

THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

2 October 2024

2.00 pm – 5.15 pm

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

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes) and Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Charlotte Stitchell, Housing Team Manager, Housing Services; Karen Lees, Education Manager, Education Service; Susan Keenlyside, Service Manager, Sustainable Transport and Parking, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management and Emma Gilmour, Lead Consultant, Transport Networks, Roads and Transportation Services; and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Jan Wincott.

Following the resignation of Councillor Craig Walker as Convener from the Glenrothes Area Committee, Councillor Ross Vettraino (Depute Convener) took the chair until the appointment of Convener was made.

URGENT BUSINESS

In terms of Standing Order No. 36.4, the Depute Convener agreed to accept an additional item which he considered was relevant, competent and urgent due to the financial implications and successful delivery of the proposed initiative in schools. This would be considered after item 11 on the agenda (Para. No 139 below refers).

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

130. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area committee of 21 August 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

131. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

Councillor Craig Walker, seconded by Councillor Julie Ford, proposed that Councillor John Beare be appointed Convener of Glenrothes Area Committee.

Decision

There being no other nominations, Councillor John Beare was duly appointed as Convener of the Glenrothes Area Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2.05 pm and reconvened at 2.10 pm to allow the convener to take the chair.

The Convener, on behalf of the committee, thanked Councillor Walker for all his good work and contribution to the local area during his convenership of the Glenrothes Area Committee.

Councillor Walker reflected on the notable achievements attained during his time convening the area committee which included the £1 million Covid Recovery Fund spends, the Glenwood Regeneration and Community Hub programmes, the Glenrothes Linked Together Project to tackle anti-social behaviour within the local area, the Riverside Park regeneration works and the recent demolition of Rothesay House which would support the towns regeneration programme. He went on to thank elected members and council officers for their help and support during his convenership of the committee.

132. PETITION

In terms of Standing Order No. 14, the committee considered a petition submitted by Ms. Liene Alekse, containing thirty-five signatures, relating to additional parking spaces at Tiel Path, Dura Crescent and Bighty Court, Glenrothes. The Convener invited the Local Area Housing Manager, Housing Services to present her report in response to the petition.

Decision

The committee agreed:

- (1) to develop a feasibility design to look at the costings associated for extending the existing car park/recycling area;
- (2) on the designs and cost estimates for extending the current car park behind the garage lock-ups with the potential for a phased expansion into the grassed area further down the line dependent on costs; and
- (3) to support option 1 at an estimated cost of £39,553.77 to be funded from the Glenrothes Area Housing Budget.

133. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE - GLENROTHES

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval for a revised Area Housing Plan 2024-25 setting out area performance, service delivery and highlighting key housing issues for consideration.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the current version of the Glenrothes Area Housing Plan for 2024 – 2025; and

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- (2) that Housing Services would facilitate a working group to look at the objectives and progression of a range of issues identified within the local Glenrothes Area Housing Plan.

134. **GLENROTHES AREA TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval of the Glenrothes Area Transport Plan for 2024-2025.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the Glenrothes Area Transport Plan 2024-2025, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to delegate to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to make any minor amendments to the plan prior to publication; and
- (3) that update reports on the transport delivery plan would be presented to the Glenrothes Area Committee on an annual basis.

The meeting adjourned at 3.45 pm and reconvened at 3.55 pm.

Councillor Altany Craik left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

135. **PROPOSED 20MPH ZONES – NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, KINGLASSIE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 20mph zone on roads constructed within the new housing development and an extension to the current 20mph zone on the B921, east of Kinglassie.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety, agreed:-

- (1) to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph zone as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2, drawing nos. TRO24/45-EXIS and TRO24/25-PROP with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) to authorise officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

136. **SCHOOL EXCLUSION ZONE (SCHOOL STREET) TRIAL – PITCOUDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, GLENROTHES**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising members on the results of the School Exclusion Zone (SEZ) Trial Project for the pilot site at Pitcoudie Primary School, Glenrothes.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and

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- (2) agreed that the Convener would contact the Head of Transportation Services and the Head of Education Services to raise the committee's concerns in relation to parking in and around schools in the Glenrothes Area and seek assurance that the schools transport plans would include service concerns around parking in schools.

137. IONA PARK, GLENROTHES – PROPOSED NO LOADING RESTRICTION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 'No Loading' restriction on Iona Park, Glenrothes.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of accessibility, agreed:-

- (1) to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO24/38 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) to authorise officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

138. EDUCATION - PUPILWISE AND PARENTWISE SURVEYS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Service, Education Directorate presenting a summary of the Parentwise and Pupilwise survey process undertaken across Fife in academic session 2023/24, focusing on the Glenrothes area results.

Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the findings and considerations of next steps as outlined in the report; and
- (2) that schools welcomed contact from elected members to discuss their approach to engaging with parents/carers and pupils, as well as how they responded to the findings of the ParentWise and PupilWise 2023/24.

139. URGENT ITEM - SUPPORTING THE GLENROTHES LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST.

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £28,800 from the Local Community Planning Budget to support the delivery of a schools-based initiative, "Human Utopia", across the three Glenrothes Area High Schools for the 2024/25 financial year.

Decision

The committee agreed to allocate £28,800 from the Local Community Planning Budget to support the delivery of the "Human Utopia" initiative across the three Glenrothes Area High Schools.

140. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

141. GLENROTHES 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 Glenrothes Area Committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan for the Glenrothes Area Committee;
- (2) with reference to para 133 (2) above, agreed that a working group be established to look at the Glenrothes Area Local Housing Plan;
- (3) with reference to para 134 (3) above, agreed that the Glenrothes Area Transportation Plan would be submitted to committee on an annual basis; and
- (4) otherwise agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the committee.