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

JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar

28 February 2024

9.30 am - 12.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Al Clark, Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager (Locality/Community Led Support) and Jennifer Rezendes, Principal Social Work Officer, Health & Social Care Partnership; Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management and Nigel Hampton, Technician Engineer, Roads & Transportation Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer (Economy), Business & Employability Service; Laura Robertson, Finance Operations Manager and Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Common Good and Trusts and Diane Barnett, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services, Finance & Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Jane Kell, General Manager, St Andrews Environmental Hub and Gavin Brady, Senior Energy Advisor (Cosy Kingdom) (for Para No 119).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors John Caffrey, Fiona Corps, Gary Holt, Robin Lawson and Jonny Tepp.

118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hoggan-Radu declared an interest in Para 124 – ‘Proposed Waiting Prohibition: Kirkgate, Cupar’ – as he resided in the area and had been vocal on the parking issues there.

119. DEPUTATION - ST ANDREWS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK: RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN NORTH EAST FIFE

The Convener agreed, in terms of Standing Order No 12.0, that representatives from the organisation 'St Andrews Environmental Network' be permitted to address the meeting relating to the range of services their organisation provided across the whole of North East Fife and outlining their main projects.

Members then asked a number of questions which were answered.

The Convener, on behalf of the committee, thanked the organisation's representatives for their presentation.

120. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 6 December 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

121. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING – NORTH EAST FIFE

The committee considered a report by the Service Manager (Locality/Community Led Support), Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) providing an overview of the H&SCP Locality Planning Outcomes for North East Fife during 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed that the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) would provide an annual report to this committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners.

122. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND - HUMANUTOPIA

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for the reallocation of £30,000 funding from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) towards the 'Humanutopia Secondary Schools project'.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to approve the reallocation of £30,000 from the CRF towards the 'Humanutopia Secondary Schools project' - with a view to introducing this at Bell Baxter High School and Waid Academy, following Madras College's successful programme; and
- (2) noted that this funding was to be redistributed from the previously allocated funds to Police Scotland for the purchase of mobile CCTV systems for the five community ward areas in North East Fife.

123. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising on the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the area and relevant fund activities for the financial year 2022-2023.

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting prior to determination of this item.

The committee adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

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Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good Funds and Trust Funds; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trusts' funds to suitable projects which also included the amalgamation of individual trusts and, where appropriate, the dissolution of individual trusts including transferring the funds to suitable third-party organisations who were providing similar support to local priorities.

Prior to consideration of the following item, having declared an interest, Councillor Hoggan-Radu left the meeting at this point.

124. PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION: KIRKGATE, CUPAR

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce further 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions in Kirkgate, Cupar.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of traffic management and road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23_50 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

Councillor Hoggan-Radu re-entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

125. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2024-25

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing the projects which were proposed for inclusion in the 2024-25 Area Roads Programme for the North East Fife area.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the report and appendices 1-3 (Carriageway Scheme; Footway Scheme; and Proposed Road Safety and Traffic Management Scheme Lists for 2024-25, respectively);
- (2) agreed to delegate authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Area Convener and Depute Convener; and

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- (3) noted appendices 4, 5 & 6 (Lighting Scheme; Proposed Bridges and Structures; and Carriageway Thin Surfacing/Patching Scheme Lists 2024-25, respectively).

126. FIFE LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES 2022-23

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in North East Fife. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to council activity within the area and to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) considered and commented on the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and
- (2) recognised the ongoing economic challenges.

127. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the workplan and agreed to advise the Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any future report;
- (2) as outlined at Para 121 – ‘Health and Social Care Locality Planning – North East Fife’ – agreed that an annual update report be submitted for its consideration in February 2025;
- (3) in relation to Para 122 – ‘Community Recovery Fund – Humanutopia’ – agreed that the Community Manager (North East Fife) arrange for an ambassador of the project to deliver a short presentation to a future meeting of the committee;
- (4) acknowledged that an annual update report relating to the Common Good and Settlement Trust Funds 2023-24 was expected to be submitted for its consideration in February 2025; and
- (5) acknowledged that an annual update report relating to Fife Local Area Economic Profiles 2023-24 was expected to be submitted for its consideration in February 2025.

VALEDICTORY COMMENT

As this was the last meeting of the committee prior to his retirement, the committee expressed their appreciation of the contributions of Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife) in supporting the work of the committee and wished him a healthy and happy retirement.