

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

30 August 2023

9.30 am – 10.25 am

PRESENT: Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Eugene Clarke, John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Paul Hocking, Co-ordinator (Asset Management and Programme Development), Phil Clarke, Programme Manager and Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer (Traffic Management), Roads and Transportation Service; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Michelle McDermott and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officers, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Alexander declared an interest at para. 87 – Supporting the Local Community Plan – Combined Report – Community Recovery Fund and Local Community Planning Budget Funding Requests – as he was a Board Member of Largo Library.

83. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 21 June 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

84. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022/23 – FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising members on the delivery of the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report and appendices.

85. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - LEVENMOUTH RAIL LINK CAR PARK AND PROMENADE, LEVEN

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce parking restrictions on the Levenmouth Rail Link Car Park and the Promenade, Leven.

Decision

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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 nos. Leven-CP-0011 and TRO/23/20 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

86. PROPOSED 20 MPH ZONE – KIRKLAND PARADE, METHIL BRAE AND METHILHAVEN ROAD, METHIL

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 20mph zone on Kirkland Parade, Methil. The proposal also included the removal of a part-time 20mph speed limit on Methil Brae and Methilhaven Road, Methil and its replacement with a permanent 20mph limit on Methil Brae.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/23/17 with all ancillary procedures;
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections; and
- (3) agreed that a further report be submitted back to committee on a 20mph TRO at Methilhaven Road, Methil following consultation with colleagues overseeing the Active Travel and Walking to School Programmes.

Councillor David Alexander, having declared an interest relating to Largo Library within the following report, left the meeting for that item.

87. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - COMBINED REPORT - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND & LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET FUNDING REQUESTS.

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval of proposals to allocate funds from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) and the Local Community Planning Budget and Anti-Poverty budget (LCPB) totalling £329,100 towards a range of projects that met the criteria for CRF spend and supported the core aims of the Levenmouth Local Action Plan. The report also sought agreement for discussions to continue with applicant groups to develop their proposals prior to coming back to the Area Committee for funding at a later date.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve contributions from the CRF and LCPB budgets as detailed below:-

- (1) Participatory Budget approach - £30,000 (LCPB Anti-Poverty)

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- (2) Modular Changing Unit, Herd Park, Methilhill - £100,000 – agreed in principle subject to an appropriate source of funding being identified
- (3) Summer Activity Costs - Community Learning and Development - £15,000 (LCPB Anti-Poverty)
- (4) Eastvale FC, Windygates Fire Damage – Demolition Costs - £8,500 (LCPB Ward 21)
- (5) Network Rail/QTS Training Proposal - £10,000 (LCPB Anti-Poverty)
- (6) Methilhill Community Children’s Initiative (MCCI) – Assistance with Vandalism Costs - £6,900 (LCPB Anti-Poverty)
- (7) Green Skills Academy – River Leven/Silverburn Area Projects - £100,000 (LCPB Anti-Poverty)
- (8) Christmas Lighting Upgrade Leven High Street - £15,000 (CRF Budget)
- (9) Dog Exercise Area at Taylor Park, Methil - £8,500 (LCPB Ward 22)
- (10) Memorial Park, Methil Lighting - £20,000 (LCPB Ward 22)
- (11) Largo Library and Community Hub Heating Upgrade - £8,000 (CRF Budget)
- (12) Buckhaven Baptist Church Upgrade Work - £6,200 (LCPB Anti-Poverty)
- (13) Green Health Partnership – agreed that officers continue discussions with the applicant group
- (14) Development Worker for East Fife Community Football Club – agreed that officers continue discussions with the applicant group
- (15) Digital Inclusion Project YMCA – noted the postponement of consideration of this project until financial year 2024/25

Councillor David Alexander rejoined the meeting following consideration of the Largo Library item.

88. LEVEN COMMON GOOD FUND – APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval of a contribution of £10,000 from the Leven Common Good Fund in favour of Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT) in line with the formal Common Good application previously distributed to elected members and Leven Community Council.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £10,000 from the Leven Common Good Fund to FEAT to assist with the larger Heart Mind and Soul project at Silverburn with a focus on the Flax Mill regeneration project.

89. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) relating to the future workplan for the Levenmouth Area Committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the Levenmouth Area Committee Forward Work Programme;
- (2) agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the committee on a 20mph TRO at Methilhaven Road, Methil as agreed at para. 86 above;
and
- (3) agreed that members would advise the Convener of any additional items to be included on the Forward Work Programme within the remit of this committee which would be further updated as appropriate.