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THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

J.P. Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar

15 February 2023

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Jonny Tepp (Convener), Al Clark, Fiona Corps, Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Allan Knox, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife Area), Sarah Johnston, Access Officer, Communities; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management North, Roads & Transportation Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer - Economy, Business & Employability; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Finance; Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING Henry Paul, Friends of Craigtoun and Angie De Vos, Consultant.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Robin Lawson

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tepp declared an interest in Para 51 – ‘Local Area Budgets 2022-24’ – as a Trustee of the Forgan Arts Centre.

Councillors Verner and Liston both declared, as a matter of transparency and with reference to Para. 51 – ‘Local Area Budgets 2022-24’, that they were Council appointees to the St Andrews Botanic Gardens Trust. However, as this was not considered a connection under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for the purposes of this report, they therefore remained and participated in the meeting.

37. DEPUTATION ON CRAIGTOUN PARK, ST ANDREWS BY FRIENDS OF CRAIGTOUN

The Convener had agreed, in terms of Standing Order No. 6.2, that Henry Paul, Funding Director of the Friends of Craigtoun, be permitted to address the meeting regarding options and opportunities for the future development of Craigtoun Park, St Andrews, including the provision of an employability centre.

Members thereafter asked a number of questions which were answered by Mr Paul.

The Convener thanked Mr Paul for his presentation.

38. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee held on 2 November 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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39. CORE PATH DIVERSION, UPPERCRAIG COTTAGE, BALMERINO

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval for a diversion of Core Path 136 at Uppercraig Cottage, Balmerino.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to approve the proposed diversion of the Core Path under Section 20 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003; delegating its confirmation to officers if no objections were received; and
- (2) noted that it required to be submitted to the Scottish Government for confirmation.

40. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023/2024

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

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the report and appendices 1-3;
- (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; and
- (3) noted the information on street lighting and structures works contained in Appendices 4 and 5.

41. SKEITH ROAD AND WINDMILL ROAD, CELLARDYKE - SPEED CUSHIONS, CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of objections received as part of a statutory consultation to install speed cushions on Skeith Road and Windmill Road, Cellardyke.

Motion

Councillor Jonny Tepp, seconded by Councillor Donald Lothian, moved that the Committee accept the recommendations in the report.

Amendment

Councillor Fiona Corps, seconded by Councillor Sean Dillon, moved that the objections be upheld and that the proposed speed reduction measures be refused.

Roll Call/

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For the Motion - 2 votes

Councillors Lothian and Tepp.

For the Amendment - 12 votes

Councillors Clark, Corps, Dillon, Hayes, Hoggan-Radu, Holt, Kennedy, Kennedy- Dalby, Knox, Liston, MacDiarmid and Verner.

Having received a majority of votes, the amendment was accordingly carried.

Decision

The Committee agreed to uphold the objections and refuse the proposals to install speed cushions on Skeith Road and Windmill Road, Cellardyke.

42. SANDYHILL ROAD, TAYPORT - SPEED CUSHIONS, CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of objections received as part of a statutory consultation on the proposal to install speed cushions on Sandyhill Road, Tayport.

Motion

Councillor Allan Knox, seconded by Councillor Ann Verner, moved that the objections be upheld and that the proposed speed reduction measures be refused.

Amendment

Councillor Donald Lothian, seconded by Councillor David MacDiarmid, moved that the committee accept the recommendations in the report.

Roll Call

For the Motion - 12 votes

Councillors Clark, Corps, Dillon, Hayes, Hoggan-Radu, Holt, Kennedy, Kennedy- Dalby, Knox, Liston, Tepp and Verner.

For the Amendment - 2 votes

Councillors Lothian and MacDiarmid.

Having received a majority of votes, the motion was accordingly carried.

Decision

The Committee agreed to uphold the objections and refuse the proposals to install speed cushions on Sandyhill Road, Tayport.

43. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS: KYLE GARDENS, ST ANDREWS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of objections to the proposed extension of the no waiting restrictions (single yellow line) on Kyle Gardens, St Andrews and the result of discussions with affected parties.

Decision

The Committee agreed to uphold the objections and refuse the proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the no waiting restrictions in Kyle Gardens, St Andrews.

44. DISABLED PARKING ON MUIR ROAD, FREUCHIE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of proposals to introduce two disabled parking bays on Muir Road, Freuchie.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road safety, to approve the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the disabled parking bays on Muir Road, Freuchie, as shown on drawing number TRO/22/66 attached to the report.

45. OBJECTION TO SPEED LIMIT ALTERATIONS IN DAIRSIE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of an objection to the proposals to extend the 30mph speed limit on Station Road, Dairsie and the inclusion of a new residential road within an existing 20mph zone.

Decision

The Committee agreed to set aside the one outstanding objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to allow the TRO to be made and proceed with the introduction of the 30mph speed limit and 20mph zone as shown in drawing no. TRO/22/04 attached to the report.

46. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 30MPH LIMIT ON A912 AND B936, FALKLAND

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of proposals to extend the 30mph speed limit on the A912 and B936, Falkland.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) approved the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/68 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

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47. **FORGAN DRIVE AND PICKLETILLUM AVENUE, DRUMOIG – 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AND ZONES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of proposals for an extension of the 20mph speed limit on Forgan Drive and Pickletillum Avenue, Drumoig, and the inclusion of the adjacent new development's residential roads.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/69 attached to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

48. **PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION – ORCHARD FLAT, AUCHTERMUCHTY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of proposals to introduce a "No Waiting at Any Time" prohibition on Orchard Flat, Auchtermuchty.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of accessibility and road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/22/67 attached to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

49. **BELL BRAE, ST ANDREWS – SPEED LIMIT PROPOSAL**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Bell Brae, St Andrews.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the 20mph speed limit as detailed in drawing no. TRO23_03 attached to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

50. **PROPOSED RAISED TABLE – FREUCHIEMILL**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of proposals to introduce a road hump in the form of a raised table at Freuchiemill, Freuchie.

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Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce a raised table at Freuchimill as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_65 attached to the report; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Road Hump Order and for the raised table to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

51. NORTH EAST FIFE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 2023-26

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presenting the revised Local Community Plan for North East Fife 2023 - 26.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the North East Fife Local Community Plan 2023 - 2026.

52. LOCAL AREA BUDGETS 2022-24

Councillor Tepp (Convener), having declared an interest, left the meeting for this item. The Depute Convener, Councillor Liston, thereafter took the chair.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods advising of proposals to allocate funding for various projects from Local Area Budgets.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve funding for the initial list of projects as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Councillor Tepp rejoined the meeting following the above item

53. COMMON GOOD POLICY STATEMENT

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

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) commented on the draft Common Good Policy Statement and the community consultation process; and
- (2) otherwise noted the proposed statement for consultation.

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

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Decision

The Committee agreed to note the information contained in the relevant appendices to the report for the various Common Good funds and Settlement Trust Funds.

Councillor Stefan Hoggan-Radu left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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

55. 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 North East Fife.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

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

Councillor Verner temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

56. 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 content of the report.

57. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme;
 - (2) 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; and
 - (3) that a report from Roads and Transportation Services on the complexities of bringing forward a 20mph Zone throughout St Andrews be added to the work programme.
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