

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

**Committee Room 2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes**

**15 May, 2024**

**9.40 am – 11.45 am**

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

**ATTENDING:** Alexander Anderson, Service Manager Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing, Colin Davidson, Team Manager, Grounds Maintenance, Environment and Building Services; Barry Clark, Community Education Worker (Levenmouth), David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Robert Graham, Area Community Development Team Manager (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Phil Clarke, Lead Consultant, Levenmouth Reconnect Programme, Roads and Transportation Services; Craig Smith, Communications Advisor, Communities and Engagement Service; Kerry Elliott and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officers, Legal and Democratic Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** David Paton, Kingdom Offroad Motorcycle Club and Bruce McCall, Greener Kirkcaldy

**136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Decision**

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

**137. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the special Levenmouth Area Committee of 23 April 2024.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

**138. THROUGH THE GEARS - UPDATE ON PROJECT & VIDEO PRESENTATION**

The committee considered a presentation by Kingdom Offroad Motorcycle Club which included feedback from young people participating in the "Through the Gears" project.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) welcomed and noted the "Through the Gears" presentation provided by the Kingdom Offroad Motorcycle Club; and

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- (2) noted the content of the verbal update provided in terms of the "Through the Gears" project.

### 139. **DOMESTIC WASTE, STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE - ANNUAL REVIEW 2023-24**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services informing members on the performance of the Grounds Maintenance and Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Services in 2023-2024.

#### **Decision**

The committee noted: -

- (1) the improvement in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2023; and
- (2) the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

### 140. **ON FIFE LEVENMOUTH ACTIVITY UPDATE**

The Convener advised members that the "On Fife Levenmouth Activity Update" report had been withdrawn and an updated report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee.

### 141. **LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN TO MARCH 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on the outcome of the Levenmouth Area Community Learning and Development Action Plan 2021-2024.

#### **Decision**

The committee noted: -

- (1) local area progress in delivering effective community learning and development outcomes for the Levenmouth community;
- (2) the active integration of a wide range of welfare support embedded within the actions undertaken; and
- (3) the requirement to publish a Fife Community Learning and Development Plan for the next 3 years covering 2024 -2027 by September 2024.

### 142. **LEVENMOUTH RECONNECTED PROGRAMME - PURCHASE OF ACCOMMODATION UNITS KIRKLAND YARD LEVEN**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking agreement to approve an accelerated grant award contribution of £30 000 from the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme towards the total purchase cost of £89,500 for the new Network Rail accommodation units at Kirkland Yard, Leven.

**Decision**

The committee agreed an accelerated grant approval of £30 000 from the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme towards the purchase of the Network Rail accommodation units at Kirkland Yard, Leven.

**143. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUNDING (NLHF) MATCH FUNDING – GREEN SKILLS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £30,000 per year from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti Poverty) budget to match fund and support a 4 year programme of training and skills development which would commence in April 2025. The proposal would directly support the River Level maintenance requirements and would be part funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) agreed in principle to allocate funding in the financial years 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 as match funding for a National Lottery Heritage Funding contribution through the River Leven Programme;
- (2) noted that the total contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget - anti-poverty budget would be £30,000 per year, and would draw down £90,000 per year from the National Lottery Heritage Funding;
- (3) noted that the funding would secure a full-time supervisor's position for the duration of the National Lottery Heritage Funding supported period; and
- (4) noted that the balance of funding would be used to cover transportation and equipment costs, trainee subsistence, PPE, qualification costs, as well as end to end dedicated employability support, including in work support as required.

**144. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FUNDING - ANTI-POVERTY**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service requesting agreement to secure £23,000 from the Local Community Planning (Anti-Poverty) budget to fund holiday activity for both Community Learning and Development and Community Trade Hub Provision in the Levenmouth area.

**Decision**

The committee agreed a total allocation of £23,000, (£10,000 to the Community Trade Hub and £13,000 to Community Learning and Development), from the anti-poverty budget to cover the 2024 holiday provision.

The committee agreed: -

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- (1) to fund a total of £23,000 from the anti-poverty budget to cover the projected cost of holiday provision for 2024;
- (2) to allocate £10,000 towards the provision at the Community Trade Hub; and
- (3) to allocate £13,000 to Community Learning and Development.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am and reconvened at 11.05 am*

### **145. COZY KINGDOM - LEVENMOUTH FUEL POVERTY APPROACH 2024/25 PROVISION**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a total contribution of £30,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti Poverty) towards the cost of providing enhanced assistance to tackle fuel poverty concerns in Levenmouth under the Cosy Kingdom framework.

#### **Decision**

The committee agreed to a contribution of £30,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty) to cover the costs relevant to the package of work outlined in the report to tackle concerns relevant to fuel poverty under the Cosy Kingdom framework.

### **146. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN - CONFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) FUNDING COMBINED REPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement to allocate funding from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Levenmouth Area toward various projects.

#### **Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the following amounts from the Community Recovery Fund totaling £223,830.77: -

- (1) £150,000 towards the costs of renewal of the Leven Promenade skatepark;
- (2) £8663.98 towards the costs of the Homelands Trust Happy Hut project;
- (3) £43,492.79 retrospectively agreed towards the costs of resurfacing the Promenade car park; and
- (4) £22,000 towards a set aside fund to support climate adaptation projects.

### **147. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the future work programme of 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 workplan, within the remit of the committee.

On behalf of the Levenmouth Area Committee the Convener acknowledged paid thanks to Michelle Hyslop, for her support during her time as the Committee Officer for the Levenmouth Area Committee.