

THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

4 October 2023

2.00 pm – 2.40 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino and Daniel Wilson.

ATTENDING: David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Information Management & Requests; Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Community Development Team (Glenrothes), Fraser Nicol, Area Officer, Glenrothes; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Jan Wincott.

Prior to the start of business, the convener, on behalf of the committee, extended condolences to Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes) who was not in attendance due to a family bereavement.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.

74. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 30 August 2023.

Arising from the minute, with reference to Paragraph 72 – ‘Urgent Motion/Notice to Rescind’, relating to the closure of the three crossings at Waukmill, Doubledykes and Durievale – the committee:-

- (1) noted that Network Rail had met with Fife Council’s Administration on 3 October 2023;
- (2) that the convener would invite Network Rail to attend the next meeting of this committee on 22 November 2023;
- (3) noted that the convener had written to the relevant Minister for Transport and for Network Rail and would share any response with members when received; and
- (4) agreed to receive updates from the Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning - Councillor Altany Craik – on any further progress with Network Rail as information became available.

Decision

The committee otherwise agreed to approve the minute.

75. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the Glenrothes area for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee considered the report on complaints received noting the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

76. SUPPORTING THE GLENROTHES LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST – THRIVING PLACES (PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY TO CASKIEBERRAN PRIMARY SCHOOL)

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of £19,200 funding from the Ward 13 area budget toward the cost of replacing the current main pedestrian pathway to Caskieberran Primary School, and to resolve existing drainage issues within the vicinity of the pathway.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the Caskieberran Footway Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) approved the funding request to allow the construction of a new pathway and accompanying drainage works that would resolve the issues of current path integrity and drainage, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, from Ward 13 budgets as follows:
 - 2022-23 budget underspend: £12,595
 - 2023-24 budget allocation: £6,605; and
- (3) agreed that the Convener and Depute Convener would progress previous work relating to Fife Council assets, focusing on assets in the Glenrothes committee area, to clarify accountability and responsibility for those assets – and to report back to this committee if necessary.

77. GLENROTHES AREA AMENDED LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 'PLAN4GLENROTHES' REVIEW

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the progress of the work of Community Planning Partners in progressing actions relating to current challenges and improvement focus outlined in the revised Glenrothes Community Plan attached as Appendix 1 of the report – previously approved by this committee at its meeting on 22 March 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the effort and approach taken to develop and manage a planning structure that would ensure Service commitment to the delivery of the Plan 4 Glenrothes.

78. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services relating to the workplan for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan;
- (2) agreed that committee members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to include on the workplan, within the remit of the committee; and
- (3) agreed that the Convener and Depute Convener would follow up with the relevant officer the unallocated items - with a view to ascertaining when their report would be forthcoming or whether an elected member briefing would be a more appropriate mechanism for updating the committee.