative work to develop options to replace the Leven Rail Bridge and acknowledged that a report would be presented to a future Committee to confirm the options and preferred solution.

**298. PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services outlining the progress of the Pupil Equity Fund and updated members on the work of schools in the Levenmouth area to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap. The report presented an overview of the rationale, implementation and impact, to date, of the Pupil Equity Fund within schools across the Levenmouth Committee Area.

**Decision**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the contents of the report;
- (2) the aims of the interventions;
- (3) the work of schools in developing their practice to address the challenge of closing the poverty related attainment gap; and
- (4) that they would directly link with individual schools for further information as required.

**299. 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 content of the report.

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**300. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the Levenmouth Area forward work programme.