

THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

County Buildings, Cupar

16 August 2023

9.30am – 10.10am

PRESENT: Councillors Jonny Tepp (Convener), Al Clark, Fiona Corps, Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Gary Holt, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Michael Anderson, Service Manager, Structural Services, Steven Sellars, Lead Consultant, Road Safety & Travel Planning, Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant, Car Parking Strategy & Operations, Roads and Transportation; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer Service Development; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Margaret Kennedy.

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.1.

85. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 21 June 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

86. PRESENTATION - CUPAR NOW THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

In the absence of a representative from Destination Digital due to connection issues, this item was continued until alternative arrangements could be made.

87. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION – ORCHARD FLAT, AUCHTERMUCHTY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to two objections to a proposal to introduce “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on Orchard Flat, Auchtermuchty.

Decision

The committee agreed to set aside the objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) introducing the “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on Orchard Flat, Auchtermuchty as shown in drawing no. TRO/22/67 attached to the report - to allow the Order to be made and the restrictions put in place.

88. BALGOVE ROAD AND GUTCHARDS WAY, GAULDRY – 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals for an extension of the 20mph speed limit in Gauldry, to include the roads within the new residential development on the land south of Balgove Road.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23_29 attached to the report with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

89. GRANGE ROAD, ST ANDREWS – 20MPH ZONE AND 30MPH EXTENSION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals for the inclusion of a new residential development within an existing 20mph zone and the extension of a 30mph speed limit on Grange Road, St Andrews.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to include the new roads within the existing 20mph TRO and to extend the existing 30mph speed limit, both as shown in drawing TRO/23/31 attached to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

90. MANSE ROAD, SPRINGFIELD – 20MPH ZONE EXTENSION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals for the inclusion of a new residential development within an existing 20mph zone to cover new development on land to the east of Manse Road, Springfield.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to include the new roads within the existing 20mph TRO zone as shown in drawing TRO/23/32 attached to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

91. PITLETHIE ROAD, LEUCHARS – 20MPH ZONE EXTENSION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals for the inclusion of a new residential development within an existing 20mph zone to cover new development on land to the east of Pitlethie Road, Leuchars and Pitlethie Road north for 87m to the extent of the existing 30mph speed limit.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to include the new roads within the existing 20mph TRO as shown in drawing TRO/23/33 attached to the report with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

92. TAYPORT COASTLINE – SALT MARSH PLANTING

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval to work in a formal partnership with the University of St Andrews to carry out salt marsh planting along the Tayport frontage to augment and extend previous salt marsh planting trials.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the potential coast protection and biodiversity benefits that were likely to result from this project; and
- (2) agreed that the Council enter into a formal partnership agreement with the University of St Andrews to deliver this project - to include an annual financial commitment of £10,000 per annum for three years or £15,000 per annum for two years, as required to suit the project funding mechanisms - from the existing coastal revenue budget to support the project.

Councillor Holt joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

93. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities, providing an overview of complaints received relating to the North East Fife area for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the report on complaints received, including the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

94. SUSPENSION OF PARKING CHARGES, LAMMAS MARKET, ST ANDREWS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval to recover lost income due to the suspension of on- street parking charges during the Lammas Market in August 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) to support the recovery of £7,400 in lost income due to suspended on- street parking charges during the Lammas Market from the budget allocated to North East Fife Area Committee for devolved parking initiatives; and
- (2) that a briefing note outlining the arrangements for recovery of lost income be circulated to members.

95. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services relating to the workplan for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme; and
- (2) agreed to request that officers include the grassland strategy in the Grounds Maintenance Service, Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Annual Review report scheduled for the meeting on 6 December 2023.

RETIREMENT

Councillor Ann Verner advised that this was the last meeting that Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, would be attending prior to her retirement and, on behalf of the committee, thanked Elizabeth for her work in supporting members over the years. The Convener joined Councillor Verner in wishing Elizabeth well for the future.