

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

21st April, 2021.

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:** Alan Paul, Senior Manager (Property Services), Michael O’Gorman, Service Manager (Estates) and John O’Neil, Team Manager, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Lisa Hemphill, Local Development Office and David Manderson, Community Education Worker, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Deborah Stevens, Lead Officer (Area Regeneration), Housing Services; Deborah Davidson, Education Manager, Ian Adair, Headteacher, Inverkeithing High School, Iain Yuill, Headteacher, Dunfermline High School and Ruth McFarlane, Rector, Queen Anne High School, Education and Children’s Services; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**268. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**269. 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.

**270. REPORT ON ROSYTH FC AND SUPERMARKET PROPOSAL**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing members with an update in response to the motion which had been approved by the Committee on 3rd March, 2021 requesting an update on the Rosyth Football Club and Supermarket proposal.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) expressed its concern that a satisfactory solution to providing a home for the Rosyth Football Club had not yet been found and asked officers from all the Services involved to continue discussions as a matter of priority and that a verbal update be provided to the next meeting of the Committee which would include looking at possible sites available for the Football Club in and around the Rosyth area.

**271. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising members of proposed changes to the management of grassland in the area and the outcome of the community consultation and engagement exercise.

**Decision**

Following analysis of the results of a public consultation and engagement exercise on proposed changes to the management of grassland in the area, the Committee agreed as follows:-

- (1) **Ward 1 (West Fife and Costal Villages)** - the alternative grassland proposals were not accepted and the areas proposed would revert back to an amenity grassland maintenance regime;
- (2) **Ward 5 (Rosyth)** - there was no alternative grassland proposal for this area and the amenity grassland maintenance regime currently in place would continue; and
- (3) **Ward 6 (Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay)** - the alternative grassland proposals were accepted.

*Councillor Andrew Verrecchia left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**272. AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - NORTH QUEENSFERRY TOILET**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement from members to allocate funds from the Area Capital Budget 2017-19 towards the provision of a public toilet in North Queensferry.

Alastair Mutch, Community Manager provided a further update on the position advising that feedback had been submitted from Ward 6 Councillors and discussions had taken place with Fife Council colleagues to consider a Changing Places facility on the site and potential costs for this facility were being explored. Alastair was also looking into various funds that he could bid into to support the provision of the toilet and, if successful, would then opt for the Changing Places facility which was a slightly larger single unit. It was noted that, if successful in the bids to the Administration's Tourism and Community Facilities fund and Nature (Scotland's) Better Places fund, the financial options could result in a lower contribution being required from the Area Capital Budget.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £74,000 from the Area Capital Budget 2017-19 for the provision of a public toilet in North Queensferry.

**273. NORTH QUEENSFERRY LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on progress and necessary changes made to the delivery timeline of the North Queensferry Local Action Plan (NQLAP).

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the change in the original timeline for the NQLAP; and
- (2) noted the preparatory work and community engagement that had already been undertaken.

**274. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - SOUTH EAST  
INVERKEITHING REGENERATION - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Housing Services and the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service advising members of progress with the regeneration of South East (SE) Inverkeithing.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

*The meeting adjourned at 10.55 a.m. and re-convened at 11.00 a.m.*

**275. 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 2019/2020 school attainment for young people who left school in 2019/20 across the secondary schools across the South and West Fife area.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the details contained within the report in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (2) noted the information provided in the enclosed secondary schools' reports;
- (3) thanked Iain Yuile, Ian Adair, Ruth McFarlane and Deborah Davidson for their detailed presentations; and
- (4) paid tribute to all the teachers, parents and pupils for their efforts throughout the Covid pandemic in keeping pupils educated during a very difficult period.

**276. 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.

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**277. 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.

**278. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Decision**

The motion, as detailed on the agenda, was withdrawn.

**279. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

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

"The Committee:-

- Notes the poor condition of large areas of road and pavements in Dalgety Bay
- Asks officers to present a report providing options on how to improve the condition of the roads and pavements of Dalgety bay, including the costs and options for financing these".

The Committee, having considered the motion proposed by Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor Dempsey, agreed to vote on whether or not to accept the motion.

**Decision**

**Roll Call**

**For the motion - 2 votes**

Councillors Dave Coleman and Dave Dempsey

**Against the motion - 7 votes**

Councillors David Barratt, Bobby Clelland, Sharon Green-Wilson, Mino Manekshaw, Alice McGarry, Tony Orton and Kate Stewart.

**Decision**

The motion was accordingly rejected.

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