

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

**Small Committee Room, First Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy**

**27 February 2024**

**2.00 pm to 4.40 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Blair Allan, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

**ATTENDING:** Julie Dickson, Community Manager, Kevin Okane, Greenspace Partnership Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting and Asset Management, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer - Economy, Business and Employability Services and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Lynn Barker, Director of Nursing and Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager, Locality and Community Led Support, Health and Social Care Partnership.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Judy Hamilton and James Leslie.

**86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lindsay declared an interest in Para. 91 – Play Spaces Categorisation, Kirkcaldy Area being a member of Dunnikier Park Development Group.

**87. MINUTE OF MEETING OF KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE OF 19 DECEMBER 2023.**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 19 December 2023.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

**88. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING - KIRKCALDY**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Nursing, Health and Social Care Partnership providing an overview of the Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning Outcomes for Kirkcaldy, during 2023.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report; and
- (2) agreed that the Health and Social Care Partnership would provide an annual report updating on locality planning and joint areas of interest between the Health and Social Care Partnership and community planning partners.

**89. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2024-25**

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

**Decision**

The committee:

- (1) approved the report and associated appendices 1-3;
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment 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 Area Convener and Vice-Convener;
- (3) noted appendices 4 and 5 of the report;
- (4) noted that following the decision of the council to make additional funding available for roads maintenance, officers would review the schemes with a view to the promotion of some of the reserve schemes to be carried out during financial year 2024-25; and
- (5) requested officers submit a future report to the committee on Potholes, detailing work undertaken within the area and the work planned to address the remaining issues.

**90. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 KIRKCALDY AREA: UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS AND NEW APPLICATIONS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating on projects allocated funding in February 2023 from the Local Community Planning Budget underspend and the Community Recovery fund. The committee were also asked to consider three additional new applications seeking approval for funding from the Community Recovery Fund.

**Decision**

The committee:

- (1) acknowledged the updates detailed in the report on projects allocated funding in February 2023;

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- (2) approved an allocation of funding of £80,000, from the Community Recovery Fund, to pilot a Handyperson Service across the Kirkcaldy Area;
- (3) approved an allocation of £45,000, from the Community Recovery Fund, for a Communications and Marketing Officer for the Kirkcaldy Area;
- (4) approved an allocation of up to £25,000, from the Community Recovery Fund, for signage and interpretation boards for Burntisland Links; and
- (5) noted a workshop for members would be arranged with the Corra Foundation to provide an update on the Every One Every Day project.

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillor Lindsay advised that having applied the objective test they would remain in the meeting during discussion of the following item, however, would leave for any part of the discussion relating to Dunnikier Park.*

### 91. PLAY SPACES CATEGORISATION - KIRKCALDY AREA

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

#### **Decision**

The committee:

- (1) approved the play spaces categorisation for the Kirkcaldy Area;
- (2) noted an amendment regarding Scott Street Play Park Kirkcaldy that it should be detailed as in Ward 11 not Ward 9;
- (3) noted an amendment regarding Quality Street, Dysart Play Park that the Strategy Action category of "maintain" should be amended to "improve" and
- (4) noted an implementation plan was being developed, with a workshop to follow for members to agree ward priorities.

*The meeting adjourned at 3.25 pm and re-convened at 3.35 pm.*

### 92. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES ANNUAL REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability, providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the Kirkcaldy Area.

#### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) acknowledged the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and
- (2) recognised the ongoing economic challenges.

**93. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD 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 noted:

- (1) the Kirkcaldy Area Committee Forward Work Programme for 2024-2025;  
and
- (2) that the Convener would contact the Head of Business and Employability to arrange a briefing for members on the progress of the committee's previous request for the demolition of the two Esplanade multi storey car parks.