

THE FIFE COUNCIL - COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

29th March, 2023

2.00 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Alex Campbell (Convener), Alistair Bain, Linda Erskine, Rosemary Liewald, Mary Lockhart, Lea Mclelland and Bailey-Lee Robb.

ATTENDING: Anne-Marie Vance, Community Manager (Cowdenbeath Area); Scott Blyth, Project Manager; Gary Daniell, Area Community Development Team Manager; Peter Duncan, Allotments Officer; Community Development Team (Cowdenbeath), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Tariq Ditta, Head of Facilities Management Services, Facilities Management; Shirley McKie, Service Manager - Hospitality; Brandon Verhaege, Hospitality Co-ordinator; Linda Hume, Hospitality Team Manager - Catering and Cleaning Services; Roy Lawrence, Principal Lead for Organisational Development and Culture, Health and Social Care; Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care Localities; Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

44. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee of 1st February, 2023.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

45. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY - COWDENBEATH

The Committee considered a report by the Principal Lead for Organisational Development (SLT Lead for Cowdenbeath Health and Social Care Locality Planning Group) providing an overview of Health and Social Care (H&SC) Locality Planning for Cowdenbeath. The aim of localities was for relevant service providers across different sectors, at all levels to come together with people and communities who used services to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

Decision/

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The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to consider an annual report by the Health and Social Care Partnership;
- (2) agreed that six-monthly workshops be organised to provide the Committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between Health and Social Care Partnership and Community Planning Partners; and
- (3) noted that Working Groups were to be established in relation to the four thematic Priorities detailed in Section 2.2 of the report, to develop and deliver support in the Cowdenbeath area, involving key stakeholders.

46. SCHOOL MEALS PROVIDED AT LOCHGELLY AND BEATH HIGH SCHOOLS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Service, Facilities Management providing a final update report on the quality and price of school meals provided at Lochgelly and Beath High Schools, including an update on progress since May 2020 and the responses to the views of young people.

Motion

Councillor Bailey-Lee Robb, seconded by Councillor Mary Lockhart, moved to amend the report's recommendation as follows:-

“Area Committee notes the report on the progress made since 2019. Committee agrees that the voices of young people, and their engagement, is vitally important in all matters concerning them, in line with the UNCRC Article 12.

Committee therefore requests that this engagement should continue between young people, Education and Children's Services, and Facilities Management, to ensure service delivery is supported by those it is there to deliver to.

Committee is concerned to note that 60.2% of young people report that they are left feeling hungry after eating the lunch on offer, and therefore, requests officers urgently explore increasing portion sizes and additional measures that can be quickly put in place to alleviate these concerns, whilst ensuring the principle of a healthy balanced diet remains at the centre.

Committee further requests officers from Education and Children Services and Facilities Management to keep members regularly informed of the developments in these two schools going forward and requests a progress report to be presented at the 28 February 2024 meeting to allow for further scrutiny.”

Amendment

Councillor Linda Erskine, moved as an amendment to include an additional recommendation to Councillor Robb's Motion, as follows:-

“Education/

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“Education are integral to this and sit with a substantial Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) their input could be to utilise part of the PEF to augment the support for the delivery for the Facilities Management Team.”

Decision

The proposer and seconder of the Motion agreed to conjoin the motion and amendment and thereafter, the motion was unanimously agreed.

47. PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - GRAINGER STREET / HALL STREET, LOCHGELLY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation on proposals to introduce “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions in Grainger Street and Hall Street, Lochgelly.

Decision

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

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23_02 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

48. PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS - VARIOUS STREETS, CARDENDEN

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit on various residential roads constructed, or soon to be constructed, within housing developments in Cardenden.

Decision

The Committee in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20 mph speed limit as detailed in drawing nos. TRO23_12/1 (Appendix 1) and TRO23_12/2 (Appendix 2); and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

49. COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing detailed information relating to Allotments and Community Growing Projects in the Cowdenbeath area.

Decision/

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;
- (2) acknowledged the information for each community detailed on the community plans; and
- (3) agreed to fund, from the Cowdenbeath Anti-Poverty budget 2023-24, the sum of £60,000 to ensure the development of community food growing initiatives across the Cowdenbeath Area, in line with its Reform Schemes on Tackling Poverty and Crisis Prevention.

50. APPLICATION TO COWDENBEATH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET - EASTER CLD ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of £25,000 funding from the Community Planning budget for the Cowdenbeath Community Learning and Development team toward Community Learning and Development activity programmes during the 2023 Easter school break.

Decision

The Committee approved an award of £25,000 from the community planning budget in support of CLD activity as detailed.

51. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 COWDENBEATH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 2023-2026 THROUGH THE COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) PROPOSALS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods informing of the current proposals relating to the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) allocated to the Cowdenbeath area, seeking Committee's approval to develop and take forward these project proposals.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the list of projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, delegating to officers to develop and deliver the projects, providing regular progress reports at Ward meetings; and
- (2) approved the allocation of future local budgets (2023/24 and 2024/25) to support the recruitment of an additional 1FTE Community Education Worker for a period of 2 years, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report.

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52. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager - 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.

53. COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services detailing the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the Cowdenbeath Area Forward Work Programme;
- (2) requested that the reports on Youth Provision, Anti-Social Behaviour and Lochgelly Town Hall, listed under 'unallocated', be allocated to a specific future date;
- (3) agreed to receive a copy of a recent briefing note which included a condition report relating to the Lochgelly Town Hall, until such time as an update report was available;
- (4) requested a report on Rockgelly, for its consideration by September, 2023 providing an update on progress detailing any issues the project had experienced, total funding to date, proposed date of opening and total funding required to complete the project;
- (5) agreed that a member workshop be arranged prior to the summer months relating to Anti-Social Behaviour in the Cowdenbeath Area, involving Police Scotland and Safer Communities, to consider any plans to tackle anti-social behaviour; and
- (6) acknowledged that a Fife-wide consultation on the condition of graveyards and cemeteries was ongoing – the findings of which would be reported to the Cabinet Committee – following which it might be of benefit to consider an area specific report at a future meeting.

54. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Rosemary Liewald, seconded by Councillor Linda Erskine, moved to amend the report recommendation at Agenda Item No 8 – Community Food Growing project - as follows:-

“Given/

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“Given the support for the development of a further report to the 29th March 2023 Committee, with a view to establishing and supporting potential Community Growing Projects, in conjunction with Forestry and Land Scotland, Fife Council and other Third Sector Funding bodies, across the Cowdenbeath Area, I would ask that the Committee now agrees to add an additional recommendation number 3 to Item No. 8 on the Agenda, report on Community Food Growing Update, as follows:-

3. The Cowdenbeath Area Committee resolves to fund, from the Cowdenbeath Anti-Poverty budget 2023-24, the sum of £60,000 to ensure the development of community food growing initiatives across the Cowdenbeath Area, in line with its Reform Schemes on Tackling Poverty and Crisis Prevention.

This work will build on lessons learned during the initial response and community support to the Covid-19 crisis and set out how those lessons can be built into the Plan for Fife strategy for the next three years.

Community Growing Schemes are one such scheme which will encourage community growing groups throughout Cowdenbeath and Fife to develop projects and to provide support for existing and new growing projects.

The overall benefits of such projects are well sighted, detailed and evidenced one such example being the Edible Estates projects.”

Decision

The Motion was unanimously agreed, see also para.49 above -Community Food Growing Update.
