

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 March 2007 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors Barr, Baird (substituting for Councillor Jack), Caddell, Coburn, Ellis (substituting for Councillor Hayton), Flynn, Hunter, Lyall, Mair, Simpson and Young.

In attendance: D Roberts (Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)); J Dixon and J Valentine (both The Environment Service); J Irons, V Goldthorp and A Wilson (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors E Grant, Hayton, Jack and Lennie.

Councillor Barr, Convener, Presiding.

147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

148. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety Committee of 29 November 2006 (Arts. 757-761/06) was submitted, approved and authorised for signature.

149. BYELAW PROHIBITING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/180) seeking approval on further extension of the Byelaws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public places.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to identify resources to support the consultation process and subsequent implementation of the Byelaws followed by a report being submitted to the next meeting of Community Safety Committee.
- (ii) Undertake community consultation on the promotion of Byelaws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places in the areas of Aberfeldy, Dunkeld and Birnam; Coupar Angus, Scone and Errol.
- (iii) The promotion of a Byelaw to cover other areas of Perth and Kinross be considered in due course.

150. FOOD AND FEEDING STUFFS SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2007/08

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/181) seeking approval of an updated Service Delivery Plan for the enforcement of Food and Feedingstuffs legislation within Perth and Kinross which reflected the Service Planning guidance contained in the Food Standard Agency's 'Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement'.

Resolved:

The Food and Feedingstuffs Service Delivery Plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 07/181, outlining methods of legislation enforcement within Perth and Kinross and providing the basis on which the Council's activities in this regard be monitored and audited by the Food Standards Agency, be approved.

151. FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY LOCAL AUTHORITY AUDIT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/182) advising of the outcome of the Food Standards Agency's core audit of Perth and Kinross Council's food and feed law enforcement activities undertaken on 23 to 26 October 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcome of the core audit of the Council's food law enforcement activities, as detailed in Report 07/182, be noted.
- (ii) The provision of additional inspection resources to address the non-conformities identified by the audit, as detailed in Report 07/182, be approved.

152. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST AND DEPUTY AGRICULTURAL ANALYST

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/183) seeking approval to make additional appointments of Public Analyst in terms of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Agricultural Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst in terms of the Agriculture Act 1970. This report would also be considered for its interest by the Environment Committee.

Resolved:

The appointments of Norman Michie as Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst and David Bryce as Public Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst, be approved.

153. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION ON SALE AND USAGE OF AIR GUNS (SCOTLAND) BILL

There was submitted a report by the Head of Strategic Management and Improvement (07/184) seeking approval to the response for consultation by Tommy Sheridan MSP on the proposed Restriction on Sale of Air Guns (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved:

The response to consultation on the proposed Restriction on Sale of Air Guns (Scotland) Bill, as appended to Report 07/184 be approved, subject to Appendix II being amended to read "Yes. There are however legitimate purposes where air weapons can be used such as vermin control".

154. VALEDICTORY

This being the last meeting of the Committee before the Local Government Elections on 3 May 2007, the Convener expressed his gratitude to all Members of the Committee for their contributions over the last four years and also thanked Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and his staff for their assistance.