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THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

1 November 2023

9.30 am – 11.40 am

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Brian Goodall, Andy Jackson, Sam Steele, Andrew Verrecchia and Conner Young.

ATTENDING: Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant and Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant, Roads and Transportation Services; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife Area), Mandy MacEwan, Community Development Team Manager, Stephen Adamson, Project Manager (Anti-Poverty and Community Wealth Building), Sarah Johnston, Access Officer, Kevin O'Kane, Greenspace Partnership Officer and Clair Lovett, Parks Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Claire Mackinlay, Housing Team Manager, Housing Services; Alan Adamson, Service Manager (Quality Assurance), Health and Social Care; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services and Liz Murphy, Bereavement Services Manager, Property Services; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Nina Patton, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for para. 94 only.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Sarah Neal.

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

93. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 6 September 2023.

Arising from the minute, with reference to para. 84 – Minute - the committee were advised:-

- that an update was still awaited with regard to the workshop to be organised by the Education Service to analyse the attainment figures within secondary schools;
- an update in relation to the bus mobility hub on the A985 had been provided by Ian Jones, Roads and Transportation by email on 21st September, 2023;
- that a report would be submitted to the December meeting in relation to the motion submitted to the 21st June committee requesting a report on the pros and cons of various degrees of decentralisation; and

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- that a request had been submitted to the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee to look into the reputational damage of the Council when outside organisations dug up newly resurfaced pieces of road as per the motion to this committee on 21st June, 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

94. RADIATION MONITORING AT DALGETY BAY

Ms. Nina Patton, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) advised that they were still awaiting final drafts of the Health Physics Plan and the close out survey from the Ministry of Defence's (DIO) contractor. It was noted that SEPA had observed the remediation process and acknowledged the amount of material removed. In terms of the surrender process to the licence, it was noted that until the appropriate documentation had been received, the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Permit for the management of the radioactive particles could not be surrendered. It was noted that SEPA were satisfied that the remediation had been completed and advised that the verification process over the next two years would be closely monitored by SEPA to determine the impact of the remediation and that they would continue to update the Council on these matters if required.

It was noted that following the two year monitoring process by the Ministry of Defence's (DIO) contractor, if SEPA were satisfied that the remediation was successful, in that they were not seeing an increase in the number of particles on the foreshore, then monitoring of the radiation would revert to SEPA and monitoring of the rock armour and the management of the rock armour would revert to Fife Council.

Decision

The Committee thanked Ms. Patton for her detailed update.

Councillor Andrew Verrecchia joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

95. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT - VARIOUS STREETS, CARNOCK

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking agreement to set aside the objection to the proposed 20mph speed limit on various streets, Carnock.

Decision

The committee agreed to set aside the outstanding objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposing the 20mph speed limit in various streets, Carnock as shown in Drawing No. TRO23_23B to allow the Order to be made and the speed limit put in place.

96. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023/24 - PROGRESS REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on the progress of the 2023/24 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;
- (2) agreed to include Sherbrooke Road, Rosyth within the 2024/25 Area Roads Programme; and
- (3) noted that consultation would be undertaken with Morrisons regarding the road surface at the car park entrance to their store at Sherbrooke Road, Rosyth and that resurfacing of the parking bays on Sherbrooke Road was included within the project at Sherbrook Road.

97. CORE PATH DIVERSION - WILSON WAY, ROSYTH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a diversion of core path P637/03 (Wilson Way, Rosyth) to allow for the construction of the new High School at Rosyth.

Decision

The committee approved the proposed diversion of the public right of way and the core path using section 208 Town and Countryside Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, delegating its confirmation to officers if no objections were received and otherwise submission to the Scottish Government for confirmation.

98. PLAY SPACES CATEGORISATION - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval of the Play Spaces Categorisation for the South and West Fife Area to create better quality and more inclusive play spaces.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the Play Spaces Categorisation for the South and West Fife Area; and
- (2) agreed to review the Implementation Plan at future Ward meetings which would specify how the categorisation and improvement of play spaces would be progressed.

99. AREA HOUSING UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the progress of the areas identified in the Local Issues Action Plan (appended to the Area Housing Plan) as well as performance information where figures were available at an area level.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the work progress against the Local Issues Action Plan outlined within Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) the performance information outlined within Appendix 2 of the report.

100. ANNUAL REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTION AND GRADING PROCESS

The committee considered a report by the Director of Health and Social Care advising on the range of inspections that had been undertaken by the Care Inspectorate and highlighted the inspection grades awarded for care services within the South and West Fife Area. The registered organisations included provided a range of care and support services to the Health and Social Care Partnership in Fife and represented a mixture of sectors including private and voluntary.

Decision

The committee noted the outcome of the inspection process and grades awarded to care services in Fife.

The meeting adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.05 am.

101. BEREAVEMENT SERVICES CEMETERY STRATEGY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service advising of the outcome of the consultation on the future provision of cemeteries in Fife and requesting support for implementation of the strategy moving forward.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the key points from the consultation exercise; and
- (2) supported the actions moving forward in the Cemetery Strategy 2023-2028.

102. SUMMER PROVISION ACTIVITIES

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on the holiday provision provided for young people, children and families over the summer holiday 2023. The provision of activities was developed and delivered by the Community Development Team and partners.

Decision

The committee noted the position and the activities that were delivered throughout the summer school holidays.

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103. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – PLAN4SOUTH AND WEST FIFE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on the implementation and progress of the South and West Fife Local Community Plan (LCP) 2022-2025 which was approved at the South and West Fife Area Committee on 1 March 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the ongoing collaborative efforts to actively develop projects under the identified Associated Actions in response to locally identified priorities; and
- (2) continued to support the South and West Fife Area Local Community Plan as it adapted and changed to focus on Recovery and Reform.

104. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

105. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) supporting the committee's consideration of the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Forward Work Programme 2023/24.