

THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

24th March, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.

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

ATTENDING: Scott Clelland, Service Manager (Acting), Environment & Building Services; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant (Roads & Lighting Asset Management); Paul Hocking, Co-ordinator (Asset Management & Programme Development); Dhusjan Sivaratnam, Technician Engineer, Assets, Transportation & Environment; Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes); JP Easton, Team Manager (Community Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy; Tom Kane, Economy Officer; Andrew Walker, Economic Adviser - Town Centre Development Unit, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Julie Ford and Mick Green.

210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Grant declared an interest in Para. 212 - 'Friends of Riverside Park Funding Application' - as she had had significant input to the funding application and would, therefore, take no part in the discussion and/or voting relating to that item.

Councillor Craik declared an interest in Para. 216 - 'Glenrothes Economic Profile' - as he was a Director of Business Gateway Fife - however, a specific exclusion applied, therefore, he would remain and participate in the discussion of that item.

211. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 27th January, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

Councillor Grant, having declared an interest in the following item, left the meeting at this point and the Vice-Convener, Councillor Wincott, took the Chair.

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212. FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE PARK FUNDING APPLICATION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service which sought approval for a contribution of £20,700 from the Local Community Planning budget to Friends of Riverside Park, towards the costs of a range of improvements to Riverside Park.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve funding of £20,700 from the Local Community Planning budget towards the costs of the improvements outlined in the report.

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

213. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - COS LANE, GLENROTHES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, which sought approval for the introduction of “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on Cos Lane, Glenrothes.

Decision

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

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/21/02 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

214. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2021-22

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, which identified the projects proposed for approval for the Area Roads Programme in the Glenrothes Committee area for delivery in the 2021-22 financial year.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the proposals detailed in Appendices 1 to 3 of the report;
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/ funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener;
- (3) agreed, as soon as possible, that members feedback any suggested amendments or additions to the project lists - via the Convener - to be discussed at a member workshop to be arranged, if required;
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- (4) otherwise noted the contents of Appendices 4 and 5 of the report; and
- (5) requested a copy of the Local Area Transport Plan for Glenrothes.

215. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Grounds Maintenance Service, which advised 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 Glenrothes Committee area, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) Ward 13 Glenrothes West and Kinglassie - alternative grassland proposals refused. The areas proposed would revert back to an amenity grassland maintenance regime;
- (2) Ward 14 Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch - alternative grassland proposals approved;
- (3) Ward 15 Glenrothes Central and Thornton - alternative grassland proposals approved; and
- (4) to consider a progress update report toward the end of this year/beginning of next year.

216. GLENROTHES ECONOMIC PROFILE (FEBRUARY 2021)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability which provided an annual overview of the local economic profile for the Glenrothes Committee area using the latest available published data. The report was accompanied by a slide presentation by Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from an analysis of the latest available data;
- (2) noted the support given to businesses during 2019/20;
- (3) acknowledged the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the global Covid-19 pandemic; and
- (4) agreed to consider a report at a future meeting of this Committee on plans for restarting the tourism industry/economy in Fife.

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The Committee adjourned at 11.10 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11.15 a.m.

217. GLENROTHES TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN (MARCH 2021)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability which provided a brief overview and background to the Glenrothes Town Centre Masterplan and sought approval to formally adopt the finalised plan, following the Member presentation on 2nd December, 2020. Formal approval would help to guide all future planning and development decisions and set out a positive vision that should address short, medium and long-term aspirations for the town centre.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the key recommendations in the masterplan including the priority areas in Glenrothes Town Centre to be addressed;
- (2) agreed to adopt the Glenrothes Town Centre Masterplan;
- (3) requested an update report on an annual basis; and
- (4) requested a 6-monthly member workshop and/or briefing as the masterplan priority areas progressed.

218. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021

The Committee considered the Glenrothes Area Committee draft forward work programme 2021.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft Glenrothes Area Committee forward work programme 2021; and
- (2) agreed to feed back to the Community Manager (Glenrothes) any suggestions for further reports to be included, within the context of the remit of this Committee.

219. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.
