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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

27 November 2024

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Beare (Convener), Altany Craik, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Miezitis, Area Community Development Team Manager and Rowan Young, Local Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Yvonne Gillespie, Service Manager - Building Management, Property Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Julie Ford and Jan Wincott.

The Convener, on behalf of the committee, congratulated Councillor Julie Ford on the birth of her daughter Lydia Naomi.

#### 142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 143. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee meeting of 2 October 2024.

##### Decision

The committee: -

- (1) with reference to GAC 24 57 – para 133 (1) – agreed to amend the minute to read “agreed to note the current version of the Glenrothes Area Housing Plan for 2024-2025”.
- (2) otherwise agreed to approve the minute.

#### 144. MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY ASSETS IN THE GLENROTHES AREA

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services providing an update on the roles, responsibilities and financial challenges in relation to maintaining the Community Assets in the Glenrothes Area.

##### Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

**145. SUPPORTING THE GLENROTHES LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – CLD SUMMER PROGRAMME IMPACT REPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service outlining the impact and outcomes from the Community, Learning and Development (CLD) Summer Programme that had received £36,118.24 funding from the Area Committee in May 2024 to support the CLD activities for children, young people and families during the school summer holidays.

**Decision**

The committee noted: -

- (1) that £22,286.68 of the £36,118.24 had been spent from the Local Community Planning Budget to support the Community Learning and Development Summer programme as agreed, leaving an overall underspend of £14,400.38; and
- (2) that the outcomes achieved through the programme delivery aligned with the Glenrothes Area Community Plan priorities.

**146. GLENROTHES ANTI-POVERTY REPORT: 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update on the activity and outcomes of the Anti-Poverty work that had been undertaken in the Glenrothes Area during the period April 2024-September 2024.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the progress of the anti-poverty activities and outcomes for the Glenrothes Area; and
- (2) agreed to provide elected members with an update following the work being undertaken with the welfare team and taskforce group to tackle anti-poverty and repeat welfare requests.

**147. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) advising members on the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the Glenrothes Area and the relevant fund activities over the 2023-2024 financial year.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the information contained within the report and Appendices for the various Common Good Funds and Trust Funds;

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- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trust funds to suitable projects, which also included the amalgamation of individual trusts and, where appropriate, the dissolution of individual trusts including transferring the funds to suitable third-party organisations who were providing similar support to local priorities; and
- (3) agreed that an updated Common Good and Settlement Trust Funds report would be submitted to a future meeting of the committee on 2 April 2025.

### 148. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising on the action taken using the list of officer powers in relation to property transactions.

#### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

### 149. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) relating to the workplan for future meetings of the Glenrothes Area Committee.

#### **Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme; and
- (2) agreed, as detailed in Para. 147 (3) above, to consider, at its meeting on 2 April 2025, an updated report on Common Goods and Settlement Trusts.