

THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

30 August 2023

2.00 pm – 4.05 pm

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

ATTENDING: Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager, Brian Westwater, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities; Rick Haynes, Lead Consultant, Flooding, Shoreline & Harbours; Steven Sellars, Lead Consultant, Road Safety & Travel Planning; Paul Hocking, Co-ordinator - Asset Management & Programme Development, Roads & Transportation Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

The Convener advised of an additional item which he had agreed to take as urgent business which was relevant, competent and urgent, due to the impending closure of the three crossings at Waukmill, Doubledykes and Durievale in advance of the reopening of the Levenmouth Rail Link and moved its consideration, in terms of the relevant Standing Order, to allow the Committee to discuss options with the project sponsor. This was unanimously agreed. This item was considered after item 11 on the agenda (Para. 72 below).

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.

63. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 24 May 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute subject to clarification of the Community Recovery Fund in Para 49.

64. GLENROTHES FLOOD STUDY - SUMMARY FINDINGS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to the outcomes of the Glenrothes Flood Study.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the status of the Glenrothes Flood Study as being concluded;
- (2) the summary findings of the Glenrothes Flood Study as outlined in the report; and

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- (3) that flood mitigation recommendations extended to enhanced watercourse maintenance in a number of locations, to be taken forward by Fife Council.

65. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Glenrothes committee area during the 12-month period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the activity to date as detailed in the report.

66. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – IONA PARK, PITCOUDIE AVENUE AND PITCOUDIE AVENUE LOCKUPS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services proposing the introduction of “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on Iona Park, Pitcoudie Avenue and at the Pitcoudie Avenue lockup site.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/23/40_2 and TRO/23/40_3 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

67. PROPOSED 20MPH LIMIT - AT NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF A911 KINROSS ROAD, LESLIE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval of a new 20mph speed limit in the proposed development west of Leslie cemetery.

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_30 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

68. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022/23 – FINAL REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising on the delivery of the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report and appendices.

69. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking funding from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes area for various projects.

Members highlighted that a project had been omitted from the report requesting funding from the Community Recovery Fund – YMCA Addressing Poverty Through Music – which they had agreed to support.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the following amounts from the CRF for the Glenrothes area:-

- Gingerbread Minis: £16,562.80;
- Cadham Neighbourhood Centre Access: £25,000;
- Milton of Balgonie Play Area: £20,000;
- Fife Big Hoose Hub – Glenrothes Coordinator: £18,730;
- Glenrothes Against Poverty Partnership: LifeSkills Glenrothes: £14,940; and
- YMCA Addressing Poverty Through Music: £27,316.

70. 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.

71. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan; and
- (2) agreed that committee members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to include on the workplan, within the remit of the Committee.

72. URGENT MOTION/NOTICE TO RESCIND

In terms of Standing Order 42.2, the following notice of motion was submitted:-

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

“Given the recent declaration by Network Rail of their intent to close the three crossings at Waukmill, Doubledykes and Durievale in advance of the reopening of the Levenmouth Rail Link, in terms of section 42 of the Standing Orders, the Committee is asked to recall the motion it agreed on 22 March 2023 (Para 49 of 2023.GAC.21).

As this is a material change in circumstances and new information, the Convener is content to accept the motion for deliberation within the six month period of the matter being previously considered by Glenrothes Area Committee.

The Committee is concerned that there has been no visible progress to resolve the long-term maintenance of these crossings. Committee seeks the attendance of representatives of the project sponsors; Network Rail, Transport Scotland, SEStran and Fife Council with the Committee before or at the next meeting of the Committee, to consider what actions can be taken to safely maintain the crossings.

Committee also requests the Convener to write to the Minister responsible for Transport in Scotland and the Minister responsible for Network Rail, to establish what options can be explored to retain the rights of way/crossings.”

Decision

The committee agreed the urgent motion unanimously.