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THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar

24 April 2024

9.30 am – 12.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jonny Tepp (Convener), Al Clark, Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jane Ann Liston, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service, Zahida Ramzan, Policy Co-ordinator - Equalities, Laiza Lorimer, Policy Officer, Community Development Team (North East Fife) and Vicky Wilson, Area Community Development Team Manager (North East Fife), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Joan Gallo, Lead Officer, Children, Families and Justice Services; Carlene Simpson, Project Manager - Strategic Growth City Deals, Economy Tourism & Town Centre, Business and Employability; Rona Weir, Education Manager, Pamela Colburn, Quality Improvement Officer (Health and Wellbeing) and Scott Duncan, Headteacher, Waid Academy, Education Service; Steven Sellars, Lead Consultant, Road Safety and Travel Planning; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management and Nigel Hampton, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Service; Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO Dr Lorna Watson (for para. 143).

ATTENDING:

APOLOGIES FOR Councillors Fiona Corps and Donald Lothian.

ABSENCE:

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hoggan, for transparency reasons, stated in relation to para. 132 – ‘Proposed Waiting Prohibition: Short Lane, Cupar’ – that he resided across the road from the location of the proposed traffic regulation order, however, he did not consider that this amounted to an interest.

Councillor Dillon declared an interest in para. 137 - Application for Funding from Pittenweem Common Good Fund – Pittenweem Playpark Project – as he was involved in convening the group making the application for funding.

129. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 28 February 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

130. APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATION - ST ANDREWS PILGRIM FOUNDATION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking nominations from the North East Fife Area Committee – from Ward 18 - to the St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation, being a fixed term appointment due to expire in June 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to re-appoint Councillor Liston.

131. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED NO WAITING RESTRICTION: SHANWELL ROAD SOUTH, TAYPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining objections to the proposed no waiting restrictions at Shanwell Road South, Tayport.

Councillor Kennedy-Dalby, seconded by Councillor Tepp, proposed an amendment in favour of proceeding with the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), including more readily visible signage indicating nearby alternative car parking.

Decision

There being no opposing view, the committee agreed to not uphold the objections and to proceed with the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23_38 to deliver the associated traffic management works, including enhanced signage to alternative car parking.

132. PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION: SHORT LANE, CUPAR

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining proposals to introduce further 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions in Short Lane, Cupar.

Decision

In the interests of traffic management and road safety, the committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO24_11 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

133. PROPOSED LOADING BAY: CASTLE STREET, TAYPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining proposals for the introduction of a loading bay in Castle Street, Tayport.

Decision

In the interests of road safety, the committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend the restrictions as detailed in drawing no. TRO24_06 (Appendix 1), with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

134. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AMENDMENT - ST ANDREWS 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – B939 STRATHKINNESS LOW ROAD

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to an amendment to the proposed 20mph and 40mph Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) on B939 Strathkinness Low Road, previously approved at this committee on 6 December 2023, as a result of conditions contained in Planning Permission 22/00691/FULL. This amendment was made to the proposed TRO prior to publishing, under delegated authority by the Council Leadership Team and with the agreement of this committee's Convener and Depute Convener.

Decision

The committee noted the amendment extending the 20mph zone beyond the new development south of B939 Strathkinness Low Road, as shown in Appendix 1 of the report.

135. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION BY CRAIL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The committee considered a joint report by the Head of Property Services and the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a Community Asset Transfer application from Crail Community Partnership under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, to purchase Denburn Wood in Crail.

Decision

The committee approved the asset transfer request at less than market value at the price of £1 and all otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Property Services and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

136. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM CRAIL COMMON GOOD FUND - CRAIL PLAY PARK RENOVATION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service relating to an application from Crail Community Council for an increase in grant funding for a further £19,514.53 from the Crail Common Good Fund, towards the costs of renovating Crail Play Park.

Decision

The committee approved an increase in grant funding of a further £19,514.53 from the Crail Common Good Fund, towards the costs of renovating Crail Play Park.

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Prior to consideration of the following item, having declared an interest, Councillor Dillon left the meeting at this point.

137. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM PITTENWEEM COMMON GOOD FUND – PITTENWEEM PLAYPARK PROJECT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service relating to an application from Pittenweem Playpark Project requesting an allocation of £43,895 grant funding from Pittenweem Common Good Fund towards the Pittenweem Playpark Project.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted that £30,000 had also been awarded from the Fife Environment Trust, as indicated in Appendix 2; and
- (2) agreed to an allocation of £43,895 grant funding from Pittenweem Common Good Fund towards the Pittenweem Playpark Project.

Councillor Dillon re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

138. NON-SETTLEMENT TRUST - GRAVES DRESSINGS - CRAIL CEMETERY - MURAL MONUMENTS XIX & XVI

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a grant award of £13,133 from the Graves Dressing fund to Crail Preservation Trust as a contribution to the Mural Monuments XIX and XVI Conservation project.

Decision

The committee approved a total of £13,133 from the Graves Dressing fund to Crail Preservation Trust as a contribution to the Mural Monuments XIX and XVI Conservation project.

139. NORTH EAST FIFE – ANTI-POVERTY REPORT 2023/24

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update on the activity and outcomes of the anti-poverty work undertaken in the North East Fife area to address rural poverty, in alignment with the key priorities for the area in the 2023-2026 North East Fife Local Community Plan.

Decision

The committee noted the progress and the recommended allocated spend for 2024/25.

Councillor Hoggan left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

140. TAY CITIES DEAL ANNUAL REPORT AND BENEFITS REALISATION PLAN

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services presenting the third annual report on progress by the Tay Cities Region Deal from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the annual report by Tay Cities Region Deal and the progress on activity in North East Fife.

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

141. JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE – COMMUNITY PAYBACK: UNPAID WORK SCHEME

The committee considered a report by the Head of Children, Families and Justice Services providing an update on developments within Fife Council Justice Social Work Service in relation to the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in the Area Committee wards from April 2022 to March 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports relating to the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Justice Social Work Service would be brought to committee on an annual basis.

142. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES - 2022/23

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services detailing the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2022/23; and the range of strategies being developed to support key priorities to raise attainment.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2022/23; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

The committee adjourned at 11.30 am and reconvened at 11.40 am.

143. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT & YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTH & WELLBEING SURVEY RESULTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services 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; and
- (2) agreed to endorse the next steps outlined in response to the Survey results.

144. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the workplan and agreed to advise the Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any future report;
- (2) in relation to para. 139 – 'North East Fife – Anti-poverty Report 2023/24' – requested a report for its consideration at a future meeting relating to 'access' to services, including availability of transport in rural communities;
- (3) in relation to para. 140 – 'Tay Cities Deal Annual Report and Benefits Realisation Plan' – noted that the next annual update report would be due in April 2025;
- (4) as outlined at para. 141 – 'Justice Social Work Service – Community Payback: Unpaid Work Scheme' – agreed that an annual update report be submitted for its consideration in April 2025;
- (5) in relation to para. 142 – 'Report on Educational Outcomes - 2022/23' – noted that the next annual update report for 2023/24 would be due in April 2025.