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THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

13th January, 2021.

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Alice McGarry (Convener), David Barratt, Bobby Clelland, Dave Coleman, Dave Dempsey, Sharon Green-Wilson, Mino Manekshaw, Tony Orton and Kate Stewart.

ATTENDING: John Rodigan, Senior Manager (Environment and Building Services) and John O'Neil, Team Manager, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability Services, Ann Camus, Enterprise and Business Development Manager and Peter Corbett, Lead Officer (Economy), Economy, Planning and Employability Services; Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Andrew Verrecchia.

250. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Kate Stewart declared an interest at para. 252 – South and West Fife Area Economic Profile (December 2020) – being part of the project relating to the Witches Trail.
- Councillor Mino Manekshaw declared an interest at para. 254 – Local Community Planning Budget Requests – being the Treasurer of the project group relating to the Beamer Rock Lighthouse.
- Councillor Sharon Green-Wilson declared an interest at para. 254 – Local Community Planning Budget Requests – being a founding Director of Rosyth Community Project Limited.

251. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the South and West Fife Area Committee meeting of 25th November, 2020.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

252. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA ECONOMIC PROFILE (DECEMBER 2020)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing members with an annual overview of the local economic profile for the South and West Fife Area Committee using the latest published data.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;
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- (2) noted the support provided to businesses during 2019/20; and
- (3) recognised the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 a.m. and reconvened at 10.25 a.m.

253. 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 advising members of the performance of grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2020. The report also provided information of the management changes within these Services and identified how community-led decision making would shape operational delivery in the future.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the extraordinary challenges faced in the delivery of grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleaning services in 2020;
- (2) noted the structural and organisational measures which had been taken to improve and sustain service delivery;
- (3) noted the new decentralised way of working which would deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment; and
- (4) commended all those working within the Service on their performance and efforts over the year, particularly during the current Covid pandemic.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Councillor Manekshaw left the meeting at this stage. The following item was dealt with prior to para. 253 above.

254. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUESTS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget towards the following projects:- Climate Ready Inner Forth; Beamer Rock Lighthouse; Renew Rosyth - Goth Area; Rosyth Community Hub; and North Queensferry Action Plan.

Decision

The Committee agreed the following allocations from the Local Community Planning Budget:-

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| (1) | Climate Ready Inner Forth | - | £10,000 |
| (2) | Beamer Rock Lighthouse | - | £10,000 |
| (3) | Renew Rosyth - Goth Area | - | £22,400 |
| (4) | Rosyth Community Hub | - | £10,000 |
| (5) | North Queensferry Action Plan | - | £15,000 |

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

255. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising on action taken under delegated powers in relation to property transactions in the South and West Fife Committee Area.

256. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021

Decision

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme which would be further updated as appropriate.

257. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Dave Coleman, moved that:-

"Committee:-

- notes the continuing and significant problems arising from the private ownership of public open space in Dalgety Bay, notably Longhill Park;
- asks that reports be brought to Committee:-
 - (a) at its next meeting to advise what further action is required and by whom to resolve as soon as possible the flooding problems in Lade Braes;
 - (b) to advise on progress towards a Council policy on the maintenance of privately owned public space in Fife."

Decision

The motion was unanimously agreed.
