THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE - REMOTE MEETING

1st December, 2021

9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Fiona Grant (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik,

Julie Ford, Mick Green, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Neil Watson,

Lead Consultant (Roads & Lighting Asset Management), Assets, Transportation & Environment Services; Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), JP Easton, Team Manager (Community Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods; John Flaherty, Housing Manager – Glenrothes & Tenancy Sustainment, Housing Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services, Finance & Corporate Services.

243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

244. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 6th October, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

Councillor Ford joined the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

245. OBJECTIONS TO 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON B9130 MARKINCH

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment Services seeking the Committee's agreement to set aside the 10 outstanding objections to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on the B9130 west of Markinch - the promotion of which was agreed at its meeting on 19th May, 2021.

Decision

The Committee:-

(1) agreed to not set aside the 10 outstanding objections to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 30mph speed limit on the B9130 west of Markinch to allow the TRO to be made and proceed with the introduction of the 30 mph speed limit as shown in drawing no. TRO/20/19; and

(2) arising from a motion proposed by Councillor Beare, seconded by Councillor Craik, unanimously agreed to continue this item to allow Fife Council to engage with the community of Markinch to assess this primary vehicular route (B9130 from the Tullis Russell Roundabout to the entrance to John Dixon Park) by way of a design charette with a report back to a future meeting of this Committee – to explore options for alternative design and use of this section of road.

246. OBJECTION TO 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON U039 MARKINCH

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment Services seeking the Committee's agreement to set aside the one objection to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the U039 east of Markinch - the promotion of which was agreed at its meeting on 19th May, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to set aside the one objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the U039 east of Markinch to allow the TRO to be made and proceed with the introduction of the 40 mph speed limit as shown in drawing no. TRO/21/29.

247. THORNTON RAILWAY STATION CAR PARK ACCESS - PROPOSED ROAD ADOPTION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment Services seeking the Committee's approval to promote the adoption of the access road to Thornton Railway Station car park.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the promotion of the adoption of the access road to Thornton Railway Station car park, under Section 1 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

248. GLENROTHES AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on progress in delivering service priorities and performance information for the financial year 2021/22, where figures were available at area level, relating to the Glenrothes Area Housing Plan approved by this Committee in October 2017. A revised Plan for 2022/24 would be presented to the Committee once there had been an opportunity to consult on future priorities for the Glenrothes Area.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

(1) the work progressed through the Area Housing Plan for the financial year 2021/22; and

(2) that a report on a revised Plan for 2022/24 would be presented to a future meeting of this Committee.

249. GLENROTHES LOCK UP PROGRAMME - PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on progress of the programme to improve the lock up service offered to tenants and to modernise the lock up estate in Glenrothes.

Decision

The Committee noted the lock up work completed and proposed in Glenrothes for 2021/22.

250. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising of the current status of the Common Good fund (Leslie and Markinch) and Leslie Settlement Trust fund, including relevant fund activities over the financial year 2020/21.

Decision

The Committee noted the information contained in the relevant Appendices to the report relating to the Common Good fund (Leslie and Markinch) and Leslie Settlement Trust Fund.

251. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Glenrothes Area Committee draft Forward Work Programme 2021/22.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme;
- (2) agreed to feed back to the Community Manager (Glenrothes) and the Convener any suggestions for further reports to be included, within the context of the remit of the Committee;
- (3) requested an update briefing on progress relating to the improvement plan for Riverside Park, Glenrothes pending a future report to this Committee; and
- (4) noted that a report on a revised Glenrothes Area Housing Plan for 2022/24 would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

252. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

The Committee acknowledged with sadness the passing of Mark McCall, Service Manager, Housing Services on 24th September, 2021.
