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

26 January, 2022

9.30 a.m. – 12.22 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Donald Lothian, Tim Brett, Bill Connor, John Docherty, Andy Heer, Linda Holt, Jane Ann Liston, David MacDiarmid, Karen Marjoram, Tony Miklinski, Bill Porteous, Jonny Tepp, Brian Thomson and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Roads & Transportation Services; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Peter Corbett, Lead Officer, Economy, Alison Laughlin, Economy Adviser, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Sarah Else, Education Manager, Ken Currie, Headteacher/Rector, Ashley McBain, Acting Headteacher, Lesley O'Brien, Headteacher, Education; Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

405. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Thomson declared an interest in Para. 414 - Notice of Motion, as a Director of Fife Sports & Leisure Trust.

Councillor Brett declared an interest in Para. 410 - Pupil Equity Fund, as his daughter was a teacher at a school mentioned in an appendix to the report, 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 for this item.

Councillor Lothian declared an interest in Para. 414 -Notice of Motion, as a Director of Fife Sports & Leisure Trust, however, as he had been appointed by the Council to that position, he considered it an exemption under Section 5.4(c) of the Code of Conduct for Councillors and would therefore remain in the meeting and participate.

406. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 24 November 2021. In response to a question from Councillor Brett with reference to Para. 404 - Public Question, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that, under the Council's current Standing Orders, no public attendance was possible at Remote Meetings.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to approve the minute; and
- (2) noted the advice given by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Councillor Marjoram joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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407. A917, ST MONANS - SPEED LIMIT ALTERATIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment in respect of proposals for the extension of a 30mph speed limit on the A917 west of St Monans and the inclusion of adjacent new residential roads within an existing 20mph zone.

Decision

The Committee approved:-

- (1) the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the existing 30mph speed limit; and
- (2) the inclusion of the adjacent proposed residential roads within the existing 20mph TRO, both as shown in drawing TRO22/02/1 attached to the report.

408. B940, PITSCOTTIE ROAD, CUPAR - SPEED LIMIT ALTERATIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals for the inclusion of new residential roads adjacent to the B940, Pitscottie Road, Cupar, within an existing 20mph zone.

Decision

The Committee approved the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to include the new residential roads adjacent to the B940, Pitscottie Road, Cupar, within the existing 20mph TRO, as shown in drawing TRO22/01/1 attached to the report.

409. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - SOUTH LOAN AND BACKGATE, PITTENWEEM

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on South Loan and Backgate, Pittenweem.

Decision

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

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/21/54 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.

410. PUPIL EQUITY FUND

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services, providing an update on the work of schools in their practice to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap and presenting an overview of the rationale, implementation and impact, to date, of the Pupil Equity Fund within schools across the North East Fife Committee area.

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The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) note the contents of the report;
- (2) note the aim of the interventions;
- (3) note the work of schools in developing their practice to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap;
- (4) link directly with individual schools for further information as required;
- (5) recognise the very good work being done and the notable benefit for pupils and their families; and
- (6) welcome the move from one year funding, allowing longer term planning.

The meeting adjourned at 11.13 a.m. and reconvened at 11.20 a.m.

411. FIFE LOCAL ECONOMIC PROFILES 2020-21

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability presenting an annual overview of the local economic profile for each of the seven local committee areas using the latest available data to provide background and context to council activity within each locality.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and
- (2) recognised the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the global Covid-19 pandemic and recent UK exit from the European Union.

412. 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 content of the report.

413. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme which would be updated as appropriate.

414. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

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

"Committee notes that current Standing Orders do not permit members of the public to attend remote meetings to ask their question. On that basis it has not been possible for the member of the public who submitted the question raising concerns about the restricted opening hours of North East Fife area leisure centres to the last meeting to attend today's meeting for further discussion. Committee invites Council to consider reviewing Standing Orders to allow members of the public to attend remote meetings to ask their questions.

The Committee notes community concern about this matter, notes and supports the work of the East Fife Sports Council and notes that Councillors intend to attend a meeting with the group and Ms Logan to which the Chief Executive of the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust will be invited."

Decision

The Committee approved the motion unanimously.
