

THE FIFE COUNCIL - COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

6th October, 2021

2.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Linda Erskine (Convener), Alistair Bain, Alex Campbell, Gary Guichan, Rosemary Liewald, Mary Lockhart, Lea Mclelland and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Sarah Roxburgh, Community Manager (Cowdenbeath Area), Gary Daniell, Team Manager (Community Development), Euan Connelly, Community Education Worker (Benarty), Margaret King, Community Education Worker (Bowhill and Cardenden) and Scott Meikle, Community Education Worker (Kelty), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Phil Clarke, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management (South Fife), AT&E Roads & Transportation Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

Prior to the start of business, the Convener intimated the intention to vary the sequence of items from that on the agenda with Items 7, 8 and 9 being taken prior to Items 4, 5 and 6 due to unavoidable delays by officers attending other meetings.

246. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

247. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee of 18th August, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

248. CLD SUMMER PROGRAMME AND ENHANCED SUMMER PROGRAMME 2021

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided members with a summary of the CLD summer programme and enhanced summer (Active Fife) programme for 2021 within the Cowdenbeath Area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) welcomed and noted the presentation provided by youths that had attended the summer programme and thanked them and officers for their contributions; and
- (2) noted the content of the report.

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249. PETITION - SCHOOL LANE

In terms of Standing Order No. 6.1 (2), the Committee considered a petition raised by representatives of Denend Primary School Parent Council containing 36 signatures, the terms of the petition being to close School Lane, Cardenden during peak times.

The Convener invited the appropriate Officer from Assets, Transportation and Environment to present their briefing report in response to the petition.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to support the implementation of a pilot School Streets Initiative in Cardenden;
- (2) that officers would explore options for adding an additional footway, any additional safety measures and the adoption of the road;
- (3) that should the School Streets Initiative not be enough to regulate the behaviour of the school parents, the Area Committee would consider implementation of resident barriers; and
- (4) that a report be brought back to a future ward meeting on the options.

250. OBJECTION TO SPEED CUSHIONS – C26 FORDELL AND COALEDGE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which asked members to consider an objection to proposed speed cushion on C26 Fordell and Coaledge.

Decision

The Committee agreed to set aside the objection, allowing officers to proceed with the construction of the traffic calming measures.

251. 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 content of the report.

252. COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the draft Forward Work Programme for the Cowdenbeath Area Committee.

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253. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Questions were submitted (in terms of Standing Order No 6.1.) by Mr Paul McGowan, resident of Lochgelly.

Question 1

It is noted that in the minutes of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee, dated the 29th March 2017, that:

“ The Area Committee welcomes the decision by the administration to create an Active Leisure Fund of £500,000 for the Cowdenbeath Area, as agreed at the Executive Committee on 28th March, 2017 and agree that it be allocated as follows:--extract-

- *£150,000 Lochgelly Public Play Park”*

Can the area committee confirm if these monies were allocated to Lochgelly Public Park and what monies have been spent from this fund?

Response

Yes the monies were allocated to Lochgelly Public Play Park. No monies have been spent to date.

Can the area committee also confirm if this £150k is separate to the £120k allocated to the park from the Lomond Housing Section 75 agreement?

Response

Confirmed as separate. Not the same level of funding or specifically allocated to the park.

Finally, can the area committee confirm what improvements have taken place at Lochgelly Public Park (excluding the skatepark and fenced games area), since the funding became available?

Response

No improvements have been made.

Question 2

It is noted that in the minutes of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee, dated the 16th June 2021, that:

“227. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT - The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services, providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Cowdenbeath Committee area during the 12 month period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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The Committee:- (2) agreed that a workshop be arranged to allow members to input to the development of a plan to deal with recent anti-social issues arising in Lochgelly.”

Can the area committee confirm when the workshop will (or has been) arranged?

Response

The workshop regarding anti-social behaviour issues in Lochgelly Public Park took place on Thursday 16th September 2021.

Decision

The Committee noted the questions submitted by Mr Paul McGowan and the respective responses provided.