

THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

22 May 2024

2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino, Daniel Wilson and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager and Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Community Projects Team, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager and Brian Westwater, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Murray Gibson, Community Inspector, Glenrothes; David McCabe, Community Policing Sergeant, Glenrothes, Police Scotland; David Scott, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Altany Craik.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

109. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 27 March 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

110. SUPPORTING THE GLENROTHES LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST – CLD SUMMER PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service detailing an application from the Glenrothes Area Community Learning and Development Team seeking £36,188.84 of funding to support Community Learning and Development (CLD) led activity for children, young people and families during the summer break.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed that £36,188.84 was allocated from the Local Community Planning Budget to support this CLD led activity; and

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- (2) noted that this CLD led activity formed part of a wider summer partnership programme.

111. **SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing the necessary information for a decision to allocate funding for various projects from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes Area. The report also provided a summary of funds committed so far from the CRF and funding proposals under consideration.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the following amounts from the Community Recovery Fund totaling £137,936:-

- (1) 252 Memorial Hall - £11,500;
- (2) Star Village Hall: Access - £13,748;
- (3) Police Scotland - £49,609; and
- (4) The Polar Academy - £63,079.

112. **BALGEDDIE FIRS PLAY AREA – RE-ALLOCATION OF AREA CAPITAL FUNDING**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement to transfer Area Capital previously allocated to Balgeddie Firs play area and reallocate this to Riverside Park toddler play area (pond park).

Decision

The committee agreed the transfer of the £50,000 previously allocated to Balgeddie Firs in 2019 to the Riverside Park toddler play area to support the continued investment in Riverside Park.

113. **PLAY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION – GLENROTHES AREA**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service relating to the proposed implementation programme for Glenrothes area and requesting approval of the approach adopted taking cognisance of the issues noted in the report.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed the suggested approach for? delivery of the Strategy;
- (2) delegated to officers to consult with ward members with a view to selecting one play park improvement project in their ward for 2024/25 and to progress the natural/open spaces listed in the report;

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- (3) additionally, agreed that if there was no consensus amongst ward members in selecting one play park improvement project, that officers brought an options report to a future meeting of this committee for determination; and
- (4) otherwise, agreed the approach identified to allocate investment.

114. **GLENROTHES LINKED TOGETHER – ONGOING FUNDING REQUEST AND OUTCOMES BRIEFING**

The committee considered a report by the Chief Inspector, Central Local Area Commander, Police Scotland outlining outcomes in addressing antisocial and violent behaviour through the Community Recovery Funded additional Police resource following a rise in antisocial behaviour and violent crime.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) having earlier agreed a further year's funding for 2024/25 (see Para. No. 111 (3) – 'Community Recovery Fund' above), noted the outcomes and impact of the additional Police resource between June 2023 and April 2024;
- (2) agreed that the additional Police resource was key to a successful ongoing partnership approach dedicated to antisocial behaviour and violent crime as a priority issue;
- (3) noted Police Scotland would continue to match fund this spend to continue to support a team of two Police Officers dedicated to countering antisocial behaviour; and
- (4) requested regular elected member briefings at intervals on progress of Glenrothes Linked Together – between now and the next annual update report to this committee, circa May 2025.

115. **SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Glenrothes area during the 12-month period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the activity to date as detailed in the report; and
- (2) requested that officers arrange an elected member workshop relating to antisocial behaviour to include, for instance, information on the council's powers and any constraints in addressing this type of behaviour.

116. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN GLENROTHES AREA – 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

The committee considered a report by the Community Inspector, Glenrothes, Police Scotland providing information on matters impacting on or involving Police Scotland which had relevance to community safety in the Glenrothes policing area.

Decision

The committee noted the update provided.

117. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT- 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

The committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing incident information for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The incident information enabled the committee to have an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Glenrothes area against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Decision

The committee noted the progress across a range of KPIs detailed in the report.

118. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

119. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services relating to the committee's workplan for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan for the Glenrothes Area Committee;
- (2) in relation to Para No. 114 (4) – 'Glenrothes Linked Together' - further update report due circa May 2025;
- (3) pilot School Exclusion Zone, Pitcoudie Primary School – outcome report to be considered at a future meeting, date to be confirmed by Roads and Transportation Service; and

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- (4) agreed that committee members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items within the remit of the committee, including items for scrutiny, to be added to the workplan.