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

Regency House, Halbeath

10 December 2024

9.30 am – 10.30 am

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

ATTENDING: Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager, Communities; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Cara Gourlay, Technician Engineer, Roads and Transportation Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services

ALSO ATTENDING: Gillian Taylor, Chief Executive Office, Carnegie Dunfermline Trust (for paragraph 175).

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Jean Hall-Muir.

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Glen, for transparency reasons, stated that he had a connection relating to paragraph 180 – Common Good and Settlement Trust Funds Annual Report 2023 - 2024 – as he was a Trustee of the Dunfermline Regeneration Trust but did not consider this amounted to an interest as the report was for noting and remained in the meeting for the item.

174. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 1 October 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

175. CITY PLAN (DUNFERMLINE'S LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN) UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services providing an update on the progress of developing a new local community plan for the City of Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the progress made in developing a new plan for the city; and

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(2) agreed to continue to support and participate in the plan's development.

176. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - DUNFERMLINE – A CITY BUILT ON HERITAGE/CULTURE LED CITY

The committee agreed to defer consideration of this item to allow for further information to be provided.

177. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS– A994 AND CROSSFORD

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking agreement to overrule the objections to the proposed introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the A994 between Crossford and Cairneyhill and the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Main Street, Cairneyhill Road and Waggon Road, Crossford.

Decision

The committee agreed to set aside the seven outstanding objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order proposing the 20mph and 40mph speed limits, as shown in drawing nos. TRO_14a and 14b (appendices 1 and 2 of the report), to allow the Order to be made and the speed limits put in place.

178. PROPOSED PARKING PROHIBITION – GARVOCK HILL, DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing a proposal to introduce a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking prohibition on Garvock Hill, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the parking prohibition as detailed in Drawing No. TRO24_44, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

179. PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – ROBERTSON ROAD, DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing a proposal to introduce a 20mph zone on Robertson Road, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph speed limit as detailed in Drawing No. TRO24_54, with all ancillary procedures; and

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- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

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

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good funds and Trust funds; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trusts funds to suitable projects which included the amalgamation of individual trusts and where appropriate the dissolution of individual trusts including transferring the funds to suitable third party organisations who provided similar support to local priorities.

181. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Boubaker-Calder, seconded by Councillor Ellis, moved as follows:-

“The City of Dunfermline Area Committee notes that the recent UK budget statement stated that *"the Government is minded cancelling the unfunded Levelling Up culture and capital projects"* and is concerned that Dunfermline could lose the £5 million of funding previously committed.

Committee wishes to express its strong support for the funding to be delivered for local cultural projects and notes that as Scotland's newest city, its residents want to see investment from both their Governments.

Committee requests that the City of Dunfermline Area Convener write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting that Dunfermline receives the Levelling Up Funding our city and her residents deserve.”

Decision

The committee approved the motion unanimously.

182. 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:-

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- (1) noted the draft workplan for the 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.