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

23rd March, 2022.

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

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

ATTENDING: Lynn Porter, Education Manager, Ian Adair, Headteacher, Inverkeithing High School and Elspeth Gow, Headteacher, Tulliallan Primary School, Education and Children's Services; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife) and David Manderson, Community Education Worker, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Claire Mackinlay, Housing Team Manager, Housing Service; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability Services and Karen Stewart, Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy Manager; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

The Convener, in terms of Standing Order No. 3.8(2), advised of an additional item which she had agreed to take as urgent business. The item was considered relevant and competent as the community consultation on the future of the Inverkeithing High School site had only recently concluded and full results of the consultation were only now being made available. The item would be considered following item 8 on the agenda.

328. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

329. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the South and West Fife Area Committee meeting of 3rd March, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

330. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) providing members with a summary report on 2020-2021 School Attainment across the secondary and primary schools serving the South and West Fife Area.

Decision

The Committee:-

(1) noted the details contained within the report, and background papers, in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;

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- (2) noted the information provided in the secondary schools' reports; and
- (3) considered that the content and presentation of the report required improvement.

Councillor Dave Coleman joined the meeting during discussion of the above item and Councillor Andrew Verrecchia left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

331. AREA HOUSING PLAN 2022-24

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval for a revised Area Housing Plan which sets out area performance, service delivery and highlights key housing issues following consultation with key stakeholders.

Decision

The Committee approved the South and West Fife Area Housing Plan for 2022-2024.

332. NORTH QUEENSFERRY AND FORTH BRIDGES AREA

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service and the Head of Business and Employability Services providing an update on the activities as identified in an earlier report on the same subject presented to the South and West Fife Area Committee on 7th October, 2020.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted progress against key actions for North Queensferry, the development of the Local Action Plan and its links to the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy;
- (2) endorsed the creation of a forum to advance the delivery of the Local Action Plan;
- (3) noted that future reporting on key areas listed, including progress with the Local Action Plan, would be undertaken through Ward 6 meetings; and
- (4) wished to commend all the officers involved in the preparation of the report for its excellent standard and content.

333. FORTH BRIDGES AREA TOURISM STRATEGY DELIVERY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing an update on activities in taking forward the Forth Bridges Area (FBA) Tourism Strategy agreed in 2019.

Decision

The Committee noted the update on progress of the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy.

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334. 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.

335. URGENT MOTION – FUTURE OF INVERKEITHING HIGH SCHOOL SITE

Councillor David Barratt, seconded by Councillor Dave Dempsey, moved as follows:-

“Future of Inverkeithing High School Site

Committee notes that a community consultation was carried out on this issue by the elected members of Ward 6 and the consultation closed on 21st March, 2022.

Committee agrees that community views MUST be taken into account by the relevant Committee in the consideration of any development brief for the future of the Inverkeithing High School Site.

Committee notes from the results of a consultation undertaken by the members of Ward 6 that continued community use and sports development remain THE top priority and that there is strong demand to maintain the presence of a swimming pool onsite”.

Decision

The motion was unanimously agreed.

CONVENER’S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS

As this was the last meeting of the Committee prior to the Local Government elections in May, 2022, the Convener wished to thank members for their attendance and commitment over the past five years and extended her best wishes to those standing for re-election in May. The Convener also wished to express her appreciation for the contributions provided by officers in supporting the work of the Committee.
