

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
3 September 2008

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 3 September 2008 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); K McNamara, B Reekie, M Messenger, A Godfrey, A Clegg, J Evans, J Pritchard, D Stubbs, B Clough (all the Environment Service); J Dickson, P Frazer and S Watson (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle, H McDonald and A Younger.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener (1) welcomed Councillor I Campbell as a member of the Committee; (2) intimated that Keith McNamara had been appointed Head of Environmental and Regulatory Services, Bruce Reekie had been appointed Waste Management Manager and Graeme Dailly would be taking up the post of Waste Plan Co-ordinator; and (3) introduced Paula Frazer, recently appointed Committee Officer.

### **455. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Cowan declared a non-financial interest in Art. 459, MacRosty Park Management Plan 2008-2013.

### **456. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 4 June 2008 (Arts. 334-340) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **457. DEPUTATIONS**

The Committee noted that the request for a deputation in relation to the Draft Core Paths Plan had been withdrawn.

### **458. RESULTS OF THE NORTH PERTH RECYCLING CENTRE CONSULTATION AND FURTHER RECYCLING CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS (Art. 29)**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/439),(1) detailing the findings of the consultation exercise on the options for recycling provision in North Perth; and (2) setting out further proposals to extend recycling centre opening hours and improve recycling rates through the appointment of "meet and greet" Recycling Centre Advisers at Recycling Centres.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The retention of the Bankfoot Recycling Centre, until the North Perth Recycling Centre was operational, be approved and the situation be kept under review.
- (ii) The siting of the North Perth Recycling Centre at the Inveralmond Industrial Estate, as a preferred option, be approved.
- (iii) Staffing levels at the Friarton Recycling Centre be increased, as detailed in Report 08/439.
- (iv) The employment of Recycling Centre Advisers to 'meet and greet' at Recycling Centres, be approved.
- (v) The opening hours at Aberfeldy, Auchterarder and Bankfoot Recycling Centres be extended, as detailed in Report 08/439.

COUNCILLOR A COWAN DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

**459. MACROSTY PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 – 2013 (Art. 735/04)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/440), (1) outlining the background to the MacRosty Park Regeneration Project as set out in the management plan for the park; and (2) seeking approval to take the Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Fund bid forward.

**Resolved:**

The Management Plan for MacRosty Park be approved and a Stage 2 bid be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**460. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE RANGER SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2007 TO 2008**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/441) seeking approval of the Perth and Kinross Council Countryside Ranger Service Annual Report 2007/08 for submission to Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Countryside Ranger Service Annual Report 2007/08, be approved and submitted to Scottish Natural Heritage.
- (ii) It be noted that the financial year 2008/09 would be the last year that Perth and Kinross Council would receive any grant from SNH, including a grant toward the delivery of a Ranger Service, and that from 2009/10 the Scottish Government proposed including this funding within the Council's overall financial settlement.

**461. DRAFT CORE PATHS PLAN (Art. 739/07)**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/442), (1) providing an update on preparing the core paths plan, the consultation process; and (2) outlining the work proposed to finalise the Core Paths Plan.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made in the preparation of the Draft Core Paths Plan, the consultation undertaken to date and the role of the Local Outdoor Access Forum, be noted.
- (ii) Formal consultation on the Draft Core Paths Plan be undertaken under the terms of Section 18 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.
- (iii) The contents of the Environmental Report addressing the effects the Core Paths Plan might have on the natural and historic environment, be noted.
- (iv) Formal consultation be undertaken under the terms of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

**462. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/443) presenting the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust's Annual Report for 2006-07 and Business Plan for 2008/09 – 2010/11.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Countryside Trust's Annual Report for 2006-07, be noted.
- (ii) The Committee approved the Trust's Business Plan for 2008/09– 2010/11 for its interest.
- (iii) A Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust from 1 April 2009, be agreed in principle.
- (iv) It be noted that a further report on the detail of the Service Level Agreement would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

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

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/444), (1) summarising the work and activities of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum since June 2007; and (2) recommending the appointment of two newly elected members to the Forum and the reappointing of the members to be retained.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from June 2007 to date, be noted.
- (ii) The appointment of two new members to the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum and the reappointment of the existing member, recommended in Appendix 1 to Report 08/444, for a period of three years, be approved.
- (iii) The members listed in Appendix 2 to Report 08/444 be retained in their appointment for at least a further year.
- (iv) It be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment) to fill any casual vacancy within the land manager group, arising in this period, by the reserve candidate named in Appendix 1 to Report 08/444.

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