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

20th September, 2022

9.30 a.m. - 12.20 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall Muir, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager, Shirley Melville, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Debbie Difulco, Technician Engineer, Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Vicki Connor, Coordinator (Project and Financial Management, Roads and Transportation Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; Michael Collins, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Joanne McEwan, Local Area Commander, Police Scotland and Alistair Jupp, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

5. **MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 31st May, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

6. **PROPOSED 20MPH ZONES – VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL STREETS, DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment which detailed proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit in various residential streets in Dunfermline (Linburn Grove, Afton Grove, Earn Grove, Grange Wynd/Grange Park and Whirlbut Street/Whirlbut Crescent).

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

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- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 20mph speed limits in detailed in appendices 1 - 3 of the report; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there are objections.

7. **PROPOSED 20 MPH ZONES – DOVER HEIGHTS AND SOUTH FOD AREA, DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment which detailed proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit on roads constructed within housing developments at South Fod, Lynebank area and Dover Heights, Dunfermline.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 20mph zones as detailed in drawing nos. TRO21_44/1 and TRO21_44/2 (appended to the report), with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

8. **AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2021-2022 FINAL**

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

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report and the appendices.

9. **LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS PROJECT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of a contribution of £7,000 from the area budget towards the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Project.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve a contribution of £7,000 from the area budget to the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Project.

10. **LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - HEALTHY HOMES DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of a contribution of £30,000 from the area Anti-Poverty/

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Poverty budget to Healthy Homes Dunfermline to build on the success of the pilot to increase the number of households being supported in the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve a contribution of £30,000 from the area Anti-Poverty budget to Healthy Homes Dunfermline.

11. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - FIRE STATION CREATIVE FACADE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of a contribution of £36,212 from the area budget to carry out urgent repairs to the Fire Station building in order to maintain public safety.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve a contribution of £36,212 from the area budget for the purpose of ensuring that urgent repairs were carried out.

12. COMPLAINTS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided an overview of complaints received relating to the City of Dunfermline Committee area for the period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

13. SAFER COMMUNITIES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services which provided an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the City of Dunfermline Committee area for the period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

14. POLICE SCOTLAND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander (West Fife), Police Scotland which provided an update on policing activity in the City of Dunfermline Committee area for the period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10 a.m. and reconvened at 11.20 a.m.

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15. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services which provided an update on incident information in the City of Dunfermline Committee area for the period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking nominations for member representation on those external organisations detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

As there was no unanimous decision for appointments to the following organisations, a roll call vote was taken for each.

Carnegie Dunfermline and Hero Fund Trusts (2 members)

Roll Call

For Councillor Glen – 5 votes

Councillors Naz Anis-Miah, Auxi Barrera, Lynn Ballantyne Wardlaw, Derek Glen and Jean Hall Muir.

For Councillor Pryde – 6 votes

Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

Councillor Calder – nil votes

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that Councillor Pryde be appointed to the Carnegie Dunfermline and Hero Fund Trusts.

A second vote was taken to appoint a second member representative.

Roll Call

For Councillor Glen – 5 votes

Councillors Naz Anis-Miah, Auxi Barrera, Lynn Ballantyne Wardlaw, Derek Glen and Jean Hall Muir.

For Councillor Calder – 6 votes

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Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that Councillor Calder be appointed to the Carnegie Dunfermline and Hero Fund Trusts.

Carnegie UK Trust

Roll Call

For Councillor Hall Muir – 5 votes

Councillors Naz Anis-Miah, Auxi Barrera, Lynn Ballantyne Wardlaw, Derek Glen and Jean Hall Muir.

For Councillor Ellis – 6 votes

Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that Councillor Ellis be appointed to the Carnegie UK Trust.

Dunfermline and West Fife Local Tourist Association

Roll Call

For Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw – 5 votes

Councillors Naz Anis-Miah, Auxi Barrera, Lynn Ballantyne Wardlaw, Derek Glen and Jean Hall Muir.

For Councillor Boubaker-Calder – 6 votes

Councillors Aude Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that Councillor Boubaker-Calder be appointed to the Dunfermline and West Fife Local Tourist Association.

Decision

The Committee agreed to member representation on those external organisations as detailed in the appendix to this minute.

17. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the City of Dunfermline Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee noted the City of Dunfermline Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

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18. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, 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.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion had been submitted:-

Motion

Councillor Derek Glen, seconded by Councillor Auxi Barrera, moved as follows:-

"The Committee agrees that Dunfermline's much-loved peacocks have symbolic importance to our community and wish to recognise and welcome their continued presence in and around the city. The committee notes that the Council's archivist has been engaged in a search of the Council's archives to identify any previous civic acknowledgement of the peacocks.

