

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

**27th April, 2021**

**9.30 a.m. - 11.05 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Helen Law (Convener), James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Ian Ferguson, Derek Glen, Garry Haldane, Jean Hall-Muir, Jim Leishman, Ross Paterson, David J Ross and Fay Sinclair.

**ATTENDING:** Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager, City of Dunfermline, Kevin O’Kane, Greenspace Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Greig Henderson, Service Manager, Area Housing Operations, Housing Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy, Tom Kane, Economy Officer, Sunil Varu, Economy Adviser, Town Centre Development, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; John O’Neil, Team Manager - City of Dunfermline, South West Fife & Cowdenbeath Areas, Grounds Maintenance Service; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**240. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

**241. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 2nd March, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**242. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA BUDGET REQUEST - DUNFERMLINE HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP - WELLBEING THROUGH HERITAGE PROJECT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Area Budget to support the Dunfermline Heritage Partnership.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £15,000 per annum over the next 3 years (£45,000 in total) from the Local Community Planning Area Budget to support the Dunfermline Heritage Partnership.

**243. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA BUDGET REQUEST - GILLESPIE MEMORIAL CHURCH - GM3 PROJECT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution from the Local Community Planning Area Budget to support the Gillespie Memorial Church.

**Decision/**

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The Committee agreed to a contribution of £7500 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget to support the Gillespie Memorial Church.

**244. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA BUDGET REQUEST - TOWNHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution from the Local Community Planning Area Budget to support Townhill Community Council.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £9397 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget for this year to support Townhill Community Council.

**245. STRATEGIC GREENSPACE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods advising of a strategic greenspace engagement project to produce a report on how to strengthen partnership working to sustain great greenspaces.

**Decision**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the information contained in the report on the project process; and
- (2) that the project report would be presented to a future meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee.

**246. PLACE LEADERSHIP - IMPROVING GOLFDRUM STREET, DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Housing Services and Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing an update on ongoing housing improvement and regeneration works in Golfdrum Street, Dunfermline and seeking approval to adopt a revised approach to implementing the works as part of the Council's Place Leadership approach in Dunfermline.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the proposals for delivering the agreed improvement works to the multi-tenure estate in Golfdrum Street;
- (2) that the Council and Tenant/Resident Task Group would report into the Dunfermline Place Leadership Group, chaired by the Community Manager; and
- (3) that a further report be provided to the Committee in 12 months' time.

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**247. DUNFERMLINE ECONOMIC PROFILE (MARCH 2021)**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability providing an annual overview of the local economic profile for the City of Dunfermline Committee Area using the latest available published data. The report was accompanied by a slide presentation by Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from an analysis of the latest available data;
- (2) noted the support given to businesses during 2019/20; and
- (3) acknowledged the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the global Covid-19 pandemic and European exit.

**248. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposed changes to the management of grassland in the Dunfermline area and the outcome of a community consultation and engagement exercise.

**Decision**

Following analysis of the results of a public consultation and engagement exercise on proposed changes to the management of grassland in the City of Dunfermline Area, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) Ward 2 Dunfermline North - alternative grassland proposals were not accepted - existing arrangements to be further discussed with the local community;
- (2) Ward 3 Dunfermline Central - alternative grassland proposals were accepted with the exception of Crossford where existing arrangements were to be further discussed with the local community;
- (3) Ward 4 Dunfermline South - alternative grassland proposals were accepted; and
- (4) to note that the Dunfermline Greenspace Forum would consider the issues above in relation to taking forward the greenspace agenda for Dunfermline.

**249. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising members of action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the report.

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**250. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the forward work programme; and
- (2) that a report on suicide prevention had been requested and it was hoped that it would be considered at the next meeting.

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