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

2nd February, 2022.

9.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.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: John Rodigan, Senior Manager (Environment and Building Services), Ian Jones, Lead Consultant, Network Management, Neil Watson, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management), Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management (South Fife), Assets, Transportation and Environment; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy and Andrew Sim, Project Manager (Economic Development), Economy, Planning and Employability Services; Zoe Thomson, Quality Improvement Officer (Equity), Elisa Gilmour, Depute Headteacher, Inverkeithing High School, Lee Waugh, Acting Headteacher, North Queensferry Primary School and Karyn Rennie, Headteacher, Donibristle Primary School; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Jo Dowd, Community Education Worker (CCB) and Corinne McGinley, Community Education Worker (Youth Work) Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

318. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

319. MINUTES

The Committee considered:-

- (a) Minute of meeting of South and West Fife Area Committee of 1st December, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

- (b) Minute of West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 30th November, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

320. THE CAIRNS, CHARLESTOWN - UPDATE

The Committee considered a briefing paper by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing design options and cost estimates for additional parking at The Cairns, Charlestown.

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The Committee agreed that:-

- (1) consultation be undertaken with the residents at The Cairns, Charlestown on the two proposals, with costings, detailed in the briefing paper; and
- (2) that a further report be brought back to Committee following consultation with residents detailing the preferred option and providing information on the funding position.

321. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES (DECEMBER 2021)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing members with an annual overview of the local economic profile for each of the seven local Committee areas using the latest available data.

Motion

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Tony Orton, moved an additional recommendation as follows:-

"The Committee considers that the collation and presentation of data in this form is not the best use of officers' or members' time and asks that future reports focus on what needs to be decided and what needs to be achieved".

Amendment

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

Roll Call

For the Motion – 4 votes

Councillors Dave Coleman, Dave Dempsey, Mino Manekshaw and Tony Orton.

For the Amendment – 6 votes

Councillors David Barratt, Bobby Clelland, Sharon Green-Wilson, Alice McGarry, Kate Stewart and Andrew Verrecchia.

The Amendment was accordingly carried.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) recognised the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the global Covid-19 pandemic and recent UK exit from the European Union.

322. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE – DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2021

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating members on the performance of grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleaning services in 2021. The report also provided information on the management changes in these services and identified how community-led decision making would shape operational delivery in the future.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the extraordinary challenges faced in the delivery of grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2021;
- (2) noted the structural and organisational measures that had been taken to improve service delivery;
- (3) noted the new decentralised way of working which would deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment; and
- (4) wished to record their appreciation and thanks to all the staff and voluntary organisations involved in delivering the services throughout the year.

The meeting adjourned at 10.50 a.m. and reconvened at 11.00 a.m.

323. PUPIL EQUITY FUND

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) outlining the progress of the Pupil Equity Fund by updating members on the work of schools in their practice to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap. The report also presented an overview of the rationale, implementation and impact, to date, of the Pupil Equity Fund within schools across the South West Committee Area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) note the contents of the report;
- (2) note the aim of the interventions;
- (3) note the work of schools in developing their practice to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap; and
- (4) link directly with individual schools for further information as required.

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324. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022-23

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval of the projects for inclusion in the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme for the South and West Fife Committee area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1 and 2;
- (2) approved Appendix 3 noting the removal of the A921 Chapel Place, Inverkeithing pedestrian crossing Category 2 scheme and the addition of the A907 Gowkhill to Carnock footway Category 2 scheme;
- (3) 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, Vice-Convener and members in the Wards affected; and
- (4) noted Appendices 4 and 5.

325. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF ROOF ON ALLOA AND DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB, KINCARDINE COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNEXE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for roof repairs for the annexe in Kincardine Community Centre used by Alloa and District Rifle Club.

Decision

The Committee agreed to an allocation of £8,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget 2021/22.

326. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - "PLAN4SOUTH & WEST FIFE AND COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT" - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on progress and changes made to the Local Community Plan (LCP) to align with the current Reform and Recovery Priorities which build on recovery planning work across the partnership in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the efforts to actively develop projects under the agreed Plan4Fife Themes;
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- (2) agreed to continue to support the Plan4South & West Fife as it adapted and changed to focus on Recovery and Reform;
- (3) noted the Areas of Focus as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (4) wished to record their appreciation and thanks for the contribution that all staff and volunteers had provided in delivering the projects within the South and West Fife Area.

327. **SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022**

Decision

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