

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

9 November, 2022

9.30 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Eugene Clarke, David Graham, John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Sara Gray, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Paul Coleman, Safer Communities Team Manager, Communities; Chief Inspector Chris Dow, Inspector Matt Spencer, Police Scotland; Station Commander Niall Miller, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Peter Nicol, Housing Team Manager, Housing; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Finance; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

Prior to the start of formal business, the Convener referred to the serious fire in Leven High Street the previous day and expressed thanks to the emergency services, Council officers and members for their exemplary response to the incident.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19. MINUTE OF LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE MEETING OF 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 14th September, 2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to approve the minute; and
- (2) noted that, with reference to paragraph 6, the Levenmouth Tourist Association had agreed to accept two Council members, therefore Councillors Eugene Clark and Alistair Suttie had been appointed as they had been nominated at the meeting on 14th September.

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 Levenmouth Committee Area during the twelve month period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

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

21. OPERATIONAL AND COMMUNITY BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEVENMOUTH

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, Police Scotland, providing an update on matters impacting on and involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to Community Safety within the Levenmouth Area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the action taken to date and support Police Scotland moving forward in addressing priorities within the Levenmouth Area.

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

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander for Levenmouth Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing an update on incident information within the Levenmouth Area for the period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 to enable the committee to have an overview of the SFRS performance against its key performance indicators.

Decision

The Committee noted the progress across a range of key performance indicators as detailed in the report.

23. LEVENMOUTH AREA HOUSING PLAN REVIEW 2023-26

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services, presenting a revised Area Housing Plan setting out area performance, service delivery and key housing issues following consultation with key stakeholders.

Decision

The Committee: -

- (1) approved the revised Levenmouth Area Housing Plan for 2023-2026; and
- (2) agreed to support the proposed changes to the Area Housing Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 a.m. and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

24. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

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

Decision

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

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25. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – FIFE HERITAGE RAILWAY – FUNDING SUPPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to contribute up to £10,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget towards the cost of providing modular accommodation at the Fife Heritage Railway.

Decision

The Committee agreed: -

- (1) a contribution of £10,000 towards the cost of providing modular accommodation as part of the improvement work at the Fife Heritage Railway (FHR); and
- (2) that, given the position of the Fife Heritage Railway and its influence in both wards, the contribution be made up equally of £5,000 from Ward 21 and £5,000 from Ward 22 budgets.

26. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – REPLACEMENT PARKING BARRIER, FORESHORE AREA BUCKHAVEN

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution of £5,851.30 from the Local Community Planning Budget for Ward 22 towards the cost of a replacement parking barrier at the Foreshore area in Buckhaven.

Decision

The Committee agreed a contribution of £5,851.30 from the Ward 22 Local Community Planning Budget towards the cost of replacing the parking barrier at the Foreshore area in Buckhaven.

27. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – WEST WEMYSS PLAY AREA AND GLENLYON ROAD PLAY AREA – AREA CAPITAL FUNDING SUPPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution of £40,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) Capital element towards the cost of upgrading play area equipment at West Wemyss and Glenlyon Road, Leven.

Decision

The Committee agreed, as part of the area focus on improving play space and green space throughout Levenmouth:-

- (1) a contribution of £20,000 towards the cost of upgrading the play area equipment at West Wemyss; and
- (2) a contribution of £20,000 towards the cost of upgrading the play area equipment at Glenlyon Road, Leven.

**28. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, advising of the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the Levenmouth Area, along with relevant fund activities for the financial year 2021-2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good Funds and Settlement Trust Funds.

29. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Levenmouth Area Committee Forward Work Programme which would be updated as appropriate.
