

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

30th March, 2022

9.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Fiona Grant (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino and Jan Wincott.

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), JP Easton, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities; John Flaherty, Housing Team Manager – Glenrothes, Housing Services; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Roads Network Management, Assets, Transportation & Environment; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Mick Green.

**CONVENER’S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS**

As this was the last meeting of the Committee prior to the Local Government Elections in May 2022, and the Convener’s last formal meeting as an elected member, the Convener expressed her appreciation of the contributions of all members and officers, past and present, in supporting the work of the Committee.

**260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**261. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 2nd February, 2022.

Arising from the minute, with reference to Para. 258. (3) - update report on vacant/derelict land fund - the Convener advised that following consideration of a Fife-wide report at the relevant Committee, a Glenrothes area specific report was expected to be submitted for consideration in September 2022.

With reference to Para. 259. (3) - relating to development contributions - that a briefing note was due to be issued to elected members the following week.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**262. TACKLING POVERTY IN GLENROTHES AREA**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Service seeking approval of the Glenrothes Area Tackling Poverty Action Plan for 2022-23, detailing initiatives and approaches designed to tackle and mitigate the effects of poverty on people in the Glenrothes area.

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The Committee agreed to approve the initiatives and approaches proposed, as detailed in the Glenrothes Area Tackling Poverty Action Plan for 2022-23 attached as an appendix to the report.

**263. PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION – FARADAY ROAD, GLENROTHES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval to formalise the temporary 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Faraday Road, Glenrothes.

**Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of accessibility and road safety:

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to implement the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/20 (Appendix 1 of the report) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**264. SAPPI ROAD, GLENROTHES – 20 MPH ZONES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 20mph speed limit on Sappi Road and to include all new development and residential roads adjoining Sappi Road.

**Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road management and safety:

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the existing 20mph speed limit on Sappi Road, to include the new adjoining residential roads within this TRO as detailed in drawing nos. TRO/22/19a and TRO/22/19b, appended to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**265. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT, A911, GLENROTHES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, seeking approval to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A911, Glenrothes.

**Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road management and safety:

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the 40mph speed limit as detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/27 appended to the report, with all ancillary procedures;
- (2)/

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- (2) requested officers re-visit the extent of the 40mph speed limit to ensure consistency along the length of the A911 and adjacent to the development site; and
- (3) otherwise authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

### 266. **OBJECTION TO TRAFFIC CALMING: BALLINGAL DRIVE, GLENROTHES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, seeking approval to set aside an outstanding objection to the proposal to introduce additional speed reduction measures in the form of speed cushions on Ballingall Drive, Glenrothes.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to not set aside the outstanding objection to allow the scheme to proceed to construction, as shown in drawing no. TM/North/Glen/Ball attached as an appendix to the report;
- (2) given that the speed survey had been carried out in September, 2020 - during a lockdown period due to COVID-19, potentially resulting in reduced traffic flow on roads - requested a further speed survey be undertaken; and
- (3) where the results of an up to date speed survey indicated a need for speed reduction measures, that appropriate design solutions be considered at Ward level (Ward 14) in the first instance prior to proposals being submitted for consideration and decision at a future meeting.

### 267. **PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF 3 BLOCKS OF FLATS AT ALEXANDER ROAD, GLENROTHES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services, presenting a proposal to demolish the 3 blocks of flats at 103–125, 127–149, 151–173 Alexander Road, Glenrothes.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) the proposal to demolish the 3 blocks of flats at 103– 25, 127–149, 151–173 Alexander Road, Glenrothes;
- (2) the proposal to remove all currently empty properties from the rent roll and take out of management;
- (3) the proposal to transfer 15 existing tenants to alternative suitable accommodation and purchase 4 privately-owned properties;
- (4) the proposal to pay qualifying tenants and residents a home loss and disturbance payment; and
- (5)/

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- (5) note Councillor Vettraino's point about the remit of the Committee with respect to this matter as set out in the Governance Scheme Part 2: List of Committee Powers

### 268. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Prior to consideration of a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services providing an update on school attainment and achievement, the Convener advised that, due to the current challenges for schools' staffing, an Education representative was unable to attend this mornings' meeting and suggested that consideration of the report be deferred to a future meeting the relevant Committee.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to continue consideration of the report until such time as an Education representative was available to attend to answer any questions arising; and
- (2) in the interim, that Committee members would engage directly with local schools on any question or point of clarity relating to school attainment and achievement.

### 269. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2022.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2022;
- (2) acknowledged, in relation to the Riverside Park Improvement Plan 2020 - 2030, that a briefing note had been issued to elected members, for their information, the previous day; and
- (3) agreed to feed back to the Community Manager (Glenrothes) any comments or suggestions for further reports to be included, within the context of the remit of the Committee.

### 270. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

#### **Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Beare commended the Convener for her 30 years' service as an elected member and in her role as Convener of this Committee in its consideration of matters relating to its remit, wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.

The Committee also acknowledged that this was JP Easton's final Glenrothes Area Committee meeting of the current Administration and wished him well for his retirement at the end of June this year.

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