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

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

22nd March, 2023

2.00 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettrano, Daniel Wilson and Jan Wincott.

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Rowan Young, Local Development Officer, Community Development Team (Glenrothes), Communities & Neighbourhoods Service; Charlotte Stitchell, Housing Team Manager, Glenrothes; Robert McGregor, Business Change Manager; Roy Lawrence, Principal Lead for Organisational Development and Culture, Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care Localities, Fife Health & Social Care Partnership; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management North; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Jane Kell, St. Andrews Environmental Network (for Para. 45).

#### URGENT BUSINESS BEING BROUGHT BY THE CONVENER

The Convener advised of a motion that he had agreed to take as urgent business which was relevant and competent - serious concerns had been raised relating to the closure of three Rights of Way relating to the development of the Levenmouth Rail Link and the next Committee meeting was too distant to delay considering the matter until May, 2023. The Convener moved its consideration, in terms of the relevant Standing Order, to allow the Committee to consider the item. This was unanimously agreed and the motion was considered at Para. 49 below.

#### 40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 41. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 25th January, 2023.

Arising from the minute, with reference to:-

(1) Para. 37. - 'Antisocial Behaviour Update Report' - requested a further update report at a future meeting of the Committee, including information relating to recent incidents in the Glenrothes area; and

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- (2) Para. 30. - 'Replacement of Unsafe Fencing at Riverside Park, Glenrothes' - requested an elected member briefing note on progress in relation to consideration of an alternative funding source.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### **42. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - PROPOSED RAISED TABLE, GOLF COURSE ROAD, GLENROTHES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining a proposal to introduce a raised table on Golf Course Road near the Tanshall Road West junction.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road safety, to:-

- (1) the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce a raised table on Golf Course Road as detailed in Drawing No. TRO22/70, attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) authorise officers to confirm the RHO and for the raised table to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

#### **43. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of funding from the Community Recovery Fund to further support the provision of welfare support services to the local community in the Glenrothes area.

### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to allocate £78,358 from the Community Recovery Fund to meet the increasing demand for welfare support services in the Glenrothes area;
- (2) noted there were sufficient funds available in the Community Recovery Fund to support this proposal; and
- (3) noted that the funding described would leave a balance of £1,224,642 unallocated funding in the Reform and Recovery budget.

#### **44. GLENROTHES AREA AMENDED LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 'PLAN4GLENROTHES' REVIEW**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of the revised Plan4Glenrothes Area 2023 to 2026, adding Balbirnie Park to the Areas of Focus contained in the Plan - following a decision at its previous meeting on 25th January, 2023 (previous minute Ref., Para 31. (2) and (3) of 2023.GAC.12).

### **Decision/**

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The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the additional content in the Plan4Glenrothes Area 2023 to 2026 relating to Balbirnie Park;
- (2) noted the effort and approach taken to ensure that community members and partners were actively involved in and contributing to the Plan's delivery; and
- (3) noted that a progress report on delivery of the Plan4Glenrothes was on the Committee's Work Plan for its next meeting on 24th May, 2023.

**45. PROVIDING FUEL POVERTY SUPPORT FOR THE GLENROTHES AREA**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services setting out the context for Fuel Poverty in Fife and for the Glenrothes Area. The report provided information on the measures that had been put in place to support those struggling with home energy costs during 2022/23 and the direction of travel for future support. Tackling fuel poverty remained a key aspect of Glenrothes anti-poverty action directed through the Local Community Plan.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the support available to Glenrothes tenants and residents who were struggling with home energy costs;
- (2) agreed to highlight any pressing local needs that should be considered in developing an approach to Fife Council's 2023/24 fuel poverty response;
- (3) considered what additional information was needed to support the planning of complementary local action;
- (4) noted that the Council's Corporate Research Team had been commissioned to help identify and target those households who were most likely to be in need and requested an update report to this Committee when data was available; and
- (5) requested that a member workshop be arranged during the late summer months, following consideration of the data detailed at (4) above, to explore any complementary local action and potential Area Committee funding.

*Councillor Julie Ford joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**46. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING - GLENROTHES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Complex Care (SLT Lead for Glenrothes Health and Social Care Locality Planning Group) presenting an overview of Health and Social Care Locality Planning for Glenrothes.

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The Committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report;
- (2) agreed to consider 6-monthly update reports on locality planning and joint areas of interest between the Health and Social Care Partnership and community planning partners; and
- (3) requested that the 6-monthly update report included any outcomes from the Health and Social Care Locality Plan for the Glenrothes area and a further breakdown in age range relating to the 'Supporting Positive Mental wellbeing' data outlined in the report.

**47. 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.

**48. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services in support of the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan;
- (2) agreed, as detailed at Para. 41 (1) above, to consider an update report on Antisocial Behaviour including in relation to recent incidents in Glenrothes;
- (3) agreed, as detailed at Para. 45. (4) above, to consider an update report on fuel poverty support;
- (4) agreed, as detailed at Para. 46. (2) and (3) above, to consider 6-monthly update reports on Health and Social Care Locality Planning relating to the Glenrothes area;
- (5) agreed, as detailed at Para. 48. (2) above, to consider a report relating to antisocial behaviour/youth diversion including a potential framework for engaging with pupils from the Glenrothes high schools in, for example, participatory budgeting (potentially from the Recovery Fund) and involvement in civic matters;
- (6) otherwise agreed that members would advise the Convener and Depute Convener of any other items to include on the workplan, within the remit of this Committee.

49. **URGENT MOTION**

Councillor Vettraino, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as follows:-

"Whereas the Glenrothes Area Committee understands that the three Rights of Way known locally as Doubledykes, Waulksmill and Tullybreck will need to be temporarily closed to protect public safety while the Levenmouth Rail Link is being developed, the Committee agrees:

- that its understanding that Network Rail is seeking to close permanently the three Rights of Way and its consequential profound concern, be communicated to the appropriate Minister;
- that the appropriate Minister be asked to enable the immediate removal of the obstructions that have already been put in place by Network Rail at all three Rights of Way until such time as they are required to protect public safety;
- that ensuring that the Rights of way would be maintained should have been fundamental to the Project and included in the associated costs;
- that the appropriate Minister be asked to review the funding of the Project accordingly; and
- that the Convener conveys the Committee's agreement to the appropriate Minister in suitable terms."

**Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed in terms of the motion.

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