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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Regency House, Halbeath

1 October 2024

9.30 am – 11.00 am

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager, Lindsay Gilfillan, Project Manager, Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Lynne Johnston, Business Change Manager, Housing Services; Alan Cumming, Education Manager, Education Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hilton declared an interest in Paragraphs 166 and 167 relating to funding for a Community Food Development Worker – as her employer had a connection to the applications.

Councillors Glen and Hall-Muir both declared an interest in Paragraph 168 – Dunfermline Skatepark Budget Request – as they were both members of the Dunfermline Regeneration Trust.

165. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 20 August 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Hilton, having declared an interest, left the meeting at this point.

166. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) PROPOSALS - COMMUNITY FOOD DEVELOPMENT WORKER AND DULOCH PARK AND CALAIS WOODS IMPROVEMENTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a contribution of £21,076 to support an extension to the current Community Food Development Worker post and £22,400 for improvements to local parkland and woodland in Duloch and Calais Woods.

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Decision

The committee agreed the following contributions from the Community Recovery Fund:-

- (1) £21,076 to extend the Community Food Development Worker post; and
- (2) £22,300 for improvements to Duloch Park and Calais Woods.

167. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - COMMUNITY FOOD DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a contribution of £21,076 from the Local Community Planning Budget anti poverty fund to support an extension to the Community Food Development Worker post.

Decision

The committee agreed to allocate £21,076 from the Local Community Planning Budget anti poverty fund to support an extension to the Community Food Development Worker post.

Councillor Hilton re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillors Glen and Hall Muir, having declared an interest, left the meeting at this point.

168. DUNFERMLINE SKATEPARK BUDGET REQUEST

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval to re-allocate funds from a number of budgets to support the Dunfermline Skatepark refurbishment.

Decision

The committee agreed to re-allocate the following funds to support the refurbishment of Dunfermline Skatepark:-

- (1) £30,369 from the 2017 - 2019 unallocated Area Capital Budget;
- (2) £35,525 from the unspent budget previously allocated to Wellwood Play Area from the Improving Health through Leisure and Sport budget;
- (3) £18,871 from the unallocated budget from Improving Health through Leisure and Sport; and
- (4) £20,000 from Duloch Green Gym, as recommended by the previous Area Committee Convener.

Councillors Glen and Hall-Muir re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

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169. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE 2024 - 2025

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval of a revised Area Housing and Lettings Plan which set out area performance, service delivery and key housing issues.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the revised Area Housing and Lettings Plan for the City of Dunfermline 2024 – 2025.

170. EDUCATION - PUPILWISE AND PARENTWISE SURVEYS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services presenting a summary of the Parentwise and Pupilwise survey process undertaken across Fife in academic session 2023/24, with a focus on the City of Dunfermline area results.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the findings of the surveys and the next steps in response to the results; and
- (2) that schools would welcome contact from elected members to discuss their approach to engaging with parents/carers and pupils, as well as how they were responding to the findings of the ParentWise and PupilWise 2023/24 surveys

171. 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.

172. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan for City of Dunfermline Area Committee; and
- (2) agreed to advise the Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any future report.