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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar

26 February 2025

9.30 am – 11.45 am

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jonny Tepp (Convener), John Caffrey, Al Clark, Fiona Corps, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Robin Lawson, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

**ATTENDING:** Kirstie Freeman, Community Manager, North East Fife, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services, Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant, Roads Lighting and Asset Management and Nigel Hampton, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Service; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; Kirsty Martin, Service Manager, Employability and Employer Engagement and Alison Laughlin, Economy Adviser, Business and Employability Service; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Allan Knox.

#### 193. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of Standing Order No. 22, Councillor Clark, for transparency reasons, stated that he had a connection relating to paragraph 197 – Proposed Disposal and Change of Use of Common Good Land at East Bents, St Andrews – an applicant with a planning application had been in touch with him regarding the space in front of their application, being the proposed siting of the sauna - but did not consider this amounted to an interest and remained in the meeting for the item.

#### 194. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the North East Fife Area Committee of 9 December 2024.

##### **Decision**

The committee approved the minute.

*Councillor Caffrey entered the meeting and Councillor Hayes joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

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### 195. PETITION - SCHOOL BRAE, LETHAM

In terms of Standing Order No. 13.0, the committee considered a petition submitted by Mr Alan Finnie containing 125 signatures, the terms of the petition being a request that the council adopt School Brae as a Fife Council road.

The Convener thereafter invited the lead petitioner to present the petition, following which committee members were invited to ask questions.

*The committee adjourned at 9.50 am prior to consideration of the Roads and Transportation Service's report in response to the petition. The committee reconvened at 10.10 am.*

The Lead Consultant, Roads and Lighting Asset Management presented the service response to the petition, following which committee members were invited to ask questions.

#### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) thanked the lead petitioner for their presentation;
- (2) requested a further report from the Roads and Transportation Service outlining a proposed business case toward an appropriate resolution, including:
  - legal evidence that School Brae was a 'private' road;
  - information about the cost, details of the work required and relevant timescales relating to the upgrading of the road to an adoptable standard;
  - details of landowners and 'frontagers' (properties fronting School Brae) potentially responsible for the upkeep of the private road; and
  - consideration of options and sources of funding to carry out the required work;
- (3) requested that a site visit be arranged for members of the committee to enable a better understanding of the current situation; and
- (4) in the interest of health and road safety, requested that planned patching work be expedited without delay.

### 196. UPDATE - 'HUMANUTOPIA' SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROJECT

#### **Decision**

Due to the absence of Vaughan Clarke, Ambassador for 'Humanutopia', the committee agreed that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

*Councillor Caffrey left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**197. PROPOSED DISPOSAL AND CHANGE OF USE OF COMMON GOOD LAND AT EAST BENTS, ST ANDREWS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service, seeking the committee's view on the proposed disposal of land at East Bents, St Andrews by way of lease, which would be considered by the Cabinet Committee when making a final determination on the proposal. The area of land in question was a Common Good asset.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to recommend to the Cabinet Committee that the proposal relating to the disposal and change of use of an area of land at East Bents, St Andrews by way of lease for the purposes of siting a mobile sauna be refused - on the basis of the objections received from members of the public and St Andrews Community Council.

**198. TOLL ROAD, GUARDBRIDGE AND STATION ROAD, LEUCHARS – 30MPH EXTENSION**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to a proposal for the extension of the 30mph speed limit along Toll Road and Station Road for new housing development.

**Decision**

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the extension of the 30mph speed limit as shown in drawing TRO24\_59 attached as appendix 1 of the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

*Councillor Kennedy joined the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

**199. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED NO WAITING RESTRICTION: MANSE ROAD, SPRINGFIELD**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to an objection to the proposed no waiting restriction at Manse Road, Springfield.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to set aside the objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to promote the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO24\_34.

*Councillor Kennedy left the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

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### 200. COLINSBURGH – SPEED LIMIT AMENDMENTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals for the introduction of an extension to the 20mph speed limit on Main Street east, with the introduction of 40mph speed limits on the B942 approaches on both sides of the village.

#### Decision

The committee, in the interests of traffic management and road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the speed limits detailed in drawings TRO25\_02-1 and TRO25\_02-2 (Appendices 1 and 2) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

### 201. MAIN STREET, BALMULLO – 30MPH EXTENSION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to a proposal for an extension to the 30mph speed limit southwards along Main Street for new housing development.

#### Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the extension of the 30mph speed limit as shown in drawing TRO24\_55 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

### 202. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2025-26

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to the projects which were proposed for inclusion in the 2025-26 Area Roads Programme for the North East Fife area.

#### Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the report and appendices 1-3 (carriageway schemes; footway schemes; and traffic management and road safety respectively);
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Area Convener, Depute Convener and all elected members in the affected wards; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 (street lighting; and bridges and structures respectively).

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### 203. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the North East Fife area for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

#### **Decision**

The committee noted the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of service complaints.

*Councillor Holt left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

### 204. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES 2023/24

The committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Employability and Employer Engagement providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in North East Fife, along with the business support, strategic investment and employability activity carried out in the area by Business and Employability Services.

The information presented provided background and context to council activity within the committee area to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

#### **Decision**

The committee noted:-

- (1) the activity undertaken by Business and Employability Services in 2023/24 and in 2024/25 to date;
- (2) the issues raised by an analysis of the latest available economic data; and
- (3) acknowledged that the service was in the process of arranging a member workshop at which members and officers would consider in more detail issues affecting the local economy and how this could be reflected in future reports.

### 205. 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.

### 206. NORTH EAST FIFE 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 committee.

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### Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan for North East Fife Area Committee;
- (2) noted that, as outlined in paragraph 192. (3) of the previous minute of 9 December 2024, an update relating to service provision for North East Fife holiday villages and St Andrews had been issued as an elected member briefing on 17 February 2024;
- (3) as outlined at paragraph 195. (2) above, Roads and Transportation Service to provide a report for consideration at a future meeting, to be confirmed, outlining a proposed business case toward an appropriate resolution for School Brae, Letham;
- (4) with reference to the Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan, requested an update on any progress relating to the cycle path between St Andrews and Guardbridge, provisionally scheduled for 23 April 2025; and
- (5) agreed to advise the Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any further suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any future report.