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

JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar

25 October 2023

9.30 am – 12.05 pm

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

**ATTENDING:** David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Vicky Wilson, Area Community Development Team Manager, Community Development Team (North East Fife); Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant, Car Parking Strategy & Operations, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Nigel Hampton, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management, Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management, Roads & Transportation Services; Steven Paterson, Solicitor and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Michelle Sweeney, Director of Creative Development & Delivery, and Christine McLean, Head of Cultural Heritage & Wellbeing, Fife Cultural Trust (for Para. 106).

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor John Caffrey.

#### 96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Clark declared an interest in Paragraphs 97, 98 and 100, relating to proposals for an East Neuk Skate Park, as he was a colleague of a representative from one of the deputation groups.

*Councillor Clark, having declared an interest, left the meeting at this point.*

#### 97. DEPUTATION - PLEASE KEEP BANKIE PARK GREEN AGAIN

The Convener agreed, in terms of Standing Order No. 12.0 that representatives from the organisation 'Please Keep Bankie Park Green Again' be permitted to address the meeting regarding their objections to a concrete skatepark being built in Bankie Park which would reduce the limited genuine green public space. Additionally, the organisation wished to convey their reasons for believing that the Pittenweem and Waid Campus sites offered the best solutions for a skatepark in the East Neuk.

The Convener thanked the organisation for their presentation.

**98. DEPUTATION - ANSTRUTHER SKATEPARK GROUP**

The Convener agreed, in terms of Standing Order No. 12.0 that representatives from the organisation 'Anstruther Skatepark Group' be permitted to address the meeting regarding their vision to deliver a truly unique facility that was of lasting benefit to the young people of Anstruther and surrounding areas.

Members thereafter asked a number of questions which were subsequently answered.

The Convener thanked the organisation for their presentation.

**99. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 16 August 2023.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

**100. EAST NEUK SKATEPARK – STAGE 1 APPRAISAL**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service advising of the outcome of the Council-led options appraisal carried out in relation to an East Neuk Skatepark.

**Motion**

Councillor Knox, seconded by Councillor Lawson moved that, due to the apparent lack of community cohesion and support, no further action be taken.

**Amendment**

Councillor Dillon, seconded by Councillor Hayes moved as an amendment that Bankie Park be taken forward to Stage 2 for a full appraisal and design considerations.

**Roll Call Vote**

**For the Motion** – 6 votes

Councillors Holt, Knox, Lawson, Lothian, Tepp and Verner.

**For the Amendment** – 5 votes

Councillors Dillon, Hayes, Kennedy-Dalby, Liston and MacDiarmid.

**Abstentions** – 3

Councillors Corps, Hoggan-Radu and Kennedy.

Having received a majority of votes, the motion was carried.

**Decision**

The committee agreed, due to the apparent lack of community cohesion and support, no further action be taken.

*Councillor Clark rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

**101. WAITING RESTRICTION AMENDMENTS – CUPAR ROAD, HIGH STREET & BLYTH STREET, NEWPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals to amend existing restrictions and introduce a 'No Waiting At Any Time' prohibition in Cupar Road, Newport.

**Decision**

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

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to revoke the Fife Council (High Street, Newport-on-Tay) (Amendment) Order 2021 and introduce the parking restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23\_42 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**102. PROPOSED WAITING PROHIBITION: SHANWELL ROAD SOUTH, TAYPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to proposals to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions in Shanwell Road South, Tayport.

**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 restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23\_38 (Appendix 1) with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

**103. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022/2023 - FINAL REPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to the delivery of the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

**Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report and appendices.

**104. PARKING CONGESTION MEASURES IN NORTH EAST FIFE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services providing an update following the motion on parking congestion measures raised at the North East Fife Area Committee's meeting on 24 November 2021 (minute reference Para. 402 of 2021 NEFAC 206 refers).

**Decision**

The committee noted:-

- (1) the issues highlighted relating to Controlled Parking Zones and residents parking permits in Fife and other Scottish Local Authority areas;
- (2) that officers considered that the residents' parking permit scheme remained the most appropriate means to support residents within towns and villages in North East Fife; and
- (3) the Local Transport Strategy considered parking at a strategic level and would inform a subsequent review of the Fife Parking Strategy to consider issues in more detail.

*The committee adjourned at 11.30 am and reconvened at 11.45 am.*

**105. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST – OPTIONS IN LIFE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution of £10,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for Ward 20 - towards the costs of renovating the TSB building in Cupar for use as a social and education centre for young people with learning disabilities.

**Decision**

The committee approved a contribution of £10,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for Ward 20 - towards the costs of renovating the TSB building in Cupar for use as a social and education centre for young people with learning disabilities.

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

**106. ONFIFE UPDATE**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Creative Development, OnFife providing an update relating to OnFife's service offer in the area, including a review of activity in the past six months and outlining plans in the coming year.

**Decision**

The committee noted the information provided and explored how OnFife could better engage with and support the ongoing work within the area, ensuring a joined-up approach to service delivery which would enhance the offer to communities in North East Fife, expanding the return on investment of the public pound and contributing to the Community Wellbeing agenda.

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### 107. NORTH EAST FIFE 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 the committee.

#### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the workplan and agreed to advise the Convener and Lead Officer of any suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any of the reports; and
- (2) requested an update on any alternative arrangements being considered to reschedule the presentation by Cupar Now/Destination Digital which had been continued at the committee's previous meeting on 16 August 2023 (minute reference paragraph 86 of 2023.NEFAC.31 refers).