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THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – INVERKEITHING - BLENDED MEETING

Meeting Room 6, Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

1st March, 2023.

9.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Brian Goodall, Andy Jackson, Sarah Neal, Sam Steele, Andrew Verrecchia and Conner Young.

ATTENDING: Michael Anderson, Service Manager, Neil Watson, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management) and Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant (Traffic Management North), Roads and Transportation Services; Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager (City of Dunfermline), Sarah Johnston, Access Officer and Stephen Adamson, Project Manager (Anti-Poverty and Community Wealth Building), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer (Economy), Business and Employability Services; Claire Mackinlay, Area Housing Manager (South and West Fife), Housing Services; Joan Gallo, Lead Officer, Education and Children's Services; Scott Clelland, Service Manager, Stephen Duffy, Team Manager and Sandy Anderson, Service Manager (Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing), Environment and Building Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Service, Finance and Corporate Services.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

48. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the South and West Fife Area Committee meeting of 25th January, 2023.

Arising from the minute, in relation to paragraph 46 – South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2023 – it was noted that decisions had been agreed on various reports coming to Committee and requested that an update be provided on these including Maintenance of Private Land by Private Landowners and a workshop on flooding issues in the South and West Fife Area.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the minute noting the above; and
- (2) that a report be submitted back to the next Committee on the Urgent Motion agreed at the 23rd November, 2022 meeting regarding a 20mph speed limit on Main Street, Carnock.

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49. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023-24

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services which identified projects proposed for inclusion in the 2023-2024 Area Roads Programme for the South and West Fife area.

Michael Anderson, Service Manager, Roads and Transportation Services gave a brief update on the Aberdour Footbridge advising that tenders had been issued on 20th February, 2023 with tenders to be returned by 14th March. It was hoped that works would begin on site early April, 2023 with the programme due to be completed by August, 2023. Michael advised that it was proposed to maintain the existing design of the bridge but noting that a timber bridge would be used rather than the current Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) bridge following discussions with the Planning Team.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed that, within Appendix 1 – Proposed Carriageway Scheme List – St. Bridgets Brae be moved from the Category 1 scheme to Category 2 and that C89 Moray Way be moved from the Category 2 scheme to Category 1;
- (2) agreed that if Sustran funding was not forthcoming for the Goth Regeneration Project, that funding towards the project be considered within the ARP for future years;
- (3) requested that officers consult Ward members on the possible widening of the pavement at Church Street, Inverkeithing;
- (4) approved the report and Appendices 1-3;
- (5) 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;
- (6) noted Appendices 4 and 5; and
- (7) thanked Michael Anderson for his update on the Aberdour Footbridge.

Councillor Sarah Neal joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

50. STOPPING UP OF ROAD USING SECTION 207 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRYSIDE PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service requesting approval for the stopping-up of a path at the south west corner of Forthview and Walker Street, Kincardine.

Decision

The Committee approved the proposed stopping-up of the path to allow for planning applications 20/03227/ARC and 20/03230/FULL to be processed using section 207 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.

51. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES (DECEMBER 2022)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing members with an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in South and West Fife.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) considered and commented on the issues raised from the analysis detailed in the report; and
- (2) recognised the ongoing economic challenges and uncertainty.

52. AREA HOUSING UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the progress of the areas identified in the Local Issues Action Plan (appended to the report) as well as performance information for the financial year 2021/22 where figures were available at an area level.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the work progress against the Local Issues Action Plan outlined in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) noted the performance information for 2021/22 outlined in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (3) agreed to invite a representative from Housing Services to a meeting of the Committee to provide an update on the allocations process undertaken in relation to new builds.

The meeting adjourned at 11.05 a.m. and reconvened at 11.15 a.m.

53. JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE - COMMUNITY PAYBACK: UNPAID WORK SCHEME

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Education and Children's Services updating members on developments within Fife Council Justice Social Work Service in relation to the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in the South and West Fife Area from April, 2021 to March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports on the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Justice Social Work Service would be brought to this Committee on an annual basis.

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54. **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE, DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2022**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services updating members of the performance of the Grounds Maintenance and Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Services in 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the improvement in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2022; and
- (2) the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

55. **AREA CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT 2022-2023**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) advising members of the current status of the additional capital investment awarded to South and West Fife Area in the 2017-20 budget and the subsequent 2021-31 Capital Investment Plan.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the report and the relevant Appendices for the capital funding allocations; and
- (2) noted their disappointment at the lack of progress in relation to the car parking project at The Cairns, Charlestown and agreed to write to the Transportation Service seeking an update on the position as a matter of urgency.

56. **SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - PLAN4SOUTH AND WEST FIFE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on progress and changes made to the Local Community Plan (LCP) to align with the current Reform and Recovery Priorities which built on recovery planning, with a particular focus on tackling poverty, addressing the climate emergency community wealth building. The three year plan set out the improvements required in the area and provided a platform for the partnership to collaboratively affect change.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the efforts to actively develop projects under the identified Associated Actions in response to locally identified priorities;
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- (2) continued to support the South and West Fife Area Local Community Plan as it adapted and changed to focus on Recovery and Reform;
- (3) considered and commented on the Local Community Plan; and
- (4) agreed to consider existing and emerging Neighbourhood Plans at Ward meetings.

57. **PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

58. **SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services)

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Forward Work Programme 2023-2024;
- (2) agreed that a report be submitted back to the next Committee meeting on the 20mph speed limit reduction at Main Street, Carnock;
- (3) agreed that an update be sought from Assets, Transportation and Environment on when a report would be submitted to Committee on the Maintenance of Private Land by Private Landowners;
- (4) agreed that the workshop in relation to the Flooding Issues in the South and West Fife Area be added to the Unallocated section of the Forward Work Programme and that a date be scheduled for this; and
- (5) agreed that an update on Trauma Informed Practice be allocated to a Committee date.

59. **NOTICE OF MOTION – BLENDED MEETINGS EQUIPMENT**

Decision

Following an update provided to the Committee from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the blended meetings equipment, the motion, as detailed on the agenda, was withdrawn.
