

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 September 2010 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, K Baird, I Campbell, T Gray (substituting for Councillor A Cowan), B Ellis, B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor C Gillies); K Lyall, M Lyle, H McDonald, D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); A Olejnik and B Clough (both the Environment Service); C Flynn, P Frazer and A Wilson (Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillors C Gilles.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

### **486. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor B Ellis declared a non financial interest in Article 489.

### **487. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 26 May 2010 (Arts. 300 – 306) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **488. FLOODING AT BRIDGE OVER INCHEWAN BURN, BIRNAM**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/462); (1) recommending that consideration of a minor Flood Mitigation Scheme at the private access bridge over the Inchewan Burn, Birnam be abandoned, as a flood study had confirmed that its existence did not pose a flooding threat to houses; (2) highlighting that efforts to persuade the owner to have the bridge removed or raised, voluntarily, had also been unsuccessful; and (3) recommending that no further investigations into flooding in this location should be undertaken.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) It be agreed that a minor flood mitigation scheme to address localised flooding at the private bridge over the Inchewan Burn adjacent to Burnmouth Road, Birnam, is not required as a flood study has confirmed that its existence does not pose a flooding threat to houses.
- (ii) It be noted that efforts to persuade the owner of the bridge to have it removed or raised, without a formal flood mitigation scheme had been unsuccessful.
- (iii) No further investigations be undertaken into the flooding at this location.

**489. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/463); (1) summarising the activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum; and (2) recommending the appointment of three newly elected members and reappointment of members to be retained.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Three new members be appointed and one existing member be re-appointed to the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum for a period of three years, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 10/463.
- (ii) Members listed in Appendix 2 to Report 10/463 in be retained in their appointment for a further year.
- (iii) The filling of any casual vacancy arising in this period through recruitment by Forum members, as outlined in Report 10/463, be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment).
- (iv) The change in representative from Scottish Natural Heritage within the Agencies and Other Bodies category as shown in Appendix 3 to report 10/463, be noted.
- (v) Activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from June 2009 to 2 July 2010, be noted.

**490. ALYTH CEMETERY EXTENSION**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/464), seeking approval for the construction of an extension to Alyth Cemetery

**Resolved:**

- (i) An extension to Alyth Cemetery be confirmed on land purchased by the Council for this purpose, as set out in Report 10/464.
- (ii) Maintenance of the new cemetery extension be included in the current Operations workload for that area.

**491. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/465), detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 November 2009 to 31 March 2010.

**Resolved:**

The content of report 10/465 and the contract awards as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5 of Report 10/465, be noted.

**492. ST MAGDALENE'S HILL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2015**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/466), seeking approval for the management plan for the Council owned land at St. Magdalene's Hill, Perth, contained in Appendix 1 to Report 10/466.

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**Resolved:**

The Management Plan for St. Magdalene's Hill, Perth, as contained in Appendix 1 to Report 10/466, be approved.

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