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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

3rd March, 2021.

9.30 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alice McGarry (Convener), David Barratt, Bobby Clelland, Dave Coleman, Dave Dempsey, Sharon Green-Wilson, Mino Manekshaw, Tony Orton and Kate Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** Ross Speirs, Service Manager (Structural Services), Phil Clarke, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management (South Fife), Rick Haynes, Lead Consultant (Flooding, Shoreline and Harbours) and Neil Watson, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management), Assets, Transportation and Environment; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Mandy MacEwan, Team Manager (Community Development) and Lisa Hemphill, Local Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Andrew Verrecchia.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) and Dr. Paul Dale, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) (for para. 260 only); and Mr. Ben Bickle, Strategic Planner, Scottish Water (for para. 263 only).

#### 258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Dave Coleman declared an interest at para. 260 – Radiation Monitoring at Dalgety Bay – as he worked for a company that was tendering to Balfour Beatty, the main contractor dealing with the radiation works at Dalgety Bay.
- Councillors Kate Stewart and Mino Manekshaw declared an interest at para. 264 – South and West Fife Area Local Community Plan – Plan4South and West Fife Area – being part of the group relating to the Accused Witches Trail.

#### 259. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the South and West Fife Area Committee meeting of 13th January, 2021.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### 260. RADIATION MONITORING AT DALGETY BAY

Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence (DIO) advised that the project was moving forward and that the contractor, Balfour Beatty, were currently engaged with local stakeholders/

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stakeholders, Dalgety Bay Sailing Club, the local authority and SEPA. It was noted that the licence application paperwork was in place and continued to be taken forward by Balfour Beatty and their specialist sub-contractor.

Mr. Ritchie advised that over the next two weeks a lot of activity would be undertaken within the area with cabins arriving and fences being erected but it was noted that the project was moving forward as planned. Mr. Ritchie, however, advised that some issues still required to be resolved relating to the SEPA licence and discussions were ongoing in this regard. It was noted that monitoring of the beach continued to be carried out with some restrictions in place due to Covid but the intention was that, in the areas that were not currently being used as remediation areas, the MoD would continue to monitor the areas outwith that and report back to SEPA.

Dr. Paul Dale, SEPA, advised that no formal licence application had been made, as yet, by Balfour Beatty to undertake the necessary remediation works on site. SEPA were, however, in discussions with Balfour Beatty and their sub-contractors on a fortnightly basis to work through the process to progress the necessary paperwork. Dr. Dale pointed out that the normal determination time, once a licence application was made, was four months but that SEPA would do everything they could, once the licence application was made, to ensure that the process could be undertaken as expeditiously as possible as SEPA were required to undertake certain processes on the application before works could start on site.

### **Decision**

The Committee thanked Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Dale for their detailed updates and continued support.

## **261. CRAIGLEITH AVENUE AREA, INVERKEITHING - WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking agreement for the introduction of waiting prohibition regulations in Craigleith Avenue, Craigleith Wynd, Gray Place, Spencerfield Road and Spittalfield Road, Inverkeithing.

### **Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend the restrictions as detailed in Drawing Nos. TRO/21/05 Before N, After N, Before S and After S, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

## **262. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2021/22**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval of the projects for inclusion in the Area Roads Programme for the South and West Fife Committee area for delivery in the 2021/22 financial year.

### **Decision/**

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The Committee:-

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1-3;
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Area Convener and Ward members; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5.

**263. UPDATE ON DUNFERMLINE AND IRON MILLS BAY INTEGRATED CATCHMENT STUDY AND LADE BRAES, DALGETY BAY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating members on the status of the Dunfermline and Iron Mills Bay Integrated Catchment Study (ICS) and flooding at Lade Braes, Dalgety Bay in response to motions submitted to the Area Committee on 25th November, 2020 and 13th January, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted that the Dunfermline and Iron Mills Bay Integrated Catchment Study (ICS) was led and managed by Scottish Water;
- (2) noted the use of the Integrated Catchment as a supporting study to future mitigation measures to be progressed separately and jointly by Scottish Water and Fife Council; and
- (3) noted the progression of a design solution for the flooding at Lade Braes, Dalgety Bay.

