

THE FIFE COUNCIL - COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

26th October, 2022

2.00 p.m. – 5.10 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Alex Campbell (Convener), Alistair Bain, Linda Erskine, Rosemary Liewald, Mary Lockhart, Lea McLelland, Bailey-Lee Robb and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Sarah Roxburgh, Community Manager (Cowdenbeath Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Mhairi Mullen, Service Manager, Housing Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer/SPSO Liaison Officer, Customer Service Development; Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager and Brian Westwater, Safer Communities Lead Officer; Patricia Galfskiy, Policy Officer, Community Development Team (Cowdenbeath); Vicki Connor, Co-ordinator (Programme and Financial Management), Policy and Resource Management; Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South, Transportation Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Russell Hammell, Station Commander, Stirling-Clackmannanshire-Fife, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Community Inspector, Steven Hoggan and Community Sergeant, John Nicol, Police Scotland.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Linda Erskine declared a connection relating to Para 24 - Local Community Planning Budget Request - Phase 2 Lochgelly Band - as she had previously supported Lochgelly Band. However, having applied the objective test and concluded that it was not clear and substantial, Councillor Erskine remained in the meeting.

18. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee of 31st August, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

19. PRESENTATION - FUEL POVERTY

The Committee considered a presentation by the Service Manager, Housing Services, on support during the fuel poverty crisis, for those who were vulnerable and on low incomes. A detailed discussion followed on various initiatives and projects, such as Warm Spaces, the Cost of Living Campaign, Welfare and financial Support, Boiler Support Fund, the Big Hoose Project etc.

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The Committee thanked the Service Manager, Housing Services for the informative presentation, members welcomed the opportunity to ask questions on various initiatives and projects and acknowledged the importance of raising awareness of the valuable assistance on offer to members of the public.

20. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM - UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Cowdenbeath Committee area during the 12 month period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged activities undertaken by the Safer Communities Team.

21. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COWDENBEATH AREA ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander - Lochgelly Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing incident information for the period 1st April, 2021 – 31st March, 2022. The incident information enabled scrutiny of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – Cowdenbeath Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged the progress across a range of KPIs detailed in the report.

22. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN COWDENBEATH.

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, West Fife, Police Scotland, providing an update on Policing activity in Cowdenbeath Area (Wards 7 and 8).

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged policing activity undertaken to date and supported progress by Police Scotland to address priorities in the Ward Areas.

The Committee adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 3.55 p.m.

23. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the Cowdenbeath Area for the year, from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged complaints received and responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

**24. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - PHASE 2
LOCHGELLY BAND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for Lochgelly Band for their Phase 2 of renovation work at their band hall in Lochgelly.

Decision

The Committee agreed to allocate £15,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget 2022/23 to the Lochgelly Band for Phase 2 of planned renovation work at the band hall in Lochgelly.

**25. PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS AND RAISED TABLE - B921 KINGLASSIE ROAD,
AUCHTERDERRAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment detailing a proposal to extend the 30 mph speed limit on B921 Kinglassie Road, Auchterderran including a proposed raised table and a proposal to introduce a 20 mph zone on roads constructed within the housing development.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the 30 mph speed limit and introduce a 20 mph zone as detailed in drawing no. TRO21_58 (Appendix 1 to the report);
- (2) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce a raised table as detailed in drawing no. TRO21_58 (Appendix 1 to the report);
- (3) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and for the raised table to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections;
- (4)/

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- (4) noted concerns that traffic calming measures should be installed on the entire B921 road as far as Auchterderran School, an extension to the area shown on the map in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (5) acknowledged that an assessment on the area would be undertaken and that the outcome would be discussed with relevant Ward Councillors once this had been finalised.

26. **PROPOSED 20 MPH ZONE AND SPEED CUSHIONS - KIRKCALDY FARM, BALLINGRY**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director – Enterprise and Environment detailing a proposal to introduce a 20 mph speed limit on roads constructed within the housing development at Kirkland Farm, Ballingry and proposed speed cushions on B920 Lochleven Road.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20 mph zone as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_59 (Appendix 1 to the report);
- (2) did not agree with recommendations (2) to (4) of the report as it considered these would not adequately ensure pedestrian safety:-
 - the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce speed cushions on B920 Lochleven Road as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_59 (Appendix 1 to the report);
 - in retrospect the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) and Pedestrian Crossing Notice to introduce two raised toucan crossings on B920 Lochleven Road as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_59 (Appendix 1 to the report); and
 - authorise officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and for the speed cushions to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections’;
- (3) requested a further report detailing revised road safety proposals on the B920 Lochleven Road, Ballingry for the Committee’s consideration at an additional meeting of the Committee in December 2022, on a date to be advised; and
- (4) requested that Transportation officers discuss with Ward members road safety concerns relating to Lochleven Road, in the form of a workshop, prior to the submission of the report outlined at (3) above.

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27. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022- FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director – Enterprise and Environment providing an update on the delivery of the 2021-22 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The Committee

- (1) noted the contents of the report and appendices; and
- (2) requested that Ward Councillors be provided with regular updates to scheduled work on the Area Roads Programme, advising of any changes to scheduled work, so this could be conveyed to constituents.

28. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Finance and Corporate Services detailing the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2021-2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the appendices to the report, related to the various Common Good funds and Settlement Trust Funds;
- (2) noted the information provided in the report; and
- (3) acknowledged there had been no spending on the Common Good and Settlement Trust Funds in the financial year 2021/22 and encouraged Ward Councillors to use the funding available for projects in Ward 8.

29. COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Cowdenbeath Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee Forward Work Programme;
- (2) agreed that an additional meeting of the Committee would be arranged on a date to be confirmed in December, 2022, primarily to consider a Budget update report, including anti-poverty budget, Area and Ward budgets, including additional budget allocation; and
- (3)/

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- (3) requested the update reports as noted below, to be included on the Forward Work Programme for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee:-
- (a) Cafe Inc Provision - (progress report on the current programme, support available over the Christmas period, standard and quality of provision and service); and
 - (b) Proposed 20 mph zone and speed cushions - Kirkcaldy Farm, Ballingry (Para 26 above) - revised proposal for traffic calming and road safety measures at Kirkcaldy Farm, Ballingry (B920 Lochleven Road, Ballingry).
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