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THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – GLENROTHES - BLENDED MEETING

Conference Room 1, Ground Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

25th January, 2023

2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

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

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes); Sarah Johnston, Access Officer, Countryside Development; Chris Mieзитis, Glenrothes Community Development Team Manager, Communities; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer (Economy), Business & Employability; Bill Liddle, Service Manager, Roads Maintenance; Dr. Rick Haynes, Lead Consultant, Flooding, Shoreline & Harbours; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management North; Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager; Brian Westwater, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Common Good & Trusts; Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services, Finance & Corporate Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Altany Craik.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

27. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 2nd November, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

28. DIVERSION OF CORE PATH 420

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service requesting approval for a diversion of core path 420 in Glenrothes to allow for an extension to the Glenrothes Substation.

Decision

The Committee approved the proposed diversion of core path 420 using Section 208 of the Town and Countryside Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 - delegating its confirmation to officers if no objections were received, and otherwise submission to the Scottish Government for confirmation.

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29. SUPPORT FOR FUNDING TOWARDS VEHICLE FOR AUCHMUTY & DOVECOT TENANTS' & RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval of a financial contribution towards the purchase of a new van for the Auchmuty and Dovecot Tenants' and Residents' Association. The van would be used to deliver goods across the Glenrothes Area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the funding request from the Auchmuty and Dovecot Tenants' and Residents' Association for a contribution of £14,965.00 from the Area Recovery Fund, towards the purchase of a new van.

30. REPLACEMENT OF UNSAFE FENCING AT RIVERSIDE PARK, GLENROTHES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval of a financial contribution toward the cost of replacing damaged fencing at Riverside Park. The fencing would become unsafe for the public visiting Riverside Park if it was not replaced.

The proposed work had been costed by Fife Council's Grounds Maintenance Team and involved removal and disposal of the existing chespale fencing and the supply and installation of 1.2m high, 5-line wire fencing.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve a contribution of £8,004.35 from the Local Community Planning budget toward the replacement fence, provided consideration was given, due to the health and safety aspect giving rise to the need for a replacement fence, to the funding being sourced from an alternative budget.

31. GLENROTHES AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 'PLAN4GLENROTHES' REVIEW

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval of the revised Plan4 Glenrothes Area 2023 – 2026 including an update on the Areas of Focus for the Plan.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed the revised Areas of Focus;
- (2) approved the Plan4 Glenrothes Area 2023 – 2026 (attached as Appendix 2 to the report) to include, under Section 4: 'Town Centre, Village and Neighbourhood Redevelopment', additional focus on Balbirnie Park - in tandem with Riverside Park – although separately funded from the Levelling Up Fund;
- (3)/

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- (3) requested an update report on the revised plan - as detailed at (2) above, to include Balbirnie Park - at its next meeting on 22nd March, 2023;
- (4) requested a progress report on delivery of the overall Plan4 Glenrothes Area 2023-2026 at its meeting on 24th May, 2023; and
- (5) noted the efforts and approach taken to ensure that community members and partners were actively involved in and contributing to its delivery.

32. COMMON GOOD POLICY STATEMENT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service presenting a draft Common Good Policy Statement which would form the basis of a public consultation exercise.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft Common Good Policy Statement;
- (2) acknowledged the community consultation process; and
- (3) agreed that members whose ward benefitted from either the Leslie or Markinch Common Good Funds specifically, would contribute to the consultation on the draft Common Good Policy Statement.

Following the above item, the Convener intimated the intention to vary the sequence of items from that on the agenda – Item 9 on the agenda: ‘Common Good and Settlement Trust Funds Annual Report’ would be considered after Item 11 on the agenda: ‘Flooding Update and Gully Cleaning’.

33. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES (DECEMBER 2022)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the Glenrothes Area. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to Council activity within the area and to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and
- (2) acknowledged the ongoing economic challenges and uncertainty.

34. FLOODING UPDATE & GULLY CLEANING

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services providing an update on flooding relative to the Glenrothes Area Committee geographical coverage, including information on gulley cleaning.

Decision/

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the update on the flooding context in relation to Glenrothes Area;
- (2) noted the status of the existing Flood Studies within the Glenrothes Area;
- (3) agreed that, once the Flood Studies had concluded, a further report would be provided on the summary findings, to this Committee; and
- (4) noted that a review of the gully cleaning service was to be submitted to the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee on a date to be confirmed.

35. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

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 area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2021-2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the relevant Appendices for the various Common Good funds and Settlement Trust Funds;
- (2) noted the information provided; and
- (3) confirmed the Committee's continued support of the disbursement of Trust funds to suitable projects, including the amalgamation of individual trusts and, where appropriate, the dissolution of individual trusts and the transferring of funds to suitable third party organisations who were providing similar support to local priorities.

36. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023-24

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services identifying the projects which were proposed for inclusion in the 2023-24 Area Roads Programme for the Glenrothes area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1 to 3 - proposed carriageway scheme list for 2023-24; proposed footway scheme list for 2023-24; and proposed road safety and traffic management scheme list for 2023-24, respectively;
- (2)/

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- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services 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 and Depute Convener; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 - lighting scheme list for 2023/24; and structures scheme list for 2023-24, respectively.

37. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on antisocial behaviour within the Glenrothes area during the period 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report; and
- (2) agreed to delegate to the Convener and Depute Convener to consider the requirement for further update reports and, if required, their frequency.

38. 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;
- (2) agreed, as detailed at Para. 31. (3) above to consider, at its meeting on 22nd March, 2023, an update to the Glenrothes Area Local Community Plan 'Plan4Glenrothes' to include Balbirnie Park;
- (3) agreed, as detailed at Para. 31. (4) above to consider, at its meeting on 24th May, 2023, a progress report on the delivery of the overall Glenrothes Area Local Community Plan 'Plan4Glenrothes';
- (4) agreed, as detailed at Para. 34. (3) above to consider, a further report on summary findings once the Flood Studies had concluded – at its meeting on 22nd March, 2023;
- (5) agreed, as detailed at Para. 37. (2) that consideration be given to the requirement for further update reports on Antisocial Behaviour and, if required, their frequency – to be advised;
- (6) otherwise 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.

39. 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.
