

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy

17 December 2024

2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager, Lesley Pringle, Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Elaine Campbell, Housing Team Manager, Housing Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; Scott Clelland, Service Manager, Grounds Maintenance Service, Alexander Anderson, Service Manager, Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Service, Richard Brown, Team Manager, Grounds Maintenance Service, Environment and Building Services; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer, Committee Services and Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Eliza Twaddle, representing Lead Petitioner Fiona Embleton (for paragraph 130)

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

129. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 22 October 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

130. PETITION - SAVE OUR SPLASH PARK

In terms of Standing Order No. 13.0, the committee considered a petition submitted by Fiona Embleton, in conjunction with Burntisland Primary School Parent Council, containing 204 signatures, the terms of the petition being - "to replace the existing splash park on the Links with a similar splash park"

The Convener invited Eliza Twaddle to provide a brief statement in support of the petition on behalf of the lead petitioner, following which Members were invited to ask questions. The Convener then invited the Community Manager to provide a verbal update from the service, following which Members were invited to ask questions.

Decision

The committee agreed:

- (1) that a Members Workshop be arranged in January; and
- (2) that a further written report be submitted by the Service to the next meeting of this committee on 25 February 2025.

131. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 KIRKCALDY AREA - APPLICATION FOR LCPB FUNDING - THE HIVE

The committee considered a report from the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presenting an application from The Hive for the allocation of £6000 of funding from the Local Community Planning Budget to install a stairlift.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed a grant award of £6000 for the purchase and installation of a stairlift; and
- (2) noted that The Hive will absorb the cost of future servicing and maintenance of the stairlift.

Councillor K. Leslie left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

132. DOMESTIC WASTE, STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services reviewing the progress and performance of Domestic Waste, Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service for 2023/24, noting the service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the direction of travel.

Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the continued Service development and performance in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2024; and
- (2) the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

133. AREA HOUSING PLAN 2024-25

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

Decision

The committee approved the Kirkcaldy Area Housing plan for 2024-2025.

134. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services, advising members of 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 appendices to the report for the various Common Good and Trust Funds; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trusts Funds to suitable projects which would also include 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.

135. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

136. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the future work programme of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee forward workplan; and
- (2) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the committee.