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

Regency House Halbeath

18 June 2024

9.30 am 11.55 am

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir, Cara Hilton and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Michael Collins, Safer Communities Lead Officer and Patricia Spacey, Safer Communities Team Manager, Housing Services; Neil McGurk, Community Inspector, Dunfermline, Police Scotland; Craig Robertson, Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Shirley Melville, Temporary Community Manager (Dunfermline), Communities and Neighbourhood Services; John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Service and Allan Maclean, Lead Consultant, Roads and Transportation Services; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Jim Leishman.

The convener advised of an additional item, which he had agreed to take as urgent business which was relevant and competent - due to concerns raised by the public relating to the circumstances of the roadworks at Bothwell Gardens roundabout, Dunfermline. In terms of Standing Order 36.4, the committee agreed to receive a verbal update from the Head of Roads and Transportation Services. The item was considered after item 8 on the agenda (para no 141 below).

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

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

135. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 23 April 2024.

Decision

The committee approved the minute.

136. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the City of Dunfermline committee area during the 12-month period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

137. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Community Inspector, Dunfermline, Police Scotland providing an update on the policing activity within the City of Dunfermline Area.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

138. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing incident information for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The information was to enable the scrutiny of the SFRS City of Dunfermline area against its key performance indicators.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

139. COAT OF ARMS/FREEDOM OF THE CITY EVENT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service outlining proposals to mark the first granting of the Freedom of the City of Dunfermline to the Glen Peacocks and to unveil the city's new Coat of Arms.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the commission of the design of the new Coat of Arms which was to be designed, printed and registered via the office of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh;
- (2) to approve the printing of the Freedom of the City scroll;
- (3) that the Area Committee would fund the cost of the design/registering of the new Coat of Arms and of the new Freedom of the City Scroll; and
- (4) to mark the unveiling of the new Coat of Arms and to present the Freedom of the City scroll at a Civic event to be held on 28 August 2024.

140. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - THE CITY PLAN

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update on the progress made in developing the City of Dunfermline Local Community Plan 2023 to 2024 - The City Plan. The report built on recommendations from a previous report presented to this committee at its meeting on 24 October 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the progress made on developing a framework for the City of Dunfermline Local Community Plan – The City Plan.

141. URGENT BUSINESS - ROADWORKS AT BOTHWELL GARDENS ROUNDABOUT, DUNFERMLINE

The committee noted a verbal update from the Head of Roads and Transportation Services, as follows:

Although the roadworks were not due to commence until Monday, 17 June, it had been agreed with the contractor that the traffic management arrangements be set up on Sunday, 16 June to allow for measures to be tested and signal timings adjusted before the roadworks started the following day.

This arrangement had caused confusion and delays for road users, however, the committee was reassured that traffic movement during busy periods since Sunday was much improved and there were no concerns about emergency vehicles having space to navigate through the area of works. The service would continue to work with the contractor to ensure that delays in general were minimised as much as possible during the period of the works – over 16 weeks, not 20 weeks – all signs advising of the roadworks had been updated to reflect this timescale.

The committee acknowledged that the roadworks had been identified as critical to help mitigate the traffic impacts of the major housing development planned for Dunfermline over the next 20 years, comprising approximately 8,000 new homes and that the works were being funded by developers.

Unfortunately, due to the location of planned development, there would be a significant impact on the travelling public during the works and road users were advised to consider alternative routes and allow more time for their journeys. With respect to local events during the period of the roadworks, the service would look to minimise delays as much as possible.

142. PROPOSED MANDATORY CYCLE LANE - B916 ABERDOUR ROAD, DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services relating to objections to a Traffic Regulation Order proposing to introduce a mandatory two-way cycle lane on B916 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline and seeking approval to promote an additional Road Hump Order to install complementary traffic calming measures.

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Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted that additional community engagement was carried out as requested and that an additional design option was advanced;
- (2) agreed, in the interest of road safety, to set aside the outstanding 16 objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) introducing a mandatory two-way cycle lane as detailed in drawing no. TRO23_08 (Appendix 2 of the report), to allow the Order to be made and the restrictions to be put in place; and
- (3) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce complementary traffic calming measures, such as speed cushions, as detailed in drawing no. TRO24_18 (Appendix 3 of the report), with all ancillary procedures.

Councillor Anis-Miah left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

The committee adjourned at 11.05 am and reconvened at 11.15 am.

143. SUPPORTING THE CITY OF DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) PROPOSALS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £79,000 from the Dunfermline Community Recovery Fund (CRF) to support a variety of projects across the City.

Motion

Councillor James Calder, seconded by Councillor Gordon Pryde, moved to approve the recommendations detailed in the report.

Amendment

Councillor Derek Glen, seconded by Councillor Jean Hall-Muir moved, as an amendment, to approve the allocations to projects (1), (3) and (4) but to continue a decision on project (2) pending details on the proposed improvements.

Roll Call Vote

For the Motion – 4 votes

Councillors Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Hilton and Pryde.

For the Amendment – 3 votes

Councillors Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Glen and Hall-Muir.

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

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Decision

The committee agreed to an allocation of £79,000 from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) as follows:-

- (1) Holiday Activity Chest Fund - £20,000;
- (2) High Street Improvements – £20,000;
- (3) Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) support - £9,000; and
- (4) Participatory Budgeting Exercise in Abbeyview area - £30,000.

144. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET – DUNFERMLINE FLORAL ENHANCEMENT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £10,585 from the local community planning budget to continue to support the floral enhancement of the city centre.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £10,585 from the local community planning budget, specifically the Area wide portion of the budget, to support the floral enhancement of the city centre.

145. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET – DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of up to £50,000 from the local community planning budget to develop the ongoing work being carried out by the current active community councils in the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of up to £50,000 from the local community planning budget, to be divided between the respective community council wards. This would allow the implementation of community council projects without the need for multiple funding applications.

146. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - SCOBIE PARK RENOVATION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution from the local community planning budget, specifically the Central Dunfermline Ward Budget, to support the upgrade of the local playpark at Scobie Place.

Decision

The committee agreed to an allocation of £10,000 from the Central Dunfermline Ward portion of the local community planning budget in financial year 2024/25, to support the upgrade of the local playpark at Scobie Place.

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147. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET - DUNFERMLINE PROJECT SUPPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service outlining Dunfermline projects which required local community planning budget funding support in the financial year 2024/25.

Decision

The committee agreed a total contribution of £39,450 from the local community planning budget for seven of the projects as follows:-

- (1) £1,000 Annual Crowdfunding Contribution
- (2) £2,000 (up to) Dunfermline Christmas Tree
- (3) £3,750 Dunfermline Press Champion Awards Sponsorship
- (4) £700 Townhill Park Chemical Toilet Maintenance
- (5) £2,000 'Just Do It'
- (6) £10,000 Dunfermline Children's Gala (2025)
- (7) £10,000 Christmas Lights Switch On Event (funding to come from previously allocated Community Recovery Fund events monies)
- (8) £20,000 Dunfermline Christmas Lights Contract

148. 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.

149. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee Forward Work Programme; 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 Work Programme, within the remit of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee.