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THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

29 September, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.30a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Donald Lothian (Convener), Tim Brett, John Docherty, Andy Heer, Linda Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Jane Ann Liston, David MacDiarmid, Karen Marjoram, Bill Porteous, Jonny Tepp, Brian Thomson and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife); Sheena Watson, Team Manager (Community Development), Caitlin Brown, Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Stuart Goodfellow and Dhusjan Sivaratnam, Technician Engineers, Traffic Management (North Fife), Roads & Transportation Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer / SPSO Liaison Officer, Customer & Online Services; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Tony Miklinski and Dominic Nolan.

372. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Liston declared an interest in Para. 374 - Local Community Planning Budget Request - St Andrews Bandstand Restoration - as she attended meetings of the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council Common Good Sub-Committee. However, she was satisfied that the interest was so insignificant and remote that it would not prejudice discussion or decision making in her role as a Councillor and she would therefore remain in the meeting.

Councillor Porteous declared an interest in Para. 383 - Property Transactions - as he was a trustee of the West Braes Project, Pittenweem. However, he was satisfied that the interest was so insignificant and remote that it would not prejudice discussion or decision making in his role as a Councillor and he would therefore remain in the meeting.

373. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 11 August, 2021. With reference to paragraph 365, Eden Contamination Incident, the Convener advised that no response had yet been received to the letter sent to Scottish Water but that a reminder would be issued.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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374. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - ST ANDREWS BANDSTAND RESTORATION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution from the St Andrews Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) towards the costs of the St Andrews Bandstand restoration project.

Decision

The Committee approved a contribution of £42,500 from the St Andrews Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) towards the costs of the St Andrews Bandstand restoration project.

375. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - OLD ST ANDREWS ROAD, GUARDBRIDGE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment in respect of proposals to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on Old St Andrews Road, Guardbridge.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of accessibility and road safety:-

- (1) to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Old St Andrews Road, Guardbridge, with all ancillary procedures, as detailed in drawing no. TRO/21/41 attached to the report; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

376. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS - 40 SHANWELL ROAD, TAYPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment in respect of proposals to amend waiting restrictions on Shanwell Road, Tayport. It was advised that the reference to 'Boat Brae and Boat Road' in recommendation i) in the report should be replaced with 'Shanwell Road'.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) to the amendments to the waiting restrictions on Shanwell Road as detailed on Drawing TRO21/40/1 attached 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.

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377. ANNUAL COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities, providing an overview of complaints received relating to the North East Fife area for the year 1 April, 2020 to 31 March, 2021.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints; and
- (2) commended the quality of the report.

378. CLD AND ANTI-POVERTY UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods providing a 6-month update of the spend of the NEF Anti-Poverty funding and a 12-month report of the work of the NEF Community Development Team.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the work that was being delivered to address poverty and inequality in North East Fife by the NEF Community Development Team and voluntary sector partners;
- (2) noted the activities undertaken to benefit individuals and communities experiencing poverty in a rural setting;
- (3) commended the quality of the report; and
- (4) commended all involved, both Council staff and volunteers, for their dedicated and effective work.

Councillors Marjoram and Kennedy joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

379. SETTLEMENT TRUST - ANNUAL UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE AND FUNDS HELD – 2020/21

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods providing a position statement on the expenditure relating to the Settlement Trusts in the North East Fife area along with a Fife wide statement of funds held in both capital and revenue accounts as at April, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:-

- (1) the expenditure statement for the financial year 2020/21 detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
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- (2) the funds available at the year-end relating to amounts held as interest, in Revenue accounts and as Capital;
- (3) the use of the funding as noted in section 2.0 of the report; and
- (4) the acceptable uses for this funding as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

380. NOTICE OF MOTION - ST ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

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

Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Brett, moved as follows:-

"The North East Fife Area Committee congratulates the Principal, the 'Doctors, Masters and Scholars' and all staff of the University of St Andrews upon achieving the top ranking in the Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide for 2022, the first time that a university other than Oxford or Cambridge has topped this table. While Scots might rightly observe 'Guid gear comes in sma bulk' the Greeks also had a word, or rather two words, for this achievement: Aien aristeuein, 'always excel' or 'always to be the best' which is fittingly the motto of our top-class University."

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously with the terms of the motion as detailed.

381. NOTICE OF MOTION - APPLICATION FOR CITY STATUS

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

Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Brett, moved as follows:-

"North East Fife Area Committee notes that Her Majesty The Queen has agreed that competitions may be held for a grant of city status to mark Her Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Applications must be made the local authority and therefore the Area Committee acknowledges that the appropriate governance will be required before an application is submitted. The Area Committee is aware that the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council has indicated that it wishes to regain its historical city status. The Committee agrees to offer its support to this application in consideration of any formal Council decision".

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously with the terms of the motion as detailed.

382. NOTICE OF MOTION - NORTH EAST FIFE HOLIDAY VILLAGES

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

Motion

Councillor Porteous, seconded by Councillor Brett, moved as follows:-

"We/

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"We request that officers prepare a report outlining the proposed levels of service in respect of toilets maintenance, refuse collection , parking management and traffic safety including harbours and Management of Wild Camping, Motorhomes and Countryside Access during the busy summer period of 2022 and subsequent years, to address the challenges experienced in East Neuk and Landward' Holiday Villages this year?"

Amendment

Councillor Lothian, seconded by Councillor Verner, moved as follows:-

"Add "to the Area Committee" after "report", add "in areas of North East Fife, particularly" after "experienced" and add "and St Andrews" after "Villages".

The movers of the motion agreed to conjoin and the conjoined motion was agreed as follows:-

"We request that officers prepare a report to the Area Committee outlining the proposed levels of service in respect of toilets maintenance, refuse collection , parking management and traffic safety including harbours and Management of Wild Camping, Motorhomes and Countryside Access during the busy summer period of 2022 and subsequent years, to address the challenges experienced in areas of North East Fife, particularly the East Neuk and Landward' Holiday Villages and St Andrews this year?"

Decision

The conjoined motion was agreed unanimously.

383. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

384. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the current forward work programme for the North East Fife Area Committee.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the current forward work programme for the North East Fife Area Committee;
 - (2) agreed that dates be confirmed for the unallocated items relating to Health & Social Care and the Director of Public Health Annual Report; and
 - (3) requested an update on the position regarding the Pupil Equity Fund report.
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