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THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE - REMOTE MEETING

14 February 2024

9.30 am - 12.00 noon

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Brian Goodall, Sam Steele, Andrew Verrecchia and Conner Young.

ATTENDING: Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife) and Sarah Johnston, Access Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant (Traffic Management), Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management) and Caroline Low, Technician Engineer, Roads and Transportation Services; Scott Clelland, Service Manager (Parks, Streets and Open Spaces), Shaun Kenyon, Team Manager (Waste Operations), Stephen Duffy, Team Manager and Archie Melville, Lead Officer (Waste Operations), Environment and Building Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer (Economy), Business and Employability Services; Audrey Valente, Chief Finance Officer and Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager, Health and Social Care Partnership; Steven Paterson, Solicitor and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Andy Jackson and Sarah Neal.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Conner Young joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

117. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 13 December 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

118. DIVERSION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY - CARRICK GROVE, DALGETY BAY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service requesting approval for a diversion of a public right of way at Donibristle Farm Cottage, Carrick Grove, Dalgety Bay.

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Motion

Councillor David Barratt, seconded by Councillor Brian Goodall, moved the recommendations contained within the report.

Amendment

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Patrick Browne, moved that the report be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee to allow time for a site visit to take place which would provide members with an opportunity to come to a more informed decision.

Roll Call Vote

For the motion - 3 votes

Councillors David Barratt, Brian Goodall and Sam Steele.

For the Amendment - 5 votes

Councillors Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Andrew Verrecchia and Conner Young.

Having received a majority of votes, the amendment was accordingly carried.

Decision

It was agreed that the report be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee and that a site visit be undertaken involving all members of the committee.

119. C53 TOWNHILL TO BOWERSHALL - PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the C53 Townhill to Bowershall.

Decision

The committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 40mph speed limit as detailed in Drawing No. TRO23/62 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

120. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2024-25

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services identifying projects which were proposed for inclusion in the 2024/25 Area Roads Programme for the South and West Fife area.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1-3 which provided a detailed list of the proposed Area Roads Programme projects;

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- (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 elected members in the affected wards; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 which provided information on the proposed street lighting works and large scale patching/thin surfacing sites.

121. **DOMESTIC WASTE, STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2023-24**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services advising of the performance of the Grounds Maintenance and Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Services in 2023/24.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the continuing improved performance in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2023;
- (2) noted the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment; and
- (3) paid tribute to staff within the Grounds Maintenance Team in response to the work undertaken during the recent storms and thanked them for all their efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10 am and reconvened at 11.20 am.

122. **FIFE LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES 2022-2023**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in South and West Fife. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to council activity within the area and to help inform area committee discussion and decision making.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and
- (2) acknowledged the ongoing economic challenges.

123. **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING - SOUTH WEST FIFE**

The committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) providing an overview of the H&SCP Locality Planning Outcomes for South and West Fife during 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed that the H&SCP provide an annual report to committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners.

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124. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) supporting the committee's consideration of the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2024-25;
- (2) agreed that Education colleagues be requested to submit a report to the September committee meeting detailing the results of care inspectorate inspections of nursery early year provision and that six monthly updates followed thereafter;
- (3) agreed that colleagues within the Flooding, Shoreline and Harbours team be requested to provide an update, in due course, on flooding issues within the South and West Fife area following publication of the water management study; and
- (4) agreed that colleagues within the Communities and Neighbourhoods Service submit an update, in due course, on the Place Sufficiency Assessment and Play Parks Implementation Plan.

125. NOTICE OF MOTION - TRAFFIC ISSUES AT DONIBRISTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DALGETY BAY

In terms of Standing Order No. 10, the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Patrick Browne, moved the following:-

"Committee asks for a verbal update at the next meeting to explore resource implications to alleviate the traffic problems around Donibristle Primary School, including but not restricted to the banning of traffic from the straight section of Morlich Road leading up to the school at times when pupils are out and about except for a limited number of permit holders".

Decision

The terms of the motion were unanimously agreed.