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THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Small Committee Room, Floor 1, Town House, Kirkcaldy

31 October 2023

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, James Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Roads and Transportation Services and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING Paul Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Golf Trust.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Blair Allan and Kathleen Leslie.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alistair Cameron declared an interest in Para. 72 - Dunnikier Park 2019 Course: Enhancement Work to Facilities – being a current member of the golf course and left the meeting for the duration of the item, taking no part in the discussions or voting on the item.

69. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 29 August 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

70. COMPLAINTS ANNUAL UPDATE

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

Decision

The committee:

- (1) considered the report on complaints received, noting the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of service complaints; and
- (2) noted that any formal complaints received directly by members should be passed to the Complaints Handling Team at escalation.resolution@fife.gov.uk to be dealt with through Fife Council's official complaints process.

71. HIGH STREET AND LINKS PLACE, BURNTISLAND - PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAYS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce additional disabled parking bays in High Street and Links Place, Burntisland.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of traffic management:

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the disabled bays detailed in drawing no. TRO23_45 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

Councillor Alistair Cameron, left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item, having earlier declared an interest.

72. DUNNIKIER PARK 2019 COURSE: ENHANCEMENT WORK TO FACILITIES

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for funds previously allocated to Dunning Park Golf Club from the capital budget to be repurposed for course enhancement, full details of which were outlined in the report.

Decision

The committee agreed that previously allocated capital funds would be repurposed, with the remaining allocation of £16,000 to be used for course enhancement.

Councillor Alistair Cameron rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

73. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising of action taken, using the List of Officer Powers, in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The committee noted the content of the report.

74. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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

Decision

The committee noted:

- (1) the Kirkcaldy Area committee forward work programme;
- (2) a future report on "Simplifying Car Parking Charges" would be presented to the committee at a later date, after decisions had been made by the Investment Strategy Group and Cabinet Committee on the future of the Kirkcaldy Town Centre multi-storey car parks;
- (3) the Convener agreed to contact officers in Economic Planning and Employability Services to request an Economic Impact Assessment for Burntisland Fair, in the context of tourism;
- (4) the upcoming report on Bereavement Services Cemetery Strategy should include information on the Maintenance of Headstone Programme and communication of programme progress with the public, as requested by Councillor Patrick; and
- (5) a series of workshops would be arranged where members could discuss subjects such as the Beveridge Park future development, the Wider Playpark Strategy for the Kirkcaldy Area and NHS and Health and Social Care.