

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 27 January 2010 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, G Hayton (substituting for L Caddell), I Campbell, A Cowan, B Ellis, C Gillies, J Law, K Lyall, M Lyle, H McDonald, D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: Councillors J Kellas and B Band; J Valentine, A Clegg, B Reekie, K McNamara, B Clough, A Olejnik, S Veitch, A Godfrey, D Stubbs and N Lobley (all The Environment Service); P Frazer and A Wilson (Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor L Caddell.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

38. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 4 November 2009 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

39. CRIEFF PARK VILLAGE RIGHT OF WAY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/48), providing (1) background on the issues raised; and (2) recommending the assertion of a public right of way from Turretbank Road to Macrosty Park via Park Village.

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Miss L Cockburn, Solicitor, on behalf of the residents, who subsequently answered Members' questions, before returning to the public gallery.

Resolved:

The route from Turretbank Road to Macrosty Park via Park Village be asserted as a public pedestrian right of way under the terms of Section 46 of the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967.

40. COUNTRYSIDE RANGER SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009 AND REVIEW 1980 – 2009

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/49), introducing the final Annual Report required to be produced for Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) as part of the grant aid relationship with SNH.

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Resolved:

- (i) The Annual Report for 2008/2009, be approved.
- (ii) The achievements of the Countryside Ranger Service highlighted in the Annual Report and summarised in Report 10/49, be recognised.
- (iii) The changes in the nature of the funding of the Countryside Ranger Service be noted, in that monies used by SNH to support this service would be included from April 2009 as part of the agreed settlement with the Scottish Government, and forming part of the Single Outcome Agreement.

41. COMMUNITY WASTE AND FLYTIPPING FUND

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/50) highlighting the problems associated with flytipping on private land and outlining assistance which could be made available to manage flytipping in the area.

Motion (Councillors A Grant and G Hayton)

That the Committee agreed to:-

- (i) the establishment of a pilot Community Flytipping Fund as part of the existing Community Waste Fund, which would allow local communities access to funding to assist in the management of flytipped waste on private land including preventive measures and clean-ups, with a funding to the level of £20,000.**
- (ii) the establishment of a Perth and Kinross flytipping forum as a sub-group of the Community Planning Environment Partnership, subject to the agreement of the Partnership.**

Amendment (Councillors I Campbell and A Cowan)

- (i) That the level of funding (£20,000) proposed in report number 10/50 be used specifically to assist in the establishment of a flytipping database which would highlight: (i) where in Perth and Kinross incidents were most prevalent; (ii) the type and quantity of waste being flytipped; (iii) when incidents took place; (iv) timing or seasonal patterns; (v) a record of identifying features; (vi) identification of potential hotspots to enforcement partners; and (vii) the establishment of a flytipping forum with local partners.
- (ii) To explore the following: (i) the piloting of public reporting initiatives; (ii) provision of targeted communications to potential offenders; and (iii) provision of a reporting facility on the Council's website.

Amendment – 4 votes

Motion – 9 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

42. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/51) advising of the new responsibilities placed on the Council by the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.

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Resolved:

- (i) The new duties placed on the Council by the legislation and specifically in particular, Paragraphs 14 and 15 of Report 10/51 in relation to resource implications, be noted.
- (ii) Further reports be provided to this Committee once further details arising as a result of the Act had emerged.

43. VICTORIA PARK (ABERFELDY) MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/52) seeking approval for the Victoria Park Management Plan.

Resolved:

The Management Plan for Victoria Park, Aberfeldy, for 2010-2015, and as detailed in Report 10/52, be approved.

44. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/53) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 April 2009 to 31 October 2009.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 10/53 and the contract awards as detailed in the Appendices 1 to 3 of that report, be noted.

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