

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ken Caldwell (Convener), David Alexander, John O'Brien, Colin Davidson, David Graham, Ryan Smart and Alistair Suttie.

**ATTENDING:** John Rodigan, Senior Manager - Environment and Building Services, Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Roads and Transportation Services, Assets Transportation and Environment; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Iain Wilson, Parks Development Officer (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Sarah Else, Education Manager, Ronnie Ross, Headteacher, Education Service and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**249. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**250. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 24th March, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**251. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Grounds Maintenance Service, which detailed the proposed changes to the management of grassland in the area and the outcome of the community consultation and engagement exercise.

**Motion**

Councillor Graham seconded by Councillor Smart moved that the recommendations in the report be rejected and the areas proposed within the report would revert back to amenity grassland management maintenance regimes.

**Amendment**

Councillor Caldwell seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that members accept the recommendations detailed in the report.

**Roll Call/**

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**For the Motion – 3 votes**

Councillors Davidson, Graham and Smart.

**For the Amendment – 4 votes**

Councillors Alexander, Caldwell, O'Brien and Suttie.

Having received a majority of votes, the amendment was accordingly carried.

**Decision**

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

- (1) Ward 21 Leven, Kennoway and Largo – alternative grassland proposals approved; and
- (2) Ward 22 Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages – alternative grassland proposals approved.

**252. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – ARDEN HOUSE – ADDITIONAL WORKS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which sought agreement from members to allocate additional funding for the capital works to Arden House, Leven.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to allocate £5,250 from the area capital budget towards the additional costs incurred in upgrading and installing window fittings at Arden House, Leven.

**253. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – PLAY PARK UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided members with an update on the work carried out since the original agreement to embark on the play park modernisation programme.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the current progress on the projects already agreed;
- (2) noted the potential next steps in terms of projects to be taken forward;
- (3)/

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- (3) acknowledged the aims of the draft play strategy which went out for consultation at the end of 2019, and
- (4) supported and agreed on the next steps to achieve the aims within the draft play spaces strategy report.

### **254. CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER, LEVEN TOWN CENTRE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which asked members to consider an objection to the proposal for the amendment of various waiting restrictions (limited waiting, prohibition of waiting and taxi ranks) in Leven Town Centre.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed that in the interests of accessibility and road safety, to set aside an outstanding objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and allow the promotion to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing nos. TRO/20/03/PROP-PART1 and TRO/20/03/PROP-PART2.

### **255. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services which provided members with a summary on 2019-20 school attainment for young people who left school in 2019-20 across the secondary schools serving the Levenmouth area. Details of how to access School Standards and Quality reports and Recovery/Improvement Plans were also provided for primary and secondary schools across the area as outlined in the Appendices to the report.

#### **Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) welcomed the presentation by Ronnie Ross, Headteacher, Levenmouth Academy relating to the different approach to reporting on school attainment and achievement from previous years due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (2) agreed to engage directly with local schools to find out more about school attainment and achievement;
- (3) noted the details contained in the report in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (4) noted the information provided on the secondary schools, and
- (5) agreed to engage with secondary Headteachers to discuss arrangements for this year's Alternative Certification Model for SQA Qualifications and how this was progressing in their school.

**256. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising members on action taken using the list of officer powers in relation to property transactions.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the report.

**257. LEVENMOUTH AREA FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Forward Work Programme.