

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

20 March 2024

9.35 am – 11.15 am

PRESENT: Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Eugene Clarke, John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting And Asset Management; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Transportation Services; Pamela Colburn, Quality Improvement Officer (Health and Wellbeing), Education Services; Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager Localities and Community Led Support, Health and Social Care Partnership; Phil Clarke, Lead Consultant, Levenmouth Reconnect Programme; David Paterson, Community Manager Levenmouth, Jen Watt, Local Development Officer, Community Development Team Levenmouth, Communities and Neighbourhoods Services; Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Lynne Garvey, Head of Integrated Community Care Services, Health and Social Care Partnership and Dr Lorna Watson, Deputy Director of Public Health, Child Health Commissioner, NHS Fife.

The convener was required to vary the sequence of the reports to take items 10 (para.126) and item 11 (para.127) prior to item 9 (para.128) due to the presenting officer having technical difficulties joining the meeting.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

120. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 24 January 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

121. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2024-25

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services identifying the projects proposed for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Area Roads Programme for the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The committee agreed to:-

- (1) approve the proposal identified in Appendices one to three, of the report;

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- (2) delegate authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation to manage the lists of categories one and two projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, and in consultation with the Area Convener and Vice-Convener; and
- (3) note appendices four and five of the report.

122. HOUSING GREY AREAS - PROPOSED ROAD ADOPTION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval to promote the adoption of a section of carriageway and footpath at Swards Place, Kennoway.

Decision

The committee agreed to the promotion of the adoption under section 1 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

123. BUCKHAVEN AND METHIL – 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining the proposal to lower the current 30mph speed limit on roads throughout Buckhaven and Methil to a new 20mph speed limit.

Decision

The committee agreed, in the interests of road safety: -

- (1) to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the 20mph speed limits detailed in, drawing TR024_01 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) to authorise officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period, unless there were objections.

124. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING – LEVENMOUTH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Integrated Community Care Services, Health and Social Care Partnership, providing an overview of the Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning Outcomes for the Levenmouth Area during 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed that the Health and Social Care Partnership would provide an annual report on locality planning and joint areas of interest between the Health and Social Care Partnership and community planning managers.

125. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT & YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SURVEY RESULTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services informing members of the Director of Public Health report "Children and Young People in Fife - the Building Blocks for Health" and the results of the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey undertaken in March 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the survey results provided through the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey;
- (2) endorsed the next steps outlined in response to the survey result; and
- (3) requested that an annual update report be presented at a future meeting of the committee.

126. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN – DEFENSIVE MEASURE COTLANDS PARK, KENNOWAY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution of £10,998 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for ward 21, towards additional defensive measures to protect Cotlands Park, Kennoway from access being made by quad bikes.

Decision

The committee agreed to contribute £10,998 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for ward 21, towards the large-scale additional fencing and renewal of in situ defective fencing at Cotlands Park, Kennoway.

127. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN – VARIATION TO BUDGET SPEND

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to transfer an underspend of £5263 from the Taylor Park play park project to an alternative ward 22 project, namely the renewal of surfacing at the multi-use games area (MUGA) within the Birds scheme close to Eagle Road, Buckhaven.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed that £5263 of the underspend from the Taylor Park play area project would be transferred to an alternative project in the ward 22 area;
- (2) agreed to contribute £5263 towards the renewal of the surface at the multi-use games area (MUGA) within the Birds Scheme, Buckhaven; and
- (3) noted that additional funding would still need to be identified to progress the resurfacing works at the multi-use games area (MUGA) .

128. LEVENMOUTH RECONNECTED PROGRAMME GRANT AWARDS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services providing an update on progress in relation to the Levenmouth Reconnected Grant Programme

Decision

- (1) noted the current progress on the Levenmouth Reconnected large and small grants programme; and
- (2) agreed to increase the small grants fund by an additional £100,000 from the Levenmouth Reconnected Fund.

129. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – ANTI POVERTY WORK UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods updating members on the activity and outcomes related to the anti-poverty work currently being undertaken in the Levenmouth area, in alignment with the key priorities of the area contained in the 2023 - 2026 Levenmouth Local Community Plan.

Decision

The committee noted the progress in terms of activity and outcomes for the Levenmouth area in relation to ongoing anti-poverty work.

Councillor Tom Adams left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

130. 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 in the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

131. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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

Decision

the committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Committee forward work programme; and
- (2) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer, and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the work programme, within the remit of the Levenmouth Area Committee.