

THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

27 March 2024

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

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

ATTENDING: Fiona McKay, Head of Strategic Planning Performance & Commissioning and Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager (Locality/Community Led Support), Health & Social Care Partnership; Pamela Colburn, Quality Improvement Officer (Health & Wellbeing), Education Service; Andy Maclellan, Community Projects Team Manager, Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Chris Mieztis, Area Community Development Team Manager (Glenrothes) and Kevin O’Kane, Greenspace Partnership Officer, Communities & Neighbourhoods Service; Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant (Roads, Lighting and Asset Management) and Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Roads & Transportation Services; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Craig Walker.

99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

100. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 31 January 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

101. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING - GLENROTHES

The committee considered a report by the Service Manager (Locality/Community Led Support), Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) providing an overview of Locality Planning Outcomes for Glenrothes during 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

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

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- (2) requested an elected member briefing on the 'Community of Kindness' project to fund a community kitchen and garden potentially located in the Macedonia area, including any implications for established and operational community kitchens and gardens in the locale.

102. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT AND YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SURVEY RESULTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education relating to the director of public health report 'Children and Young people in Fife - the Building Blocks for Health' and providing the results of the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey, carried out in March 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the survey results, as provided through the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey;
- (2) agreed to endorse the next steps outlined in response to the survey results; and
- (3) delegated to officers to arrange an elected member workshop to take place after the summer recess, to consider the survey results and next steps in more detail.

103. BACK BURN RIVER PROJECT – AREA CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking an allocation of £100,000 from the Glenrothes Area Capital Budget as match funding to secure significant external funding from SEPA for continued investment in the Back Burn River Project.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to allocate £100,000 from the Area Capital Budget;
- (2) noted that SEPA had provisionally allocated £850,000 investment in the Back Burn River Project based on match funding being identified by Fife Council; and
- (3) noted that a bid would also be made to the 2024/2025 Nature Restoration Fund for the Back Burn River Project.

104. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement to allocate funding from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes Area toward various projects. The report also provided a summary of funds committed from the CRF to date and funding proposals under consideration.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to approve the following amounts from the CRF totalling £111,320:-
 - Adult Learning Programme Development - £15,000;
 - Cadham Neighbourhood Centre - £15,000;
 - Stenton Jubilee Community Centre - £38,643;
 - Victoria Hall, Coaltown of Balgonie - £8,000;
 - Warout Stadium - £8,500; and
 - Gilvenbank Lighting - £26,177; and
- (2) noted this would leave a balance of £422,459 available for allocation from the CRF budget.

105. PLAY SPACES CATEGORISATION - GLENROTHES AREA

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

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed to approve the play spaces categorisation for the Glenrothes area;
- (2) noted that an implementation plan was being developed; and
- (3) delegated to officers to submit a report for its future consideration, as soon as possible, outlining a proposed implementation plan spanning at least the next two years.

106. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2024-25

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising on the projects for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Area Roads Programme for the Glenrothes Area.

Decision

The committee : -

- (1) agreed to approve appendices 1-3 of the report (carriageway schemes; footway schemes; and traffic management and road safety, respectively);
- (2) agreed to delegate authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to manage the list of Category 1 and 2 projects, in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the area Convener, Depute Convener and elected members;
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 of the report (street lighting; and bridges and structures, respectively); and

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- (4) requested consideration of a speed survey relating to the carriageway scheme for Foxtton Drive (U040) - to determine whether mitigation measures were required to be reinstated.

107. 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 Glenrothes Area Committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan for the Glenrothes Area Committee;
- (2) as referenced at paragraph 101 (1) – ‘Health and Social Care Locality Planning – Glenrothes’ – agreed to consider a further annual report in 2025;
- (3) as referenced at paragraph 105 (3) – ‘Play Spaces Categorisation - Glenrothes Area’ – agreed to consider a report relating to a two-year implementation plan; and
- (4) agreed that committee members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items within the remit of the committee, including items for scrutiny, to be added to the workplan.