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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

6 June 2023

9.30am – 1.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes Area), Shirley Melville, Area Community Development Team Manager and Lindsay Gilfillan, Project Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Deborah Davidson, Education Manager, Mick McGee, Headteacher (St Columba's High School) and Iain Yuile, Headteacher (Dunfermline High School), Education and Children's Services; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant (Traffic Management North) and Allan Maclean, Lead Consultant (Sustainable Traffic and Travel), Roads and Transportation Services; Patricia Spacey, Safer Communities Team Manager and Michael Collins, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Inspector Kathryn Fairfield, Inspector Neil McGurk, Police Scotland and Station Commander Craig Robertson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (for paras. 67, 68 and 69 only).

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

62. MINUTES

- (a) The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 25 April 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

- (b) The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 7 February 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

63. 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.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22 and the strategies being implemented to raise attainment; and
- (9) requested that a further report be submitted to the committee with detailed attainment data for each of the four High Schools in Dunfermline.

64. PROPOSED MANDATORY CYCLE LANE – B916 ABERDOUR ROAD, DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a mandatory two-way cycle lane on the B916 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a mandatory two-way cycle lane as detailed in Drawing No. TRO23_08 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period, unless there were objections.

65. PROPOSED TAXI RANK – QUEEN MARGARET HOSPITAL, DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a taxi rank at Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce and amend the parking restrictions detailed in Drawing No. TRO22_13 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period, unless there were objections.

66. B912 WHITEFIELD ROAD, DUNFERMLINE – PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 30mph speed limit on the B912 Whitefield Road, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce the current 40mph speed limit on Whitefield Road to 30mph as detailed in Drawing No. TRO23_28/P with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period, unless there were objections.

67. SAFER COMMUNITIES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services updating members on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Dunfermline Committee area during the twelve month period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am and reconvened at 11.30am.

68. POLICE SCOTLAND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Chief Inspector, Police Scotland providing an update on the policing activity within the City of Dunfermline Area.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

69. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on incident information for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Members were provided with an update on the recent announcement that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were proposing reductions in service appliances including fire engines and height appliances removed from across Fife and the impact this would have on the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

70. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND PROPOSALS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service advising members of the current proposals relating to the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) allocated to the City of Dunfermline area and seeking agreement from the Area Committee on several projects that were ready to commence within the current financial year 2023/24.

Members were advised that the contribution towards the Crossford Allotment extension and wetland should have been £60,000 and not £79,900 as detailed in the report.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the following list of projects totalling £282,698:-

- Development of St. Leonard's Playpark, Brucefield - £60,000
- Crossford Allotment extension and wetland - £60,000
- Steading for Wellbeing - £100,000
- Food Development Worker - £42,798

71. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - BRANCHING OUT - WELLBEING THROUGH HERITAGE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £19,910 from the Local Community Planning area wide budget to develop the innovative green health referral programme of woodland activities - Branching Out - for the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee agreed to defer consideration of this application to allow the applicant time to consider applying for funding from other sources.

72. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - NETWORKING BALDRIDGEBURN AND TOUCH COMMUNITY CENTRES

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £16,452.30 from the Area Anti-Poverty fund to deliver the installation of Fife Council IT Network within Baldridgeburn and Touch Community Centres.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) a contribution of £16,452.30 from the Dunfermline area wide budget (instead of the Area Anti-Poverty fund as detailed in the report) for the purpose of installing a new IT provision which would have a significant impact on local communities and council officers delivering services locally;
- (2) that a Local Community Planning Budget Request for the installation of IT Network provision at Kingseat Community Centre be submitted to a future meeting of the committee; and

- (3) that an evaluation of IT network availability in all community centres in the Dunfermline be undertaken.

Councillors Anis-Miah and Boubaker-Calder left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

73. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - HEALTHY HOMES, DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £24,731 from the Area Anti-Poverty fund to build on the success of the 2021/22 Health Homes project to increase the number of households being supported in the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £24,731 from the Area Anti-Poverty fund for the purpose of targeting the delivery of energy advice and handy service to older people, those leaving hospital and people with a long-term illness or disability who might not otherwise access energy advice.

74. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - COSY KINGDOM - WARM AND INFORMED DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £24,731 from the Area Anti-Poverty fund to support vulnerable households in the Dunfermline area to stay warm affordably and increase future access to further support.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £24,731 from the Community Recovery Fund (instead of the Area Anti-Poverty fund as detailed in the report) for the purpose of delivering a targeted campaign for the project in certain demographics outlined as areas with the poorest outcomes and advising those targeted neighbourhoods of the energy advice and handy service for hard to reach, vulnerable households.

Councillor Hilton left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

75. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £50,000 from the Local Community Planning budget to develop the ongoing work being carried out by the nine active community councils in the Dunfermline area.

Members were advised that Bellyeoman Community Council should have been included in the list of community councils to receive funding.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £50,000 from the Local Community Planning budget which would be divided between the respective community council wards. This would allow the implementation of community council projects without the need for multiple applications.

76. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - HOLIDAY PROVISION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £25,000 from the Area Anti-Poverty fund to build on the success of the holiday provision offered in 2022 during the summer and October period across the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £25,000 from the Area Anti-Poverty fund for the purpose of delivering a range of services and support to children, young people and families over the summer and October holiday period in 2023.

77. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The committee considered a report by the Head of 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.

78. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The committee reviewed and noted the City of Dunfermline Area Forward Work Programme 2023.