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THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

20 January, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 12.35 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Donald Lothian (Convener), Tim Brett, Bill Connor, John Docherty, Andy Heer, Linda Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Jane Ann Liston, David MacDiarmid, Tony Miklinski, Dominic Nolan, Bill Porteous, Jonny Tepp, Brian Thomson and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Janice Laird, Community Manager (North East Fife), Communities & Neighbourhoods; Morag Millar, Strategic Growth & City Deals Programme Manager, Ryan McQuade, Property Gazetteer Officer, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Jane Findlay, Lead Consultant, Climate Change & Partnerships, Roads & Transportation Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer / SPSO Liaison Officer, Customer & Online Services; Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Simon Baldwin, Destination Digital.

302. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andy Heer declared an interest in Para. 306 - Street Naming & Numbering Consultation - John Dott Avenue, Wormit - as an acquaintance of Mr Dott in the distant past, however, he was satisfied that the interest was so insignificant and remote that it would not prejudice discussion or decision making in his role as a Councillor and he would therefore remain in the meeting.

Councillor Brian Thomson declared an interest in Para. 304 - Presentation - Tay Cities Deal - as he was involved in the delivery of the Tay Cities Deal through his employment with the University of Dundee.

Councillor Tepp joined the meeting at this stage.

303. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 9th December 2020.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Councillor Thomson left the meeting at this stage.

304. PRESENTATION - TAY CITIES DEAL

Morag Millar, Strategic Growth & City Deals Programme Manager and Jane Findlay, Lead Consultant, Climate Change & Partnerships, gave a presentation highlighting the main points of the Tay Cities Deal which had been signed on 17th December 2019. The Deal had the potential to secure over 6000 jobs and lever in over £400m of investment in the region over the next 15 years and the presentation provided details of current projects in North East Fife.

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The Committee noted:-

- (1) the comprehensive information given in the presentation; and
- (2) that an annual update report would be submitted to the North East Fife Area Committee.

Councillor Thomson re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

305. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING CONSULTATION - WORMIT

Under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability proposing that the name 'Iain Peter Place' be approved as a new street name at the Persimmon Homes development at land west of Kilmany Road, Wormit.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the name 'Iain Peter Place' be approved as a new street name at the Persimmon Homes development at land west of Kilmany Road, Wormit.

306. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING CONSULTATION - JOHN DOTT AVENUE, WORMIT

Under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability proposing that the name 'John Dott Avenue' be approved as a new street name at the Persimmon Homes development at land west of Kilmany Road, Wormit.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the name 'John Dott Avenue' be approved as a new street name at the Persimmon Homes development at land west of Kilmany Road, Wormit.

307. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM CRAIL COMMON GOOD FUND

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods in respect of an application received from the Crail Community Partnership for grant funding from Crail Common Good Fund.

Decision

The Committee approved a contribution of £20,000 from Crail Common Good Fund to the Crail Community Partnership towards the costs of refurbishing the kitchen at Crail Community Hall.

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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308. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the North East Fife area for the year from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information in the report, including the decrease in complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints; and
- (2) agreed that the Convener of the Environment & Protective Services Sub-Committee, along with the relevant officers, attend a future meeting to discuss members' concerns regarding complaints on environmental and housing issues.

Councillor Kennedy re-joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m. and reconvened at 11.40 a.m.

309. CUPAR NOW - ONE YEAR ON

Simon Baldwin, Destination Digital, gave a presentation on Cupar Now, Scotland's first Digital Improvement District. The first annual report on the project was to be published shortly and Simon outlined the key points in the report, highlighting some of the successful initiatives implemented in the past year, along with the response to the COVID pandemic.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information given in the presentation, details of which would be circulated to members;
- (2) agreed that a further update be provided in around a year; and
- (3) thanked Simon for his interesting and comprehensive presentation.

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

310. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

311. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme for the North East Fife Area Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the current Forward Work Programme;
 - (2) that a report on school attainment could not be provided at this time as the Scottish Government had not collected the necessary data in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic; and
 - (3) that a report on a replacement Cupar Care Home would be submitted to a future meeting.
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