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

Meeting Room 6, Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

26th April, 2023

9.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

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

ATTENDING: Audrey Valente, Chief Finance Officer and Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Roads and Transportation Service; Sarah Else, Education Manager and Lisa Allan, Depute Headteacher, Inverkeithing High School, Education and Children's Services; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife) and Stephen Adamson, Project Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Mark Toner, Radioactive Substances Science Manager, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Mr. Stephen Ritchie, Project Manager, Ministry of Defence (DIO) for para. 62 only.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Andrew Verrecchia.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

61. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 1st March, 2023.

Arising from the minute:-

- in relation to paragraph 49 – Area Roads Programme 2023-24 – an update was requested in relation to the possible widening of the pavement at Church Street, Inverkeithing; and
- in relation to paragraph 58 – South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2023 – an update was requested in relation to (i) when a report would be submitted to Committee on Maintenance of Private Land by Private Landowners and (ii) when a date would be scheduled for a workshop on flooding issues in the South and West Fife area.

Decision

The Committee otherwise approved the minute.

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62. RADIATION MONITORING AT DALGETY BAY

Mr. Mark Toner, SEPA provided an update on the position at Dalgety Bay advising that SEPA were awaiting completion of the remedial works by Summer, 2023 and were liaising with MoD contractors to ensure that the works were completed in an orderly manner. It was noted that SEPA would oversee the removal of fencing by the MoD contractor following a site close down and that, upon completion of remedial works, the entire site would be subject to a full radiation walkover survey to ensure that no waste material from the beach operations had migrated beyond the controlled areas. Mr. Toner advised that due to the nature of the site remediation changing the beach profile, SEPA did not consider it relevant for fencing to be re-erected on site following completion of the works. However, during the period of settlement and beach monitoring by the MoD contractors, SEPA considered that signage would still be required to provide advice to beach users. It was noted that after remedial works had been completed, MoD contractors would be responsible for beach monitoring to demonstrate the effectiveness of the remediation works for a period of two years. SEPA would review the monitoring signs on a regular basis and, after that point, SEPA would then take over monitoring to a reduced frequency to ensure that the remedial actions continued to provide the required level of protection to the public. It was noted that drone surveys would continue to monitor sediment movement across the bay. Mr. Toner advised that SEPA proposed to hold a community engagement event later in the year to provide an overview of the site history and future work to be undertaken.

Mr. Stephen Ritchie, Ministry of Defence advised that the MoD continued to support SEPA with corrective action at Dalgety Bay reporting that works had commenced at the beginning of April. It was noted that prior to any works taking place, the areas that had been left completed and partially exposed over the winter period had been scanned and one or two contaminant particles had been found on the surface of the areas that had been completed which suggested that the work that had been carried out was reasonably positive and indicated that no further contaminants were being washed up. It was noted that works had commenced on site and pre-cast concrete units were being put in place and monitored by SEPA. Mr. Ritchie advised that he was confident that works should be completed by late summer.

Decision

The Committee thanked Mr. Mark Toner and Mr. Stephen Ritchie for their detailed updates.

63. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING - SOUTH WEST FIFE

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer (Senior Leadership Team Lead for South West Fife H&SC Locality Planning Group) providing members with an overview of the Health and Social Care (H&SC) Locality Planning for South West Fife.

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The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the Health and Social Care Partnership would provide six monthly reports to Committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners and that the report would provide more detailed analysis in relation to the South and West Fife figures;
- (2) that the H&SC Locality Action Plan be shared with members as soon as it was available; and
- (3) to invite a representative from NHS Fife to a future meeting to provide an update on the GP position within the South and West Fife area and to provide an overview of the work they undertook.

64. A907 CARNOCK - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the A907 Main Street, Carnock.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph speed limit as detailed in Drawing No. TRO/23/23 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

65. OBJECTION TO RAISED TABLE - A921 MAIN STREET, ABERDOUR

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking agreement to overrule the objection to the proposed raised table on A921 Main Street, Aberdour.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road safety, to overrule the objection allowing the developer to proceed with the construction of the traffic calming measure as shown in Drawing No. TR022_08/2

66. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES 2021/22

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) providing members with details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021/22.

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The Committee:-

- (1) noted the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22;
- (2) noted the strategies being implemented to raise attainment; and
- (3) agreed that a workshop be organised with the Headteacher of Inverkeithing High School and Committee members to analyse the attainment figures within the secondary school in more detail.

67. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - WAGGON ROAD, INVERKEITHING - FENCING

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement from the Area Committee for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for repairs to fencing and installation of gates to improve access for maintenance at Waggon Road and Keithing Burn embankment, Inverkeithing.

Decision

The Committee agreed to allocate £11,559 from the Local Community Planning Budget 2023/24 towards the project.

68. FORWARD WEST FIFE - PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING 2022-23

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on the outcomes of the recent participatory budgeting exercise which was led by the Forward West Fife Steering Group to distribute Scottish Power and South and West Fife Local Community Planning budget funding with support from Fife Council officers and Ward 1 elected members.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the efforts of the Forward West Fife (FWF) Steering Group and Fife Council officers to successfully deliver a large scale participatory budgeting (PB) exercise; and
- (2) continued to support the work of the funded projects, recognising the differences they would bring to communities.

69. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

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The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) endorsed the continued expansion of the Buy Back Scheme within the Council.

70. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) supporting the Committee's consideration of the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2023/24;
- (2) agreed that an update be sought from Environment and Building Services on when a report would be submitted to Committee on the Maintenance of Private Land by Private Landowners;
- (3) agreed that an update be sought on when the workshop in relation to Flooding Issues in the South and West Fife Area would take place; and
- (4) agreed to extend an invitation to Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Sports and Leisure Trust and other relevant Trusts requesting that they provide the Committee with an overview of the work they undertake.

71. NOTICE OF MOTION - BUS MOBILITY HUB: A985 COWDENBEATH TO KINCARDINE

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Conner Young, seconded by Councillor Graeme Downie, moved the following:-

"Request that (1) the Committee endorse the work undertaken by officers to include a bus mobility hub on the Cowdenbeath to Kincardine bus corridor on the A985 next to High Valleyfield in the Council's submission to Transport Scotland for further funding from the Scottish Government's, Bus Partnership Fund, to allow an outline business case to be prepared and (2) that it be remitted to officers to provide an update to ward members once the outcome of the submission is known".

Decision

The motion was unanimously agreed.