**264. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - PLAN4SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on progress and changes made to the Local Community Plan (LCP) to align with the current Reform and Recovery Priorities which were built on recovery planning work across the partnership in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the efforts to actively develop projects under the agreed Plan4Fife Themes; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the Plan4South and West Fife as it adapted and changed to focus on Recovery and Reform.

The meeting adjourned at 10.55 a.m. and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

**265. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising on action taken under delegated powers in relation to property transactions in the South and West Fife Committee Area.

**266. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme which would be further updated as appropriate.

**267. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

Councillor Tony Orton, seconded by Councillor Sharon Green-Wilson, moved that:-

"Committee notes the decision of the West Planning Committee 11 April 2018 considering the Supermarket Development in Rosyth condition (17/01554/FULL).

***3. No work shall commence on the development of the retail store which will preclude, prevent or limit the use of the existing football pitch until a signed, binding contract has been submitted to the Council that demonstrates the replacement pitch will be constructed. The contract shall clearly set out the expected timescales for the new pitch to be completed. A phasing plan shall also be submitted that sets out the timing of the construction of the hereby approved retail store and delivery of the replacement football pitch (17/01553/FULL). For the avoidance of doubt, the phasing plan shall include, but not limited to, when the existing pitch will cease to be available for football matches, the anticipated opening date for the store and the anticipated date the replacement pitch will be available for football matches. Works shall only commence on the erection of the retail store (for the avoidance of doubt, this excludes works which do not inhibit the use of the existing football pitch) once the Council have confirmed in writing that the phasing plan and evidence that the replacement football pitch will be delivered are acceptable.***

***Reason: To ensure that the alternative outdoor sports facility is provided.***

Additionally, Committee notes the decision of the Education & Children's Services Sub Committee of 3 November 2020 to build the replacement High School on the Fleet Grounds in Rosyth. Moreover, Committee notes the effect that the decision to build the replacement High School in Rosyth is having on the ability to progress the following planning applications:

**17/01553/FULL/**

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**17/01553/FULL** - Erection of new football pitch with changing rooms, fencing, parking and associated works | Football Pitch Peasehill Gait Rosyth Fife

**17/01554/FULL** - Demolition of existing buildings, erection of a retail unit (Class 1) with associated access improvements, service area, parking, taxi parking and associated works.

**20/00373/FULL** - Demolition of existing buildings, erection of a retail unit (Class 1) with associated access improvements, service area, parking, taxi parking and associated works (Section 42 to remove condition 3 of 17/01554/FULL to provide a replacement football pitch) | The Yard Public House Admiralty Road Rosyth Dunfermline Fife KY11 2BN

Consequently, based upon the understanding that the new High School is unlikely to be completed until 2026, Committee requests that officers in the Council's property services team use their best endeavours to work with the applicants/landowners to ensure that the above planning applications (that have been approved by Elected Representatives) are progressed as expeditiously as possible.

Committee requests a report at the earliest opportunity on those discussions and giving best estimates of the timescales required to complete implementation of the planning conditions".

### **Decision**

The motion was unanimously agreed.

Alastair Mutch, Community Manager provided a brief update on the position advising that discussions were ongoing with Rosyth Football Club, South West Fife Community Sports Partnership and colleagues from Property Services.

It was noted that Council officers had agreed to meet with both parties on a monthly basis involving elected members. Alastair Mutch advised that this was a very complex situation with a number of options being considered in relation to the site, fleet grounds and the recreational park site and a positive solution required to be found as both organisations provided an invaluable service to the local community both in support of football and sporting activity for children and young people but also the wider provision that the facility provided.

It was noted that discussions would be ongoing to come to a solution that suited all parties concerned.

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