

THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

20th October, 2020

9.35 a.m. – 11.35 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Helen Law (Convener), James Calder, Ian Ferguson, Derek Glen, Garry Haldane, Jean Hall-Muir, Ross Paterson, David J Ross and Fay Sinclair.

ATTENDING: Vicki Connor, Coordinator (Programme & Financial Management), Assets, Transportation and Environment Services; Dawn Jamieson, Team Manager (Safer Communities), Brian Westwater, Lead Officer (Safer Communities), Housing Services; Chief Inspector Paul Dick, Community Inspector Jill Moss, Police Scotland; Andy Bennett, Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer/SPSO Liaison Officer, Customer & Online Services; Stuart MacArthur, Team Manager, Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services; Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Jim Leishman and Gavin Ellis.

The Convener advised the Committee that Derek Bottom had recently resigned as the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership in Dunfermline and that she would write to him on behalf of the Committee to thank him for his contribution to community planning in the area.

The Convener advised that, in terms of Standing Order 3.8, she had agreed that an item of business relating to the funding of an Economy Adviser – Town Centre Development post be considered as a matter of urgency in order to expedite recruitment to the post. This item would be considered after consideration of the Dunfermline Local Community Planning Budget Update.

213. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received in terms of Standing Order 7.1.

214. MINUTE OF MEETING OF CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE OF 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The Committee considered the minute of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 8th September, 2020.

Decision

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The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

215. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2019/20 FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising members of the delivery of the 2019-20 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

216. SAFER COMMUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing members with an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the City of Dunfermline area during the twelve month period from 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

217. POLICE SCOTLAND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, Police Scotland providing members with an update on policing activity within the City of Dunfermline area. Members were also provided with a verbal update on activities for the previous six months as reporting to Committee had been delayed by Covid-19.

Decision

The Committee agreed to endorse action taken to date and supported Police Scotland moving forward in addressing priorities.

218. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing members with incident information for the period 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020 for the City of Dunfermline Area. Members were also provided with a verbal update on activities for the previous six months as reporting to Committee had been delayed by Covid-19.

Decision

The Committee noted progress to date.

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219. COMPLAINTS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Communities) providing members with an overview of complaints received relating to the City of Dunfermline area for the year from 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

220. COMMUNITY JUSTICE PAYBACK ANNUAL REPORT - DUNFERMLINE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Education & Children's Services (Children & Families & Criminal Justice) which provided members with an update on developments in relation to the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in City of Dunfermline area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports on the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Criminal Justice Social Work Service be brought to the Committee on an annual basis

221. DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET UPDATE 2020/21

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing members with an update on the Dunfermline Local Community Planning Budget for 2020/21.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted monies spent so far;
- (2) approved the applications for the Local Community Planning Budget 2020/21 (as set out in the Appendix to the report); and
- (3) approved an allocation of £36,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget to contribute to the further development of the Maygate Exchange in Dunfermline.

222. URGENT ITEM FUNDING FOR ECONOMY ADVISER – TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT POST

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods and the Head of Business Employability which asked members to consider/

consider a proposal to fund the post of Economy Adviser - Town Centre Development for two years and a contribution towards the revenue costs of the Maygate Enterprise Centre for the current financial year only.

These costs would be funded from the Local Community Planning Budget. Officers clarified that the remainder of the funding for the post would be provided by Economy, Planning and Employability Services.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to allocate funding of up to £101,528 over the next three financial years to support a new town centre role in Dunfermline; and
- (2) to a contribution of up to £20,000 to support revenue costs in relation to the Maygate Enterprise Centre from the 2020/21 Local Community Planning Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10 a.m. and reconvened at 11.20 a.m.

223. COMMON GOOD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and 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

The Committee noted the information contained in the relevant Appendices for the various Common Good funds.

224. AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 6 MONTHLY UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) advising members of the current status of the additional capital investment awarded to the City of Dunfermline Area in the 2017-20 budget.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

225. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the work programme.