

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

**Committee Room 2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes.**

**1st February, 2023**

**2.00 p.m. – 3.35 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alex Campbell (Convener), Alistair Bain, Linda Erskine, Rosemary Liewald, Lea McLelland, Bailey-Lee Robb and Darren Watt.

**ATTENDING:** Sarah Roxburgh, Community Manager (Strategy and Commissioning); Anne-Marie Vance, Community Manager (Cowdenbeath Area); Scott Blyth, Project Manager; ; Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Community Projects Team; Tim Kendrick, Community Manager (Development); Ashleigh Birrell, Policy Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Tariq Ditta, Head of Facilities Management Services; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant, Roads and Lighting Asset Management; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management North; Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South; Ryan McQuade, Fife Property Gazetteer Officer, Economy Tourism and Town Centre, Business and Employability Service; Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Helena Couperwhite, Manager – Committee Services and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Mary Lockhart.

The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Anne-Marie Vance to the meeting. Anne-Marie succeeded Sarah Roxburgh as the new Community Manager for Cowdenbeath Area. The Convener thanked Sarah for all her hard work and commitment during her time as Community Manager and wished her well in her new post.

**33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**34. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

**Decision**

The Committee

- (1) agreed to approve the minute; and
- (2) noted that a report on the Community Recovery Fund would be submitted for the Committee's consideration at its meeting on 29th March, 2023.

**35. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability, requesting approval under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, for the new street names 'Meldrum View', 'McLeod Way', and 'Zetland Crescent' at the development on land to the south of Lochgelly Road, Lumphinnans. A copy of the site plan for the development was as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, showing the layout of the new streets.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to adopt the new street names 'Meldrum View', 'McLeod Way', and 'Zetland Crescent' for the First Endeavour Cowdenbeath LLP development at the land to the south of Lochgelly Road, Lumphinnans.

**36. PROPOSED RAISED TABLES AND SPEED CUSHIONS - KIRKLAND FARM, BALLINGRY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation detailing a proposal to introduce raised tables and speed cushions on the B920 Lochleven Road, Ballingry at the Kirkland Farm development site.

**Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce speed cushions on the B920 Lochleven Road as detailed in drawing no. TRO22\_59, Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) agreed in retrospect to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) and Pedestrian Crossing Notice to introduce two raised toucan crossings on the B920 Lochleven Road as detailed in drawing no. TRO22\_59, Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (3) authorised officers to confirm the Road Hump Order and for the raised tables and speed cushions to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**37. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023-24**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation, identifying projects proposed for inclusion in the 2023-24 Area Roads Programme for the Cowdenbeath 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
- (2)/

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- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation 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 - with all Committee members being advised of any changes as soon as possible; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 – lighting scheme list for 2023-24; and structures scheme list for 2023-24.

### 38. COMMON GOOD POLICY STATEMENT

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

#### Decision

The Committee noted :-

- (1) the draft Common Good Policy Statement; and
- (2) the community consultation process.

### 39. LOCHORE MEADOWS CONSULTATION UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing an update and detailing recommendations on consultation work that had taken place with the community relating to Lochore Meadows Country Park- (LMCP), specifically in relation to the following request from Cowdenbeath Area Committee at its meeting on 31st August 2022- (Minute reference Para. 7 of 2022.CAC.4.):

- 7 (1) “that officers carry out a full community consultation across the Cowdenbeath Committee Area on the wider Lochore Meadows Country Park Development Plan with a focus on playpark, nature area and community event space proposals”
- 7 (2) “requested a report detailing the outcome of the above consultation for the Committee’s consideration at its meeting on 1st February, 2023 of a contribution of £100k from the Area Capital Budget to the Lochore Meadows Country Park Nature Area project”

#### Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the wide range of consultation mechanisms undertaken and agreed to support future plans;
- (2) on a motion proposed by Councillor Robb, seconded by Councillor Liewald, agreed to the following amendments to the recommendations contained in the report:-
  - (a)/

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- (a) replace the wording of recommendation 2 in the report with the following:-

'Supports the recommendation made for location 2 in relation to the proposed play park, and as such supports the plans for the Events Space, Natural Play Area, and wider development plans.'

- (b) include additional recommendations as follows:-

(3) 'As a result of recommendation (2), agrees to a contribution of £100,000 from the Area Capital Budget for the Natural Play Area Project Budget.'

(4) 'As a result of recommendation (2), requests officers bring this paper back to Area Committee if the agreed location is no longer possible for whatever reason, to allow members to have further discussion and for a further decision to be made.'

(5) 'Notes the intention for the development of a draft development plan, and requests officers present this to the Area Committee at a future meeting over the next twelve months.'

- (c) the existing recommendations (3), (4) and (5) to be renumbered to read (6), (7) and (8).and to otherwise remain unchanged.

### 40. KIDS COME FIRST - FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods advising members of a funding decision taken by the Executive Director under delegated powers.

#### **Decision**

The Committee noted the allocation of funding totaling £6769.70 to Kids Come First, granted in October 2022.

### 41. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

#### **Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

### 42. COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

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- (1) noted the contents of the Forward Work Programme;
  - (2) noted that members requesting additional reports for submission to future Committee meetings, would require Committee agreement for these to be included on the Forward Work Programme; and
  - (3) requested a workshop on the Shared Prosperity Fund covering available funding for the Cowdenbeath Area and the impact/benefits to the Community.
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