

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

24th March, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 1.40 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ken Caldwell (Convener), David Alexander, David Graham Colin Davidson, John OBrien, Graham Ritchie, Ryan Smart and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Ian Mccrory, Lead Professional (Economic Regeneration), Economy, Planning and Employability Services; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management), Colin Davidson, Team Manager - Levenmouth and North East Fife Area (Acting), Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Bernardo Morote, Consultant Engineer, Bridges and Structures, Frances Ratcliffe, Lead Consultant - Bridges and Structures, Assets Transportation and Environment, Roads and Transportation Services; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Duncan Mitchell, Chief Executive, Fife Employment Access Trust and Brian Robertson, Flax Mill Project Director, Silverburn Park.

236. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alistair Suttie declared an interest in paragraph 246, as he was a Council appointed Board Member of Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT).

Councillor Ken Caldwell declared an interest in paragraph 246, as he had attended friends of Silverburn Park meetings.

237. MINUTE

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

238. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – LEVEN HIGH STREET BUILDING FIT OUT – FUNDING REQUEST

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which sought agreement for a contribution of £20,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget, as match funding for the fit-out costs of a former retail unit within Leven Town Centre.

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The Committee agreed to a contribution of £20,000 from the Ward 21 Local Community Planning Budget to be used towards the total cost of the project.

239. LEVENMOUTH ECONOMIC PROFILE (FEBRUARY 2021)

The Committee considered a presentation and report by the Head of Business and Employability which provided an annual overview of the local economic profile for the Levenmouth Committee Area using the latest available published data.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) welcomed and noted the presentation;
- (2) noted the issues raised from the current analysis of available data;
- (3) noted the support given to businesses during 2019-2020; and
- (4) recognised the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

240. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – PUMP TRACK KENNOWAY – FUNDING REQUEST

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which sought agreement for a contribution of £30,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget, as match funding for the installation of a Pump Track facility at the Sandybrae Centre, Kennoway and requested that £10,000 from the local capital budget be set aside to cover the cost of separate electrical installations works to the site.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed to a total contribution of £40,000 towards the cost of the project;
 - £30,000 would be allocated from the Ward 21 Local Community Planning Budget; and
 - £10,000 would be allocated from the area capital budget, specifically for the installation of a separate electrical connection by Scottish Power.
- (2) noted the balance of funding was being sourced from other funders;
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- (3) noted the current progress of the detailed design consultation processes that were underway;

241. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – FUEL POVERTY APPROACH

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided an update on the work of the Greener Kirkcaldy/ Cosy Kingdom in delivering focused fuel poverty advice and support within the Levenmouth area and sought a funding contribution of £25,000 from the Anti-Poverty budget to extend the service in the 2021/22 financial year.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the latest performance figures related to fuel poverty work in the current financial year;
- (2) agreed the new target areas within the Levenmouth Area as detailed in the report; and
- (3) agreed to contribute £25,000 from the local Anti-Poverty budget to fund the new approach within the Levenmouth Area.

242. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – A916 & U029 BONNYBANK

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which proposed the introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on the A916 and U029, Bonnybank.

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/21/01 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

243. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND DISABLED BAYS– METHILHAVEN ROAD (SERVICE ROAD) AND LABURNUM ROAD, METHIL

In introducing the report, Officers advised of an amendment to the report to include "No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time" restrictions.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which proposed the introduction of new "No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time" restrictions on Methilhaven Road (Service Road) and Laburnum Road; and the introduction of two disabled bays on Methilhaven Road (Service Road).

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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/21/04 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

244. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2021-22

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

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) welcomed and noted the presentation;
- (2) approved the proposals detailed in Appendices 1-3, of the report;
- (3) 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, and in consultation with the Area Convener; and
- (4) noted Appendices 4 and 5 of the report.

245. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Grounds Maintenance Service, which detailed the proposed changes to the management of grassland in the area and the outcome of the community consultation and engagement exercise.

Decision

The Committee, following analysis of the results from the public consultation and engagement exercise on proposed changes to the management of grassland in the Levenmouth area agreed to defer the decision on the grassland management strategy, to allow further analysis on consultation processes and time to gather the views of the community councils within the Levenmouth Area.

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246. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – SILVERBURN PARK FLAX MILL AND WIDER PARK REGENERATION- UPDATE.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which updated members on the progress of the regeneration work at Silverburn Park, Leven, which was led by Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT).

Decision

The Committee noted: -

- (1) the content of the report;
- (2) the contents of Appendix 1, which detailed the potential economic impact of the project as it moved through completion and full operation; and
- (3) the current progress of the Silverburn Park Flax Mill project.

247. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which advised of action taken using the list of officer powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

248. LEVENMOUTH AREA FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Forward Work Programme.