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THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

2nd November, 2022

2.00 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettrano, Daniel Wilson and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Jane Findlay, Lead Consultant, Climate Change & Partnerships, Enterprise & Environment; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Patricia Spacey, Safer Communities Team Manager, Brian Westwater, Safer Communities Lead Officer and Chris Mieztis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities; Inspector Kirk Donnelly, Community & Response Policing Lead, Police Scotland; Station Commander Scott Neilson, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services, Finance & Corporate Services.

URGENT BUSINESS BEING BROUGHT BY THE CONVENER

The Convener advised of an additional item which he had agreed to take as urgent business - which was relevant, competent and urgent, due to the imminent closure of Bikeworks Fife Ltd., a Social Enterprise Company based in Glenrothes - and moved its consideration, in terms of the relevant Standing Order, to allow the Committee to consider a proposal to support the initiative in the recycling of bicycles in Fife. This was unanimously agreed. This item was considered after Item 8 on the agenda (Para. No. 23 below refers).

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

17. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 7th September, 2022.

Arising from the minute, with reference to Paragraph 14. (3) - flooding update report - the Committee noted that a report had not been submitted as requested by the Committee and agreed to record its concern that the report was not provided without a reason being given as to why, and requested that a report be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting on 25th January, 2023.

Decision

The Committee otherwise agreed to approve the minute.

18. TACKLING POVERTY IN GLENROTHES AREA

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Service seeking approval of initiatives and approaches which were designed to tackle and mitigate the effects of poverty in the Glenrothes area.

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Decision

The Committee agreed to the measures and actions proposed in the report.

19. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the Glenrothes area for the year from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

20. 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 Glenrothes committee area during the 12-month period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) considered and noted the activity to date as detailed in the report;
- (2) requested comparative figures pre and post COVID and more detail on 'outcomes' in future reports to this Committee - to enable more effective scrutiny; and
- (3) agreed that a separate report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on 25th January, 2023 on the delivery of the Environmental Vandalism Strategy in the Glenrothes Area.

Councillor Ford joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

21. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN GLENROTHES AREA – APRIL 2021-APRIL 2022

The Committee considered a report by Inspector Kirk Donnelly, Community and Response Policing Lead, providing information on matters impacting on, or involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to community safety in the Glenrothes policing areas.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

22. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by Scott Neilson, Station Commander, Scottish/

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Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, providing incident information for the period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022. This incident information enabled an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Glenrothes Committee Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Decision

The Committee noted the progress across a range of KPIs detailed in the report.

The Committee adjourned at 3.40 p.m. and reconvened at 3.50 p.m.

23. URGENT ITEM - BIKEWORKS FIFE CLOSING & THE FUTURE FOR BICYCLE RECYCLING IN FIFE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services detailing a proposal to support Route Assembly in taking over from Bikeworks Fife in the recycling of bicycles in Fife.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved a sum of £5,000 from the Glenrothes Area Committee Local Community Planning Budget to Route Assembly/Bikeworks Fife to support, in consultation with the Convener and Depute Convener, the development of a business case for the Committee's consideration;
- (2) requested that the business case and accompanying report to a future meeting of this Committee identified Glenrothes area services provided/proposed by Route Assembly/Bikeworks Fife;
- (3) agreed to consider further requests for funding when the business case was available, taking cognisance of any external funding sources, including potential financial support from the wider Council; and
- (4) agreed to appoint Councillors Vettraino and Wincott to the new Bikeworks Fife Board to assist the organisation by providing guidance and contact information to help develop the business, including any available marketing support, if requested by the Board.

24. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme;
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- (2) agreed, as detailed at Para. 20 (3) above to consider, at its next meeting on 25th January, 2023, a report on antisocial behaviour, to include environmental enforcement;
- (3) agreed, as detailed at Para. 23 (2) above to consider, at a future meeting of this Committee, the business case for Bikeworks Fife; and
- (4) agreed that members would advise the Convener and Depute Convener of any additional items to include in the Forward Work Programme, within the remit of the Committee.

25. **PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, Property Services advising on action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.
