

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

1st December, 2021.

9.30 a.m. – 10.35 a.m.

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

ATTENDING: Phil Clarke, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management (South Fife), Assets, Transportation and Environment; Stuart MacArthur, Team Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife) and Mandy MacEwan, Team Manager (Community Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Claire Mackinlay, Housing Manager (South West Fife Area Team), Housing Services; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Nina Patton, SEPA and Mr. Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence (DIO) for para. 310 only.

308. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

309. MINUTES

The Committee considered:-

- (a) Minute of meeting of South and West Fife Area Committee of 6th October, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

- (b) Minute of West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 5th October, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

310. RADIATION MONITORING AT DALGETY BAY

Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence (DIO) advised that works on site had been completed at the present time, however, works were still progressing at the Inverkeithing facility which the main contractor, Balfour Beatty, had created to produce pre-cast concrete units. It was noted that there had been a few issues between the contractor and SEPA but these were currently being dealt with. The MoD were still committed to delivering the project to the satisfaction of SEPA and Mr. Ritchie/

Mr. Ritchie advised that SEPA continued to be kept informed and were in attendance on site regularly as works progressed. Mr. Ritchie advised that once the MoD had the revised methodologies completed to the satisfaction of SEPA and the MoD, this would allow the contractor to prepare and put into action the remediation works required at the beach. It was noted that, at the end of April / beginning of May, 2022, the MoD should have a better idea of whether they would be on target for works to be completed by the end of September, 2022.

Nina Patton, SEPA confirmed that SEPA were liaising with Balfour Beatty, the lead contractor and their sub-contractors, and the DIO over the closed winter period and would be looking at the methodologies being put forward for the next season. It was noted that the MoD continued to carry out the foreshore monitoring which had been restricted to the Ross plantation foreshore area during the works but noted this had now been expanded and the foreshore had now opened up where excavation works were no longer taking place. It was also noted that the signage and fencing was still in place, however, the fencing was now part of the contractor's compound so access to the "high activity" area which SEPA were concerned about was still restricted. Ms. Patton pointed out that all the measures currently in place would contribute to ensuring that the risk to the public was low.

Decision

The Committee thanked Mr. Ritchie and Ms. Patton for their detailed updates.

311. RESPONSE TO MOTION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT OF THE C53 TOWNHILL TO BOWERSHALL ROAD TO 40MPH

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment requesting members to consider the Service's response to the motion carried at the South and West Fife Area Committee on 25th August, 2021.

Motion

Councillor Alice McGarry, seconded by Councillor David Barratt, moved that the recommendations contained within the report be approved.

Amendment

Councillor Mino Manekshaw, seconded by Councillor Bobby Clelland, moved as follows:-

"That the South and West Fife Area Committee requests that Fife Council now takes action to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on the C53, from the t-junction just to the north of the Bowershall settlement, southwards to meet the 30mph speed limit at Townhill".

Roll Call

For the Motion – 3 votes

Councillors David Barratt, Sharon Green-Wilson and Alice McGarry.

For the Amendment – 6 votes

Councillors Bobby Clelland, Dave Dempsey, Mino Manekshaw, Tony Orton, Kate Stewart and Andrew Verrecchia.

Councillor/

Councillor Dave Coleman was not in attendance during the voting process.

Decision

The Amendment was accordingly carried.

312. PROPOSED DEMOLITION - 101 - 153 (ODDS) SIR GEORGE BRUCE ROAD, OAKLEY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking agreement to demolish the properties at 101-153 (odds) Sir George Bruce Road, Oakley.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to transfer existing tenants of 101-153 (odds) Sir George Bruce Road, Oakley to alternative suitable accommodation; and
- (2) approved the option to demolish 101-153 (odds) Sir George Bruce Road, Oakley.

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

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Education and Children's Services (Children and Families and Criminal Justice Service) updating members on the developments within Fife Council's Criminal Justice Social Work Service in relation to the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in the South and West Fife Area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports on the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Criminal Justice Social Work Service would be brought back to the Committee on an annual basis.

314. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - CAIRNEYHILL COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB, CAIRNEYHILL MULTI USE SPORTS AREA

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement to endorse an allocation from the Local Community Planning Budget 2020/21 held at Ward level which had been agreed, in principle, by Ward 1 members. £7,500 was sought from Ward 1 and £7,500 from the Local Area budget.

Decision/

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The Committee agreed to an allocation of £15,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget 2021/22.

315. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022

Decision

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme 2022 which would be further updated as appropriate.

316. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Dave Coleman, moved as follows:-

"Committee asks the relevant officers to:-

- (a) engage with the Dalgety Community Trust to investigate the feasibility of the Trust's concept of a Community Hub, being a replacement for the existing Community Centre, to the stage where it's sufficiently "shovel ready" to potentially qualify for future government funding;
- (b) keep members informed of progress".

Decision

The motion was unanimously agreed.

317. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Dave Coleman, moved as follows:-

"Committee requests a report detailing what options have been considered, including, for example, a narrowing of the entrance to the area, and what future planned work has been identified to address the casual stopping and parking by visiting vehicles at all hours of the day and night in Pierhead, North Queensferry".

Amendment

Councillor Alice McGarry, seconded by Councillor David Barratt, moved, as an amendment, that the word "requests" after the word "Committee" be replaced with "understands that" and that the following words be added at the end of the motion "is currently being prepared and will be presented to Ward Councillors in the New Year".

Councillor Dempsey/

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Councillor Dempsey, as mover of the motion, accepted the amendment and accordingly the motion was carried with the amended wording.

Decision

Committee understands that a report detailing what options have been considered, including, for example, a narrowing of the entrance to the area, and what future planned work has been identified to address the casual stopping and parking by visiting vehicles at all hours of the day and night in Pierhead, North Queensferry is currently being prepared and will be presented to Ward Councillors in the New Year.

Councillor Kate Stewart left the meeting during consideration of the above item.
