

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

**28 October, 2020**

**9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.**

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

**ATTENDING:** Janice Laird, Community Manager (North East Fife), Kirstie Freeman, Safer Communities Area Co-ordinator, Sarah Johnston, Access Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; John Mitchell, Service Manager and Allan Maclean, Lead Consultant, Sustainable Transport and Parking, Stuart Goodfellow, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management (North Fife), Roads & Transportation Services; Chief Inspector Brian Poole, Inspector Yvonne Stenhouse, Police Scotland; Steven Michie, Station Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Paul Coleman, Lead Officer (Safer Communities), Housing Services; Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**271. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Porteous declared an interest in Para. 279 - Application for Funding from St. Monans Common Good, as his wife was Chair of Beautiful St Monans.

Councillor Jane Ann Liston declared an interest in Para. 280 - Application for Funding from St Andrews Local Community Planning Budget and Para. 284 - Spaces for People Programme, as a Director of BID St Andrews but in respect of Para. 284 was satisfied that the interest was so insignificant and remote that it would not prejudice discussion or decision making in her role as a Councillor and she would therefore remain in the meeting.

Councillor Brian Thomson declared an interest in Para. 280 - Application for Funding from St Andrews Local Community Planning Budget and Para. 284, Spaces for people Programme, as a Director of BID St Andrews.

Councillor Dominic Nolan declared an interest in Para. 278 - Application for Funding from St Andrews Common Good from St Andrews Tennis Club, as a trustee on an organisation which had provided funding to the tennis club.

**272. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 2 September 2020

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

*Due to technical issues at this stage, the Convener advised that items 6 and 7 on the agenda would be considered prior to items 4 and 5.*

**273. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS – HIGH STREET, NEWPORT ON TAY COLLESSIE, FIFE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment on proposals to amend the waiting restrictions on High Street, Newport on Tay

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the amendments to the waiting restrictions on High Street, Newport on Tay, as detailed on Drg. Nos. TRO20/29 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**274. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS – BOAT BRAE AND BOAT ROAD, NEWPORT ON TAY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment on proposals to amend the waiting restrictions on Boat Brae and Boat Road, Newport on Tay.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the amendments to the waiting restrictions on Boat Brae and Boat Road as detailed on Drg. Nos. TRO20/25 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**275. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY DIVERSION, KINLOCH QUARRY,**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods requesting approval for a diversion of public rights of way FN432 and FN433 at Kinloch Quarry, Collessie Fife.

**Decision**

The Committee approved the proposed diversions of the public rights of way under section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, subject to a briefing note being issued to members in respect of a biodiversity study being carried out and providing more detail on the Equality Impact Assessment, prior to promotion of the Order.

*Councillor Brett joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

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**276. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY DIVERSION, DUNBARNIE LINKS, DRUMELDRIE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods requesting approval for a diversion of public right of way FN702 at Dunbarnie Links.

**Decision**

The Committee approved the proposed diversion of the public right of way under section 35 of the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967.

**277. CRAIL COMMON GOOD - APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE COSTS OF RESTORING THE MERCAT CROSS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods seeking a 50% contribution from Crail Common Good fund towards the costs of restoring the Mercat Cross.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed a contribution of £10,000 from Crail Common Good Fund to Crail Preservation Society towards the costs of the Mercat Cross Restoration Project.

**278. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM ST ANDREWS COMMON GOOD FROM ST ANDREWS TENNIS CLUB**

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillor Nolan left the meeting prior to consideration of this item.*

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods in respect of an application for funding from St. Andrews Common Good fund for the reconstruction of the tennis courts and upgrade to floodlighting at St. Andrews Tennis Club.

**Decision**

The Committee approved a contribution of £20,000 from St. Andrews Common Good fund to St. Andrews Tennis Club for the reconstruction of the tennis courts and upgrade to floodlighting.

*Councillor Nolan rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

**279. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM ST MONANS COMMON GOOD FUND**

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillor Porteous left the meeting prior to consideration of this item.*

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods in respect of two applications received for grant funding from St Monans Common Good Fund. Janice Laird requested that the application from the Jim Matthew Camera Collection Trust be deferred for further information.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed that the application from the Jim Matthew Camera Collection Trust be deferred for further information; and
- (2) approved a contribution of £6,000 from St Monans Common Good Fund to St. Monans Community Council for the St. Monans Floral Display Scheme.

*Councillor Porteous rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

**280. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM ST ANDREWS LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET**

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillors Liston and Thomson left the meeting prior to consideration of this item.*

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods in respect of an application received from BID St. Andrews for £15,000 funding from the Local Community Planning Budget to provide interim support for the ballot renewal process.

**Decision**

The Committee approved funding of £15,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget to BID St. Andrews to provide interim support for the ballot renewal process.

*Councillors Liston and Thomson rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

**281. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE**

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 North East Fife committee area during the period 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the activity to date as detailed in the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.34 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 11.40 a.m.

**282. OPERATIONAL & COMMUNITY BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN NORTH EAST FIFE**

The Committee considered a report by Local Area Commander, North East Fife, advising on matters involving Police Scotland which had relevance to community safety in the North East Fife policing area from April 2019 to March 2020.

**Decision/**

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The Committee noted:-

- (1) the update on performance with regards to the local priorities, campaigns and other initiatives undertaken by North East Fife officers from April 2019 to March 2020;
- (2) that members would be consulted on the future format on these reports; and
- (3) that a members meeting with Chief Inspector Brian Poole and Community Inspector Yvonne Stenhouse would be arranged by the end of the year.

*Councillor Miklinski left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**283. SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander, North East Fife Area, providing incident information for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 to enable the Committee to have an overview of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service North East Fife Committee Area incident activity against its key performance indicators.

**Decision**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the progress across a range of performance indicators within the report; and
- (2) that information regarding the introduction of the new smoke alarm legislation would be circulated to members.

**284. SPACES FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME**

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillor Thomson left the meeting prior to consideration of this item.*

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment providing an update on the progress made with the Spaces for People programme and seeking agreement for the use of local ward meetings for advancing projects within North East Fife Area.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made to date;
- (2) that future proposals be subject to vigorous consultation based on the National Standards for Community Engagement good practice guidelines; and
- (3) that it was the view of the East Neuk Councillors that the barriers outside the Co-op in Crail be removed.

*Councillor Porteous left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**285. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

**Decision**

The Committee noted the report.

**286. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted the current work programme for the North East Fife Area Committee.

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