

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy

25 February, 2025

2.00 pm – 4.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Blair Allan, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager, Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant, Car Parking Strategy and Operations, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant, Roads Lighting and Asset Management, Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Services; Pamela Stevenson, Service Manager, Business and Employability; Alison Laughlin, Economy Adviser, Programmes and Policies, Property Services; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer, Committee Services and Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Judy Hamilton and James Leslie.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.

138. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 17 December 2024.

Decision

The committee approved the minute.

139. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2025-26

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services which identified the projects proposed for inclusion in the 2025-26 Area Roads Programme for the Kirkcaldy area.

During discussion of the item the meeting adjourned at 2.25pm and re-convened at 2.40pm.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1-3;
- (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 Area Convener, Depute Convener and all elected members in the affected wards; and
- (3) noted Appendix 4.

140. KIRKCALDY TOWN CENTRE - PROPOSED PARKING AMENDMENTS

The committee considered a report from the Head of Roads and Transportation Services proposing to amend various parking restrictions in Kirkcaldy Town Centre.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend various parking restrictions as detailed in drawings nos. TRO24_49/1 (Appendices 1-6 of the report); and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

141. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 KIRKCALDY AREA - APPLICATION FOR COMMON GOOD MAINTENANCE - BURGH CHAMBERS COMPLEX, BURNTISLAND.

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods requesting an allocation of £45,000 from the Burntisland Common Good Fund for the essential maintenance of the Burgh Chambers, Burntisland.

Decision

The committee agreed the funding request of £45,000 from the Common Good Fund for the essential maintenance of the Burgh Chambers, Burntisland.

142. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 KIRKCALDY AREA - APPLICATION FOR COMMON GOOD MAINTENANCE - DOO DELL STEPS, KINGHORN.

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods requesting a contribution of £10,000 from the Kinghorn Common Good Fund for essential maintenance of the steps at Doo Dell, Kinghorn.

Decision

The committee agreed the funding request of £10,000 from the Kinghorn Common Good Fund for essential maintenance of the Doo Dell Steps, Kinghorn.

143. EAST LINKS, BURNTISLAND - SPLASH PAD REPLACEMENT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing information to facilitate informed decision making on the replacement of the East Links splash pad, Burntisland.

The committee noted that, following approval of funding for the project at Fife Council budget meeting on 20 February 2025, a revised report was issued to members prior to the meeting detailing amendments to the proposed funding options for the three designs detailed in the report.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the costs and logistics of delivering the replacement of the splashpad play feature on the East Links, Burntisland;
- (2) agreed to proceed with option 3, a full splash pad - wet play area at a proposed cost of £312K;
- (3) approved the allocation of £59,000 from the Burntisland Common Good Fund; and
- (4) noted the remaining £253K of funding for the project would be as follows:
 - £150K – General Fund
 - £70K - Scottish Government funding
 - £30K – FET funding
 - £3K – Crowd Funding

Councillor K. Leslie left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

144. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES - ANNUAL REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Employability and Employer Engagement providing an annual overview of the performance of the Kirkcaldy Area's local economy and labour market, along with the business

support, strategic investment and employability activity carried out in the area by Business and Employability Services. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to council activity within the Kirkcaldy Area and to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

During discussion of the item the meeting adjourned at 4.10pm and re-convened at 4.20pm.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the activity undertaken by Business and Employability Services in 2023/24 and in 2024/25;
- (2) considered and acknowledged the issues raised by an analysis of the latest available economic data; and
- (3) agreed that a Members Workshop be arranged to identify future opportunities for the Kirkcaldy Area.

Councillors Cavanagh, Patrick and Ross left during consideration of the above item.

145. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising members on action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

146. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the future work programme of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee forward workplan;
- (2) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the committee; and

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- (3) requested a report from Officers within Roads and Transportation Services on “Options to Make Parking Free for Leisure Centre Users in the Kirkcaldy Area”