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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

2nd Floor Meeting Room, Regency House, Crossgates Road, Halbeath

6 February 2024

9.30 am – 12.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant, Michael Anderson, Service Manager, Jenna Brown, Graduate Engineer, Matthew Roberts, Consultant Engineer, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Caroline Low, Technician Engineer, Roads and Transportation Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer, Sunil Varu, Economic Adviser, Business and Employability Services; Fiona McKay, Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Commissioning, Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager, Health and Social Care Partnership; Lindsay Gilfillan, Project Manager, Shirley Melville, Temporary Community Manager (Dunfermline), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Laura Robertson, Finance Operations Manager, Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Cara Hilton and Jim Leishman.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

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

106. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 12 December 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

107. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2024/25

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services which identified projects proposed for inclusion in the 2024-25 Area Roads Programme for the City of Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee:-

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- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1 – 3 (Carriageway Schemes, Footway Schemes and Traffic Management and Road Safety);
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Convener and Depute Convener; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5.

Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

108. DUNFERMLINE FREE BUS TRAVEL INITIATIVE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval to progress an initiative to offer free bus travel for all in the City of Dunfermline area on selected dates in March 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to commit the 2023/24 devolved parking budget allocation to fund an initiative offering free bus travel for everyone in the City of Dunfermline area on 10, 30 and 31 March 2024.

109. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - C53 TOWNHILL TO BOWERSHALL, PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to consider a proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the C53 Townhill to Bowershall.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 40mph speed limit as detailed in drawing TRO/23/62 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

110. LOCAL ECONOMIC PROFILE 2022

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the City of Dunfermline area. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to council activity within the area and to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and

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- (2) acknowledged the ongoing economic challenges.

111. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING 6 MONTHLY UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Primary and Preventative Care (Senior Leadership Team Lead for Dunfermline H&SC Locality Planning Group) providing members with an overview of the Health and Social Care (H&SC) Locality Planning Outcomes for the City of Dunfermline during 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed that the Health and Social Care Partnership provide an annual report to committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners.

112. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising on the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2022-2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good funds and Trust Funds; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trust funds to suitable projects which also included the amalgamation of individual trusts and, where appropriate, the dissolution of individual trusts, including transferring the funds to suitable third party organisations who were providing similar support to local priorities.

113. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND PROPOSALS 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service informing members of the current proposals relating to the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) allocated to the City of Dunfermline area and seeking approval of contributions to projects which would be ready to start within the current financial year 2023/24.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve contributions from the Community Recovery Fund to the following projects:-

- (1) Townhill Loch Ecological Appraisal - £10,000; and
- (2) Dunfermline Marketing Intern Pilot - £17,404.80.

Councillor Ellis left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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114. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - BRUCE FESTIVAL 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £10,000 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget, to support the organisation of the Bruce Festival.

Decision

The committee agreed that:-

- (1) a contribution of £10,000 to support the organisation of the Bruce Festival would be more appropriately funded from the Community Recovery Fund; and
- (2) a briefing note would be circulated to members advising of the committed spend and balance of the Community Recovery Fund.

115. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - HSCP "THE WELL"

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £20,574.50 from the Local Community Planning Anti-Poverty Budget, to support the financial costs of a 12 month part-time Link Worker post.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £20,574.50 from the Local Community Planning Anti-Poverty Budget to support the financial costs associated with a 12 month part-time Link Worker post.

116. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - TACKLING POVERTY AND PREVENTING CRISIS - STAFFING

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £64,000 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget to fund the recruitment of a number of temporary posts to support the Tackling Poverty and Preventing Crisis agenda.

Decision

The committee agreed to a total contribution of £64,000 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget split across the following posts:-

- Welfare Support Assistant (FC6 x 18 hours = £11,805.34)
- Community Education Worker (FC7 x 6 hours = £7,085.99)
- Anti-Poverty Support Officer (FC5 x 36 hours = £32,402.70)
- Community Food Tutor (FC6 x 12 hours = £12,516.97)

117. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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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 reviewed and noted the contents of the forward work programme.

118. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 10 the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Boubaker-Calder, seconded by Councillor Calder, moved the following:-

Motion- Speed Limit of A994 between Crossford and Cairneyhill

“Committee notes concerns of residents of Cairneyhill Road in Crossford over speeding from traffic both entering and exiting the village.

Committee notes the section of the A994 between Crossford and Cairneyhill sits within the Dunfermline Central ward.

Committee requests a report be brought back the Area Committee by June 2024 requesting a consideration of reducing the speed limit on this section of road to 40mph, making it consistent with the other roads entering Crossford.”

Amendment

Councillor Barrera, seconded by Councillor Anis-Miah, moved the following:-

“Committee also notes that residents from Kingseat Road are very concerned of speeding vehicles and that these families feel unsafe when leaving their property, especially those with young families.

Committee requests that on top of the report to consider reducing the speed limit on the A994 section of the road previously mentioned to 40mph as per other entrances to Crossford, to also bring to Area Committee in June 2024 a study of calming measures that can be implemented in Kingseat Road to reduce the number of accidents and ensure residents’ safety.”

Both the movers of the motion and the amendment agreed to conjoin and the revised conjoined motion read as follows:-

“Committee notes concerns of residents of Cairneyhill Road in Crossford over speeding from traffic both entering and exiting the village.

Committee notes the section of the A994 between Crossford and Cairneyhill sits within the Dunfermline Central ward.

Committee requests a report be brought back the Area Committee by June 2024 requesting a consideration of reducing the speed limit on this section of road to 40mph, making it consistent with the other roads entering Crossford.

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Committee also notes that residents from Kingseat Road are very concerned of speeding vehicles and that these families feel unsafe when leaving their property, especially those with young families.

Committee requests that on top of the report to consider reducing the speed limit on the A994 section of the road previously mentioned to 40mph as per other entrances to Crossford, to also bring to Area Committee in June 2024 a study of calming measures that can be implemented in Kingseat Road to reduce the number of accidents and ensure residents' safety."

Decision

The committee agreed the conjoined motion unanimously.