

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

16th June, 2021.

9.30 a.m. – 11.05 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:** Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Mandy MacEwan, Team Manager (Community Development) and Mike Payne, Community Education Worker, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Dawn Jamieson, Team Manager (Safer Communities), Claire Mackinlay, Housing Manager (South West Fife Area Team) and Brian Westwater, Lead Officer (Safer Communities), Housing Services; Yvonne Stenhouse, Chief Inspector and Tony Rogers, Community Inspector, Police Scotland; Russell Hammell, Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Kate Stewart.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Paul Dale, SEPA and Mr. Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence (DIO) for para. 282 only.

**280. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dave Coleman declared an interest at para. 282 – Radiation Monitoring at Dalgety Bay – as he was a sub-contractor to the main contractor dealing with the radiation works at Dalgety Bay.

**281. MINUTES**

The Committee considered:-

- (a) Minute of meeting of South and West Fife Area Committee of 21st April, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

- (b) Minute of West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 27th April, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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**282. RADIATION MONITORING AT DALGETY BAY**

Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence (DIO) advised that the contractor had now applied and received the licence required from SEPA to progress works. It was noted that SEPA had processed the licence expeditiously and, as from 17th May, 2021, the contractor had been on site to begin the process of decontamination of the beach. Mr. Ritchie advised that the MoD were still collaborating with SEPA to ensure that the project was completed by the timescale of September, 2022.

Dr. Paul Dale, SEPA confirmed that they continued to work with the MoD and that the permit had now been lodged and processed.

**Decision**

The Committee thanked Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Dale for their updates and were pleased to note that progress on the project was now underway.

**283. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services updating members on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the South and West Fife Committee area during the twelve month period 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**284. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA**

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, West Fife, Police Scotland providing members with an update on policing activity within the South and West Fife Area.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) endorsed the action taken to date and confirmed their support for Police Scotland in moving forward in addressing priorities; and
- (2) thanked colleagues within Police Scotland for all their efforts and support during the past year, particularly in relation to the Covid pandemic.

**285. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing members with information relating to incidents for the period 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 in the South and West Fife Area.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) thanked colleagues within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for all their efforts and support during the past year, particularly in relation to the Covid pandemic.

**286. AREA HOUSING UPDATE**

The Committee considered an interim report by the Head of Housing Services providing members with an update on progress in delivering service priorities and performance information for the financial year 2020/21 where figures were available at an area level. Members noted that the production of a new Housing Area Plan had been delayed due to the pandemic and a revised Plan for 2021/23 would be presented to Committee once there had been the opportunity to consult on future priorities for the South and West Fife Area.

**Decision**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the contents of the report; and
- (2) the expenditure for the HRA Locality managed budget for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

**287. PITCH OPTIONS - ROSYTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

Alastair Mutch, Community Manager updated members on the pitch options for Rosyth Football Club. It was noted, however, that no discussions had taken place with Rosyth Football Club or any of the landowners regarding the proposed sites at the present time. Alastair advised that colleagues in Estates had identified sites that could locate a football pitch area or which were currently on a football pitch. Alastair then provided detailed information on the pros and cons for each of the seven sites proposed. A brief summary of the proposed sites was detailed below:-

**Site 1 - Whinnyburn Place** - privately owned with opportunities for housing development

**Site 2 - Camdean Primary School playing fields** - part of the site to the north of the school was subject to flooding however there was potential to develop a football pitch and pavilion on the western part of the site which was not affected by flooding

**Sites 3, 4 and 5 - Park Road Area of Rosyth** - Parkgate have existing football pitches or development pitches presently used by under 11s and 12 teams and part of the site also accommodated the existing rugby pitch and new football ground, however, part of the area was subject to flooding

**Site 6 - Fleet Grounds currently occupied by South West Fife Community Sports Partnership** - Rosyth FC currently utilise this pitch which has a synthetic turf pitch and is part of the site for the new Inverkeithing High School. Noted that the SFA would require boundary fencing to be put in place as part of their league requirements

**Site 7/**

**Site 7 - Civil Service Sports Ground** - Rosyth FC had indicated a strong interest in this site. Civil Service Sports Clubs UK had engaged a consultant on their behalf following the closure of the Civil Service Club in Rosyth and were undertaking a consultation exercise with interested parties who had indicated a desire to utilise part of the site or whole of the site

**Recreation Park** - was a possible further option but, due to potential loss of capital receipt, was not a financially viable alternative.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) thanked Alastair for his detailed update; and
- (2) agreed that an update be brought back to Committee once more information was available on the various site options.

**288. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - WELFARE REFORM AND ANTI POVERTY ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2020-21**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on achievements and outcomes of the Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty Action Plan for South and West Fife.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report including the outcomes and achievements of the 2019/20 South and West Fife Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty projects.

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

**Decision**

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme 2021 which would be further updated as appropriate.

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