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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

4 September 2024

9.30 a.m. - 12.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Brian Goodall, Andy Jackson, Sarah Neal, Sam Steele and Conner Young.

**ATTENDING:** Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Stephen Adamson, Project Manager (Anti Poverty and Community Wealth Building), Louise Whyte, Capital Project Manager and Clair Lovett, Parks Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant (Traffic Management) and Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management), Roads and Transportation Services; Sarah Else, Education Manager, Education Service; Dave Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Andrew Verrecchia.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener advised that Item 6 on the agenda - "Supporting the Local Community Plan - Local Community Planning Budget Request - Whinny/Brankholm Burn River Restoration Project - had been withdrawn as the project had been paused awaiting confirmation of external funding. The report would be submitted to a future meeting of the committee.

#### 154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As a matter of transparency and with reference to para. 165 - Supporting the South and West Fife Local Community Plan - Anti-Poverty Progress Update - Councillor Goodall declared he was a member of the Kingdom Community Bank. However, as this was not considered a connection under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for the purposes of this report, he remained and participated in the meeting.

#### 155. MINUTES

- (a) The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 12 June 2024.

##### Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

With reference to para. 154 - Urgent Motion - Flooding in Rosyth - the committee wished to thank all those involved in attending the site visit, including officers and local residents, which had been very well received in looking at possible solutions to the issues involved.

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- (b) The committee considered the minute of the West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 3 June 2024.

### **Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### **156. RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKING SYSTEM: VERBAL UPDATE**

The Convener advised that, following a recent meeting with Fife Resource Solutions and local councillors to discuss the issue of the booking system at Dalgety Bay, it was agreed that the booking system would be removed and Fife Resource Solutions had been tasked with identifying how to achieve this by the end of the year.

Councillor Barratt advised that a Working Group with officers and councillors was being established to agree the way forward in removing the booking system.

### **Decision**

The committee agreed to invite the Head of Environment and Building Services and the Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change to a future meeting of the committee to provide a verbal update on the removal of the booking system once details had been agreed.

#### **157. AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - HIGH VALLEYFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking approval to allocate funds from the Area Capital budget 2024-25.

### **Decision**

The committee agreed to a contribution of £25,000 from the Area Capital budget towards the overall cost of £45,000 to replace and upgrade the games hall floor within High Valleyfield Community Centre.

#### **158. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - WHINNY/BRANKHOLM BURN RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT**

As confirmation of funding was awaited, the report was withdrawn.

### **Decision**

Agreed that the report be submitted to a future meeting of the committee.

#### **159. 20MPH B913 MAIN STREET AND WEST ROAD, SALINE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the B913 Main Street and West Road, Saline and on various residential roads constructed, or soon to be constructed, within housing developments in Saline.

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### **Decision**

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph speed limit as detailed in Drawing No. TRO24\_40, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

### **160. 30MPH B914 MAIN ROAD, STEELEND**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 30mph speed limit on the B914 Main Road and associated side roads in Steelend.

### **Decision**

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 30mph speed limit as detailed in Drawing No. TRO24\_41, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

### **161. 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 2023-24 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report and Appendices.

### **162. EDUCATION - PUPILWISE AND PARENTWISE SURVEYS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services presenting a summary of the Parentwise and Pupilwise survey process undertaken across Fife in academic session 2023/24 with a focus on the South and West area results.

### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the findings of the surveys and the next steps in response to the results; and
- (2) agreed that members should consult with schools collectively to discuss their approach in engaging with parents/carers and pupils, as well as how they were responding to the findings of the Parentwise and Pupilwise 2023/24 surveys.

**163. COMPLAINTS UPDATE**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Communities) providing an overview of complaints received relating to the South and West Fife area for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

**Decision**

The committee noted:-

- (1) the contents of the report; and
- (2) the complaints received and responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of service complaints.

**164. PLAY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service relating to the proposed implementation programme for South and West Fife area and seeking approval of the approach adopted, taking cognisance of the issues noted.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) agreed the suggested approach to delivery;
- (2) delegated to officers to consult with ward members to agree a play park improvement programme for 2024/25 - 2025/26 and to progress the natural/open spaces listed; and
- (3) agreed to the approach to allocating investment identified for the programmed sites.

*Councillor Downie left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

*The meeting adjourned at 11.05 am and reconvened at 11.15 am.*

**165. ANTI-POVERTY PROGRESS UPDATE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service detailing the activity and outcomes related to the anti-poverty work undertaken in South and West Fife in 2023/24, in alignment with the key priorities for the area contained in the 2022-2025 South and West Fife Local Community Plan.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted progress made in terms of activity and outcomes in relation to ongoing anti-poverty work; and

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- (2) agreed that officers would now provide quarterly anti-poverty updates at ward meetings while still committing to provide an annual progress report to Area Committee.

*Councillor Sarah Neal left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

### 166. 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 contents of the report.

### 167. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024-25

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) supporting the committee's consideration of the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

#### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2024/25;
- (2) agreed that the following reports within the unallocated section of the Forward Work Programme be scheduled to a specific committee date following consultation with the appropriate Service:-
  - Bike Park Strategy;
  - Building Fife's Future: Naming of Replacement Inverkeithing High School; and
  - Place Sufficiency Assessment and Play Parks Implementation Plan Update;
- (3) agreed that an update on actions agreed at the recent flooding site visit be submitted to ward meetings and that the Flooding Update within South and West Fife Area report be submitted to the 30 April 2025 meeting to allow surface water management plans and the appointment of contractors to be undertaken;
- (4) noted that the Trauma Informed Practice item had been dealt with via alternative forums within the council and therefore should be removed from the Forward Work Programme;
- (5) agreed to remove the Water Environment Fund (WEF) Project Update from the Forward Work Programme noting that if further updates were required, this could be undertaken via the Whinny/Brankholm Burn River Restoration Project; and

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- (6) agreed to request that a verbal update be provided at the October 2024 meeting on the current Area Roads Programme detailing what had been carried out and timescales for those projects still to be undertaken.