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

Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

12 June 2024

9.30 am - 12.25 pm

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

ATTENDING: Patricia Spacey, Safer Communities Team Manager and Mike Collins, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Community Inspector Cheryl Young, Police Scotland; Craig Robertson, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Katherine Pollock, Lead Professional and Gordon Henderson, Lead Consultant, Roads and Transportation Service; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife) and Mandy MacEwan, Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Rob Bowditch, Service Manager, Protective Services; and Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Michelle McDermott, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Nina Patton, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for para. 142 only.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Sarah Neal.

In terms of Standing Order No. 10.11, the Convener agreed to accept an Urgent Motion in relation to flooding in Rosyth which he considered was competent and urgent due to the timings of the flooding events which had ended on the motion submission deadline and that meetings with key council personnel had only taken place last week to discuss proposals for the multi-location site visit. The motion would be considered after item 16 on the agenda (para. 154).

140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

141. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of meeting of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 17 April 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

142. RADIATION MONITORING AT DALGETY BAY

Ms. Nina Patton, Scottish Environment Protection Agency advised that SEPA were still awaiting information they had requested from the Ministry of Defence's (DIO) contractor prior to the remediation works commencing, this included the Close-out Survey, Health Physics Plan and Works Summary Report. Once this documentation had been received, this would allow SEPA to confirm that remediation had been carried out to the correct standard which would then allow verification monitoring to commence.

Once SEPA had deemed the reports from the DIO's contractors to be satisfactory, SEPA would be able to advise when the remaining fencing could be removed from the site which would allow the DIO to surrender their environmental authorisation permit.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) thanked Ms. Patton for her update; and
- (2) noted the written update provided by Mr. Richard Harker, Ministry of Defence (DIO).

143. 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 South and West Fife committee area during the twelve month period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Decision

The committee noted the activity to date as detailed in the report.

144. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA

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

Decision

The committee noted the update provided.

145. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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 scrutinise the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Clackmannanshire-Fife - Stirling South West Fife area against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

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Decision

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

The meeting adjourned at 11.10 am and reconvened at 11.15 am.

146. STOPPING UP OF FOOTWAY AND ROAD UNDER SECTIONS 207 AND 208 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 - ADMIRALTY PARK, ROSYTH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services requesting approval for the stopping up of a section of adopted road and footpaths on land at Admiralty Park, Rosyth.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the proposed stopping up of the road and footpaths to allow for planning permission 23/01942/FULL to be realised on site; and
- (2) using sections 207 and 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, delegated its confirmation to officers if no objections were received and otherwise submission to the Scottish Government for confirmation.

147. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - QUEEN'S HALL, CHARLESTOWN

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 electrical works and upgrade in the Queen's Hall, Charlestown.

Decision

The committee agreed an award of £8,000 from the local community planning budget 2024-25 - Ward 5 allocation.

148. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - SUMMER PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution from the local community planning budget towards the Summer Programme of activities for children, young people and families.

Decision

The committee agreed to an allocation of £36,000 to support the programme of activities as follows:-

- (1) £18,000 from the local community planning area budget; and

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- (2) an allocation of £18,000 split equally across Wards 1, 5 and 6, amounting to £6,000 each from the local community planning budget.

149. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION - CARRIAGEWAY REPAIRS**

The committee considered a briefing note prepared by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on carriageway repairs for financial year 2023/24.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the terms of the briefing paper; and
- (2) agreed that a patching performance report would be provided on an annual basis.

150. **REVIEW OF MOSSMORRAN AND BRAEFOOT BAY COMMUNITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing findings of the latest 2022 general annual report for the operations at the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay facilities in accordance with the agreed recommendation of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 19 March 2024.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the contents of the general report and, in particular, the large reduction in complaints following investment in improvement technologies at the complex;
- (2) the new noise and air quality monitoring arrangements introduced around the complex; and
- (3) the steps taken to improve communications between appropriate parties.

151. **AREA CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT 2023/24**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) advising members of the current status of the additional capital investment awarded to South and West Fife Area in the 2017-20 budget and the subsequent 2021-31 Capital Investment Plan.

Decision

The committee noted the information contained within the report and relevant Appendices for the capital funding allocations.

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

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Forward Work Programme 2024-25;
- (2) agreed that a performance patching report be submitted to committee on an annual basis;
- (3) agreed that an update report in relation to the funding of Kingdom Off Road be submitted to the October meeting.

153. NOTICE OF MOTION - REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT IN STEELEND AND SALINE

In terms of Standing Order No. 10, the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Graeme Downie, seconded by Councillor Sam Steele, moved the following:-

"Committee notes the ongoing concerns of the residents of Saline and Steelend over speeding traffic entering and passing through both villages; is aware of the proximity of Main Street, Saline to local amenities and Saline Primary School; highlights recent crashes and near misses at approaching and leaving Saline from Steelend and West Road; believes this rural part of Fife requires additional measures to reduce speeding and improve safety for local people; requests a report be brought to the next Area Committee on 4 September 2024 outlining a plan to reduce the speed limit through Steelend from 40mph to 30mph and on Main Street, Saline, from 30mph to 20mph; and thanks the work of local people and Saline & Steelend Community Council in highlighting these concerns".

Decision

The terms of the motion were unanimously agreed.

154. URGENT MOTION - FLOODING IN ROSYTH

In terms of Standing Order No. 10.11, the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Brian Goodall, seconded by Councillor Andy Jackson, moved the following:-

"Fife Council's South and West Fife Area Committee recognises the considerable impact on residents, at a number of locations in Rosyth, from high rainfall and flooding between the 26 and 31 May 2024.

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The committee also notes that flooding incidents in Rosyth have become much more frequent over recent years and that areas of the town that have not previously been impacted are now also experiencing flooding events.

Committee calls for a multi service, multi location, site visit to be arranged within at least two months, bringing together representatives from the key Council Services, local Councillors and local residents, to identify any possible additional flood mitigation actions that can be delivered within the existing budget and to help build the case for further action to address Flooding in Rosyth".

Decision

The terms of the motion were unanimously agreed subject to removing the words "at least" from paragraph three.