

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

23rd June, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ken Caldwell (Convener), David Alexander, John O'Brien, Colin Davidson, David Graham, Ryan Smart and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay , Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, John Mitchell, Service Manager, Sustainable Transport and Parking, Michael Drever, Programme Manager Levenmouth Reconnected Blueprint, Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Assets Transportation and Environment, Roads and Transportation Services; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Lisa Taylor, Lead Officer (Safer Communities Officers), Peter Nicol, Housing Manager - Levenmouth, Elaine Campbell, Lead Officer, Kirstie Freeman, Safer Communities Area Co-ordinator, Housing Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Brian Poole, Chief Inspector, Paul Gillespie, Community Inspector, Police Scotland and Chris Smith, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Graham Ritchie.

258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

259. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 19th May, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

At this stage, the Convener intimated that he had agreed to vary the sequence of item from that on the agenda to consider the following item next.

260. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by Chris Smith, Station Commander, Levenmouth Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, providing information relating to incidents for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 in the Levenmouth Committee area.

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The Committee noted the contents of the report and the progress across the range of key performance indicators detailed in the report.

Councillor Smart joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.

261. SPEED LIMIT REVIEW A915, LEVEN ROAD, AND PILMUIR ROAD, LUNDIN LINKS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval to:-

- (1) extend the 20mph on Leven Road, Lundin Links, from its current limit westwards, including the service road;
- (2) remove the section of national speed limit between Leven and Lundin Links and replace it with a 40mph limit; and
- (3) extend the 30mph limit on Pilmuir Road.

Decision

The Committee in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing nos. TRO/21/24-PART1 and TRO/21/24-PART2, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

262. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE 2021

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on progress in delivering service priorities and performance information for the financial year 2020/21 relating to the Levenmouth Area Housing Plan approved in November 2017. A revised Plan would be presented to this Committee once there had been the opportunity to consult on future priorities for the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the contents of the report and the work progressed through the Area Housing Plan for the financial year 2020/21; and
- (2) acknowledged that a revised Levenmouth Area Housing Plan would be presented at a subsequent meeting of this Committee following consultation on future priorities for the Levenmouth area.

263. LEVENMOUTH AREA LOCK UP PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the progress of the programme for improving and modernising the lock up service offered to tenants within the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the report; and
- (2) acknowledged the proposed and completed work for the lock up programme for 2021/22 and 2022/23 within the Levenmouth area.

The meeting adjourned at 11.04 a.m. and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

264. REVISION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PRIORITIES IN LEVENMOUTH– ALIGNMENT TO REFORM AND RECOVERY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, providing updated details of the current local community plan (LCP or Plan 4 Levenmouth) in supporting the current Reform and Recovery priorities. The report also provided an overview of the current activities in place to support the existing Local Community Plan in aligning with the Plan 4 Fife strategic document which is currently under review.

Decision

The Committee noted: -

- (1) the framework to be used in driving local community and officer input, to be used in shaping the local planning priorities within the Levenmouth area, and in line with Council objectives around recovery and reform;
- (2) the process would broadly cover the local approach in adapting and adopting the new priorities as part of the Local Community Plan, the Community Learning and Development Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan for Buckhaven South;
- (3) that the place-based focus on building the asset base within the Levenmouth area would fully align with the key priorities contained within the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme approach; and
- (4) progress for the 2020/21 projects alignment with the 2019/2022, local community plan for the Levenmouth area.

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265. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CONCERNS MULBERRY CRESCENT.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, which sought support for an intervention to prevent issues surrounding anti-social use of motorcycles and quad bikes within a specified area within Levenmouth.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the concerns raised locally surrounding anti-social use of motorcycles and quad bikes;
- (2) noted the engineering solution that had been proposed by Grounds Maintenance and the associated costs;
- (3) agreed to a site meeting with elected members for Ward 22, Police Scotland, and Grounds Maintenance representatives;
- (4) noted possible implications of the proposals detailed in the report;
- (5) agreed a mechanism to release funds (if appropriate following the site visit) and subject to the approval of members, to allow works to be carried out in Summer 2021, and
- (6) agreed that a report would be brought back to the Levenmouth Area Committee in August, 2021.

266. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Levenmouth Committee area during the 12-month period 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021.

Decision

The Committee noted the activity to date as detailed in the report.

267. OPERATIONAL AND COMMUNITY BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEVENMOUTH

The Committee considered a report by Chief Inspector, Brian Poole, Local Area Commander, Levenmouth, providing information on matters impacting on, or involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to community safety in the Levenmouth policing areas.

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The Committee endorsed the action taken to date and noted support for Police Scotland to move forward in addressing priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 1.05 p.m. and reconvened at 1.10 p.m.

268. LEVENMOUTH RECONNECTED PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which detailed the key grant award process and documentation proposed for allocating funding from the £10m Levenmouth Reconnected Programme fund, and provided an update on the progress of the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme, Leven Rail Link, and River Leven Programmes.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed the key grant application process and documentation as detailed in appendices 1, 2, 7 to 13 of the report, which completed the strategy and guidance for the £10m Levenmouth Reconnected fund; and
- (2) noted that regular reports on the progress and expenditure of the programme would be presented to this Committee.

Councillor Graham left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

269. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment Services advising on action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

270. LEVENMOUTH AREA FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the Levenmouth Area forward work programme.