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THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

17 April 2024

9.30 am - 12.50 pm

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Brian Goodall, Andy Jackson, Sam Steele and Conner Young.

ATTENDING: Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife), Sarah Johnston, Access Officer, Stephen Adamson, Project Manager and Mandy MacEwan, Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant and Caroline Low, Technician Engineer, Roads and Transportation Service; Stuart Booker, Improvement Officer and Pamela Colburn, Quality Improvement Officer, Education Service; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services and Louise Playford, Service Manager, Property Services; Richard Carter, Team Manager, Criminal Justice Service; Gemma Hardie, Solicitor and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Sarah Neal and Andrew Verrecchia.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Lorna Watson, Deputy Director of Public Health, Child Health Commissioner NHS Fife (for para. 134 only); and Sophia Dogan, Kingdom Community Bank (for para. 137 only).

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As a matter of transparency and with reference to para. 137 - Community Recovery Fund - Dalgety Community Trust and Kingdom Community Bank Update - Councillor Goodall declared he was a member of the Kingdom Community Bank. However, as this was not considered a connection under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for the purposes of this report, he remained and participated in the meeting.

127. MINUTE

Minute of meeting of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 14 February 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

128. DIVERSION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY - CARRICK GROVE, DALGETY BAY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service requesting approval for a diversion of public right of way at Donibristle Farm Cottage, Carrick Grove, Dalgety Bay.

Motion

Councillor David Barratt, seconded by Councillor Brian Goodall, moved the recommendations contained within the report with a slight alteration to the wording that members were agreeing to promote the proposed diversion of the right of way.

Amendment

Councillor Patrick Browne, seconded by Councillor Graeme Downie, moved to refuse the request for a diversion of a public right of way at Donibristle Farm Cottage, Carrick Grove, Dalgety Bay.

Roll Call Vote

For the motion - 6 votes

Councillors David Barratt, Dave Dempsey, Brian Goodall, Andy Jackson, Sam Steele and Conner Young.

For the amendment - 2 votes

Councillors Patrick Browne and Graeme Downie.

Having received a majority of votes, the motion was accordingly carried.

Decision

The committee agreed to promote the proposed diversion of the right of way using section 208 Town and Countryside Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; delegating its confirmation to officers if no objections were received and otherwise submission to the Scottish Government for confirmation.

129. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED SEASONAL URBAN CLEARWAY - SANDHAVEN, CULROSS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking agreement to overrule the objections to the proposed introduction of a Seasonal Urban Clearway on Sandhaven, Culross.

Decision

The committee agreed to set aside the two outstanding objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order introducing the seasonal urban clearway on Sandhaven, Culross as shown in Drawing No. TRO23_57 to allow the Order to be made and the seasonal urban clearway put in place.

130. A994 MAIN STREET, CAIRNEYHILL - 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to lower the current 30mph speed limit on the A994 Main Street, Cairneyhill to a new 20mph speed limit.

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 20mph speed limit detailed in Drawing No. TRO24_15 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

131. VERBAL UPDATE ON TRAFFIC ISSUES AT DONIBRISTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DALGETY BAY

Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Roads and Transportation Services provided an update on the work which had been undertaken with Donibristle Primary School over the years to try and alleviate the traffic issues at the school.

It was noted that parking attendants had been requested to carry out enforcement visits to discourage parking on the school keep-clear zigzags and that funding of £50,000 had been allocated from the capital budget programme for 2024/25 for a pedestrian crossing on Moray Way, near The Firs which was anticipated to be built before April 2025.

Lesley advised that Roads and Transportation Services had been conducting trials on school exclusion zones at three primary schools in Fife. The results of each trial would be discussed at workshops with the appropriate ward members and headteachers of each of the schools. It was hoped that the results would be discussed and a consensus would be reached on whether or not these restrictions should be made permanent or removed.

Following the three workshops, Lesley would provide members with the trial results and recommendations and requested that members take the opportunity to review those results before making a firm decision on a School Exclusion Zone at Donibristle Primary School as Lesley pointed out that banning traffic on the short section of Morlich Road would only move the congestion to Morlich Crescent and Hillside Avenue.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) thanked Lesley for her detailed update; and
- (2) agreed that a workshop be arranged with Ward 6 members to discuss the school exclusion zone trial results and recommendations to enable members to form a position on the issues at Donibristle Primary School.

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132. **BUILDING FIFE'S FUTURE: REPLACEMENT OF INVERKEITHING HIGH SCHOOL (SOUTH AND WEST FIFE) - UPDATE**

The committee considered a joint report by the Head of Education and the Head of Property Services providing an update on project progress and outlining the key activity for the coming months.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the project progress;
- (2) the next steps outlined in section 9 of the report;
- (3) the approach to engagement on the naming of the school as set out in the report; and
- (4) that once the new facility was complete, all Fife Council Community Use activity currently ongoing at Inverkeithing High School, with the exception of swimming, would transfer to the new secondary school or be managed from Fleet Grounds, Rosyth.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

133. **REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES - 2022/23**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education providing details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2022/23. The report also provided an overview of the range of strategies being developed to support the key priority to raising attainment.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2022/23; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

134. **PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT AND YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SURVEY RESULTS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education relating to the Director of Public Health report "Children and Young People in Fife - the Building Blocks for Health" and providing the results of the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey carried out in March 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the survey results, as provided through the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey; and
- (2) agreed to endorse the next steps outlined in response to the survey results.

135. JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE - COMMUNITY PAYBACK: UNPAID WORK SCHEME

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services updating members on developments within Fife Council Justice Social Work Service concerning the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in the South and West Fife Area from April 2022 to March 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports of the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Justice Social Work Service would be brought to this committee on an annual basis.

136. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - BROCK STREET PLAYPARK, NORTH QUEENSFERRY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for the Brock Street Playpark, North Queensferry.

Decision

The committee agreed to allocate £10,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget 2023/24 towards the project.

137. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND - DALGETY COMMUNITY TRUST AND KINGDOM COMMUNITY BANK UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update on progress following the approval of Community Recovery funding on 25 January 2023 to Dalgety Community Trust and Kingdom Community Bank.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the progress made by Dalgety Community Trust regarding the feasibility study for the development of the proposed community hub;
- (2) noted that a meeting would be arranged with Ward 6 councillors and Dalgety Community Trust enabling the Trust to present the feasibility study in more detail;
- (3) noted the progress made on year 1 of the financial development and education project; and
- (4) agreed that services be requested to provide all the support they could to ensure that the Dalgety Community Trust project was achieved.

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138. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CLD) PLANS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update on progress of the South and West Fife Local Community Plan and Community Learning and Development Plan.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the ongoing progress in both plans to develop projects in response to locally identified priorities;
- (2) noted the work to date; and
- (3) supported both plans as they continued to adapt and change to support recovery and reform.

139. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024-25

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) supporting the committee's consideration of the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2024-25;
- (2) agreed that an annual update be submitted for its consideration in April 2025 in relation to para. 135 - Justice Social Work Service - Community Payback: Unpaid Work Scheme;
- (3) agreed to request that the Patching Performance Update report due to be submitted to the June meeting also include information on road repairs;
- (4) agreed to request that a thematic report on road safety be produced to look at how council services could interact with each other in terms of being able to address road safety concerns particularly in relation to speeding;
- (5) agreed to request an update report be submitted to the June meeting on the Industrial Innovation Investment (Fi3) Programme particularly in relation to Dalgety Bay; and
- (6) agreed to request that a report be brought back to committee providing a Flooding Update once the post of Lead Consultant (Flooding, Shoreline and Harbours) had been filled.