

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

01 December, 2020

2.05 pm – 3.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Neil Crooks (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, Zoe Hisbent, Gordon Langlands, Kathleen Leslie and Carol Lindsay

ATTENDING: Vicki Connor, Co-ordinator (Programme & Financial Management), Lesley Craig, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management (South Fife), John Rodigan, Senior Manager – Environment & Building Services Assets, Transportation and Environment; Julie Dickson, Team Manager (Community Development), Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; Alison Marr, Solicitor, Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Legal & Democratic Services

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor(s) David Ross, Richard Watt

238. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

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

239. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 20th October 2020.

Decision

The Committee approved the minute.

240. BURNTISLAND COMMON GOOD FUND- REPLACEMENT ELECTRICAL WORKS - BURNTISLAND LINKS AUDIT RESPONSE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods advising of a review of a decision taken in April 2019 and the response to an action requested by External Audit in Fife Council's External Audit for 2019/20.

In terms/

In terms of Standing Order no. 8.1 (1), the following Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Langlands and seconded by Councillor Hamilton was submitted:

“The Committee agree with the Burntisland Links Audit Response report and calls for an additional report to be brought to Kirkcaldy Area Committee on the full details of the Burntisland Links FRI lease, including the Income/Expenditure accounts relating to the agreement between Parks, Streets and Open Spaces and the Burntisland Common Good Fund prior to the next Burntisland Summer Fair.”

The Committee considered the Motion and Fife Council Officers responded to questions from Members.

Decision

The Committee:

1. noted that a review had been carried out;
2. noted the response to the External Audit Report;
3. noted the response confirms the Committee's original decision to allocate money from the Common Good Fund;
4. agreed with the Burntisland Links Audit Response report; and
5. requested an additional report be brought to Kirkcaldy Area Committee on the full details of the Burntisland Links FRI lease, including the Income/Expenditure accounts relating to the agreement between Parks, Streets and Open Spaces and the Burntisland Common Good Fund. The report is expected prior to the next Burntisland Summer Fair.

241. PROPOSED WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTION AMENDMENT - SANG ROAD / VICTORIA ROAD, KIRKCALDY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment detailing proposals for amendments to existing No Waiting, No Loading and Limited Waiting Restrictions in Sang Road, Sang Place, Gow Crescent, Carlyle Road, West Albert Road, East Albert Road, Victoria Gardens, Townsend Crescent, Alexandra Street, Glebe Park, Victoria Road and John Pitcairn Place, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The Committee:

1. agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend the restrictions as detailed in drawing numbers TRO/20/30A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J and K (Appendices 1-10 of the report), with all ancillary procedures; and
2. authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

242. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2020-2021

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transport and Environment providing Members with the latest position statement on the delivery of the Kirkcaldy Area Roads Programme 2020/21.

Decision

The Committee:

1. noted the contents of the report and associated appendices; and
2. offered comment as appropriate on the information provided.

Councillor Leslie left the meeting during consideration of the following item

243. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE, DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2020

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment informing Members of the performance of Grounds Maintenance, Domestic Waste Collection and Street Cleansing Services in 2020. The report also informed Members of the management changes in these services and identified how community-led decision making will shape operational delivery in the future.

Decision

The Committee noted:

1. the extraordinary challenges faced in the delivery of Grounds Maintenance, Domestic Waste Collection and Street Cleansing Services in 2020 and thanked staff for their efforts during the recent difficult times;
2. the structural and organisational measures being taken to improve and sustain service delivery; and
3. the new decentralised way of working which would deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

244. COMMON GOOD FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services advising Members of the current status of the Common Good Funds in the area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2019-20.

Decision

Decision/

The Committee:

1. noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good Funds; and
2. offered comments, as appropriate on the information provided.

245. SETTLEMENT TRUSTS - ANNUAL UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE AND FUNDS HELD 2019-2020

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing Elected Members with an update on the position of the expenditure relating to the Settlement Trusts in their area.

The report also provided a Fife wide statement of funds held in both capital and revenue accounts as at April 2020.

Decision

The Committee noted:

1. the expenditure statement for the financial year 2019/20, detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
2. the funds available at the year-end, relating to amounts held as interest in Revenue accounts and as Capital;
3. and commented on the use of the funding as noted in section 2.0 of the report; and
4. the acceptable uses for the funding, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report.

246. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

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247. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee Forward Work Programme.