

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

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

**21 August, 2024**

**2.00 pm – 2.50 pm**

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

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Miezeitis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Joan Lamie, Service Manager, Housing Estates and Safer Communities, Andrew Baillie, Housing Professional, Housing Services; Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting and Asset Management, Roads and Transportation Service and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Jan Wincott.

**120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**121. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 22 May 2024.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

**122. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND - LESLIE HERITAGE TRUST**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service asking members to consider an application received from Leslie Heritage Trust for grant funding from the Leslie Common Good Fund.

**Decision**

The committee agreed: -

- (1) to contribute £8,400 from the Leslie Common Good Fund towards the cost of Archaeological Investigations at Christ Kirk on the Green Leslie which is situated on Common Good Land;
- (2) to approve the proposed contribution from the Leslie Common Good Fund subject to confirmation that the VAT costs are included in the total amounts; and

- (3) that officers would clarify that the proposed funding would be coming from the revenue budget and not the capital budget.

**123. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing the necessary information for a decision to allocate funding for various projects from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes Area. The report also provided a summary of funds committed so far from the CRF and funding proposals under consideration.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the following amounts from the Community Recovery Fund totalling £215,000: -

- (1) Markinch Town Hall - £20,000;
- (2) The Friendship Cabin - £15,000;
- (3) Glenrothes Wellbeing - £53,060; and
- (4) The Lomond Centre - £127,000.

**124. AREA CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT 2024-2025**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) advising members of the current status of the additional capital investment awarded to the Glenrothes Area in the 2017-2020 budget and the subsequent 2021-2031 Capital Investment Plan.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the information contained in the report and the appendices in relation to the Capital funding allocations; and
- (2) agreed that the Lead Officer would provide members with a briefing note confirming the spend on the Gilvenbank car park, Carleton car park and clarify the issues raised by members in regard to the play area funding specified in Appendix 2 of the report.

**125. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - SELLING LOCK UPS WITHIN MIXED TENURE BLOCKS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an overview of the proposal to sell lockups in Glenrothes where Fife Council is a minority owner within a block, or a sale would be straightforward and beneficial in removing all future maintenance obligations for the Housing Revenue Account and Council tenants.

**Decision**

The committee agreed: -

- (1) to sell the lockups as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (2) that officers would provide members with a briefing note in 6 months' time updating on the progress of selling the lockups; and
- (3) that an update report would be brought back to committee in 12 months' time.

**126. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023/24 - FINAL REPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising on the delivery of the 2023-2024 Area Roads Programme (ARP) for the Glenrothes Area.

**Decision**

The committee noted the content of the report and appendices.

**127. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

**Decision**

The committee noted the content of the report.

**128. 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; and
- (2) 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.