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

16th March, 2022

9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Donald Lothian (Convener), Tim Brett, Bill Connor, John Docherty, Andy Heer, Linda Holt, Margaret Kennedy, 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), Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Iain Wilson, Parks Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Roads Network Management; Assets, Transportation and Environment; Morag Millar, Strategic Growth & City Region Deals Programme Manager, Ryan McQuade, Fife Property Gazetteer Officer, Economy, Planning & Employability; Stuart MacArthur, Team Manager, Joan Gallo, Lead Officer, Education, Children's Services & Criminal Justice; Alan Cumming, Education Manager, Ken Currie, Headteacher, Fiona Hynes, Headteacher, Stephen Morrison, Headteacher, Elizabeth Smart, Headteacher, Education & Children's Services and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

415. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brian Thomson declared an interest in Para. 429 - Tay Cities Region Deal Annual Report - as he was involved in the delivery of the Tay Cities Deal through his employment with the University of Dundee.

Councillor Brett declared an interest in Para. 421 - School Attainment and Achievement - 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. 421 - School Attainment and Achievement - as his grandson attended 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.

416. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 26 January 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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417. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022-23

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment detailing the projects proposed for inclusion in the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme for the North-East Fife Area.

Decision

The Committee :-

- (1) approved the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme for the North-East Fife Area as detailed in appendices 1-3 to the report;
- (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 Vice-Convener; and
- (3) noted the information on street lighting works contained in Appendix 4 and the information on structures works contained in Appendix 5 to the report.

418. SOUTH ROAD, CUPAR - PART TIME 20MPH EXTENSION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals for the extension of the existing part time 20mph speed limit on South Road, Cupar.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road safety, to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the existing part time 20mph speed limit on South Road, Cupar as shown in drawing TRO21/51/1 attached to the report.

419. ST ANDREWS RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME - AMENDMENT TO THE LIST OF QUALIFYING PREMISES - JOHN STREET

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals to amend the list of addresses that qualified to apply for a residents parking permit by adding eight premises in John Street to the St Andrews Residents Parking Permit Scheme.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of parking management:-

- (1) agreed to the amendment of the existing Traffic Regulation Order to introduce the additional premises in John Street to the St Andrews Residents Parking Permit Scheme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the amended Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

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420. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS – NORTH STREET, ST ANDREWS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals to amend a “No Waiting at Any Time” restriction on North Street, St Andrews by shortening its length to accommodate three new parking spaces.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of parking management:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend the “No Waiting at Any Time” restriction on North Street, St Andrews as detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/22 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.

421. PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION – KYLE GARDENS, ST ANDREWS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals to extend the waiting prohibition on Kyle Gardens, St Andrews.

Decision

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

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the waiting prohibition on Kyle Gardens, St Andrews as detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/06 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.

422. C45, DAIRSIE – 20MPH ZONE AND 30MPH EXTENSION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals for the inclusion of a new residential development within an existing 20mph zone and the extension of a 30mph speed limit on the C45 at Dairsie.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to include the roads within the new residential development within the existing 20mph TRO and to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on the C45 at Dairsie, both as shown in drawing TRO/22/04 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.

423. PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION – JAMES STREET AND WALLACE STREET, ST ANDREWS

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 James Street and Wallace Street, St Andrews.

Decision

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

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on James Street and Wallace Street, St Andrews as detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/05 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.

424. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT, B945 TO TAYPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of proposals to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the B945, Tayport, from the 30mph limit for approximately 400m.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the B945, Tayport, from the 30mph limit for approximately 400m, as detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/24 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.

425. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING CONSULTATION - DEVELOPMENT AT NYDIE MAINS ROAD, STRATHKINNES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability proposing the names ‘Quarry Lane’ and ‘Clatto Gardens’ as new street names at the development on land at Nydie Mains Road, Strathkinness.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the new street names ‘Quarry Lane’ and ‘Clatto Gardens’ be adopted for the Springfield Properties PLC development at land at Nydie Mains Road, Strathkinness.

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426. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - FIFE SHOW - THE FIRST 200 YEARS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for Ward 20 towards the costs of the Fife Show – The First 200 Years project.

Decision

The Committee agreed an allocation of £10,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for Ward 20 towards the costs of the Fife Show – The First 200 Years project.

427. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST – ST ANDREWS WEST SANDS – FULLY ACCESSIBLE VIEWING PLATFORM & WALKWAY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seek agreement for a contribution towards the costs of the St. Andrews West Sands Fully Accessible Beach Viewing Platform and Walkway project from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for Ward 18.

Decision

The Committee agreed a contribution of £10,000 towards the costs of the St. Andrews West Sands Fully Accessible Beach Viewing Platform and Walkway project from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for Ward 18.

428. AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - NORTH EAST FIFE PLAYPARKS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate funds from the Area Capital Budget to meet the funding shortfall for play park projects in North East Fife which were otherwise fully funded, and to assist with start-up funds for projects in their infancy.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to a total contribution of £120,000 from the Area Capital Budget for the following projects –
 - (a) East Neuk Skatepark (£20k);
 - (b) Anstruther, Dreelside (£20k);
 - (c) Strathkinness play park (£20k);
 - (d) Craigshannoch (Wormit) play park (£30k);
 - (e) Pitlessie play park (£10k);
 - (f) Adams Park Play area (Banklands), Newburgh (£20k); and
- (2) noted that further consultation would be carried out in relation to the options appraisal for the East Neuk Skatepark.

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Thomson, having declared an interest, left the meeting for the item.

429. TAY CITIES REGION DEAL ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, providing an update on the performance and activity of the Tay Cities Region Deal to 30th September, 2021.

Decision

The Committee noted the Annual Report by the Tay Cities Region Deal to 30th September, 2021, including the progress on activity in North East Fife at Eden Campus.

Councillor Thomson rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

430. CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE - COMMUNITY PAYBACK: UNPAID WORK SCHEME

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Education (Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services) providing an update on developments in Fife Council's Criminal Justice Social Work Service in relation to the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in the Area Committee wards during April 2020 to March 2021.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports on the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Criminal Justice Social Work Service be brought to the relevant Committee on an annual basis.

The meeting adjourned at 11.05 a.m. and reconvened at 11.15 a.m.

431. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services, providing a summary report on the 2020-2021 School Attainment across the secondary and primary schools serving the area.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the information contained in the report;
- (2) noted that members were encouraged to engage directly with local schools to find out more about school attainment and achievement;
- (3) noted the details contained in the report in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic;
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- (4) noted the information provided in the secondary schools' reports attached to the report; and
- (5) recognised the difficult issues in recent years and the continuing significant efforts and successes by staff to address them.

432. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee noted the current North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme, which would be considered by the appropriate Committee following the Local Government elections in May 2022.

CONVENER'S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS

As this was the last meeting of the Committee prior to the Local Government Elections in May 2022, the Convener expressed his appreciation of the contributions and efforts by all members and officers in supporting the work of the Committee over the past five years.