The Committee welcome the opportunity that city status for Dunfermline brings to award civic freedom, notes the governance arrangements to make the awards are being put in place and requests an update to the next committee."

Amendment

Councillor James Calder, seconded by Councillor Aude Boubaker-Calder, moved as follows:-

"The Committee agrees that Dunfermline's much-loved peacocks have symbolic importance to our community and wish to recognise and welcome their continued presence in and around the city. The committee notes that the Council's archivist has been engaged in a search of the Council's archives to identify any previous civic acknowledgement of the peacocks. The Council also welcomes the practical efforts by Council Staff to provide support for the peacocks including working alongside the Carnegie Trust and other local groups in setting up a steering group with the aim of making improvements to the building that houses the peacocks.

The Committee welcomes that Council are due to receive a report on the governance process for consideration of nominations for Freedom of, and Keys, to the City. The Committee invites the Council to consider whether it would be competent for this to be a power afforded to the Area Committee. The Committee notes that there will be a formal process for conferring of this honour and requests a report to come back with further details at a future Area Committee once these details have been finalised."

The mover of the motion agreed to the accept the amendment.

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Decision

The Committee agreed the Amendment unanimously.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion had been submitted:-

Motion

Councillor Gavin Ellis, seconded by Councillor Boubaker-Calder, moved as follows:-

"Committee requests that the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Humza Yousaf be written to and invited to attend the next City of Dunfermline Area Committee to update committee members on the situation of our Queen Margaret hospital.

Our residents whom we represent deserve to know why over ten years of closure we still don't have an accident and emergency department that is operational or full maternity services, surely ten years plus has been enough time for work force planning to have been put in place and to have a plan in going forward. Dunfermline is a city and its residents deserve the services that affords."

Amendment

Councillor Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, seconded by Councillor Naz Anis-Miah, moved as follows:-

"This motion be better directed to NHS Fife Chief Executive, perhaps via Fife Integration Joint Board, given the historical context of both the provision of full maternity services and an accident & emergency department at Queen Margaret Hospital.

Dunfermline Maternity Hospital was closed in 1992, despite local opposition. In 2002, it was proposed that a midwife led unit be opened at Queen Margaret; however this has not been progressed since then, due to concerns that there would added risks to any births requiring medical intervention. It would seem reasonable to ask NHS Fife if there is a possibility to review.

The decision to close A&E at Queen Margaret was taken in 2002, which was implemented in 2012. The arguments for maintaining a minor injuries department at Queen Margaret with a centralised A&E department at Victoria Hospital are well known and again it would seem sensible to ask NHS Fife to review whether there are advantages to re-opening A&E at Queen Margaret."

Roll Call

For the Motion – 4 votes

Councillors Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Gavin Ellis and Jim Leishman.

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For the Amendment – 7 votes

Councillors Naz Anis-Miah, Auxi Barrera, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Derek Glen, Jean Hall Muir, Cara Hilton and Gordon Pryde.

Decision

The Committee agreed the amendment.

21. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion had been submitted:-

Motion

Councillor Aude Boubaker-Calder, seconded by Councillor Gavin Ellis, moved as follows:-

“The Committee notes the proposals submitted by Stagecoach to review Services across the Dunfermline area and the consultation deadline of 12 September 2022. It is understood that the impact of these proposed cuts are substantial and will affect the lives of many of our constituents who are reliant on bus transport for work and to access services.

In considering the options for a comprehensive Fife Council response to the Stagecoach proposal it is noted that the agreed remit for Area Committee does not have any explicit powers to allow Area Committees to discuss concerns relating to a third party provided bus service even where they have significant impact on Dunfermline. The Committee requests that Council undertake an urgent cross-party review on the remits of Area Committees in line with the statement made in the Leader's report on devolution of powers to Area Committees at Fife Council on 9th June 2022 to address this perceived gap.”

Amendment

Councillor Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, seconded by Councillor Jean Hall Muir, moved as follows:-

Add to the Motion:-

“The Committee welcomes the prospect of further devolution of powers to the Area Committee which may better enable the Committee and council officers working most closely with those in need to help residents to cope with the hardships they are facing this winter including emergency energy support and creation of local 'warm banks.’”

The mover of the motion agreed to accept the amendment.

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Decision

The Committee agreed the conjoined motion unanimously.