

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 June 2006 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors Baird, Barnacle, Barr, Coburn, Cowan, Doig (substituting for Councillor Barrett), Ellis (substituting for Councillor Mulheron), Gillies, A Grant, Lyall, McDonald, Simpson (substituting for Councillor Caddell) and Young.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); D Stewart, J Valentine, K McNamara, U Scott and C Haggart (all The Environment Service); A Wilson and Y Oliver (both Corporate Services).

Councillor Barnacle, Convener, Presiding.

400. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

401. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 26 April 2006 (Arts.278-282) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

402. PERTH WESTBANK HOUSE AND PLANT NURSERY PARTNERSHIP WITH PERTH COLLEGE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Space Management (06/438) seeking approval for the shared use of Westbank House and Plant Nursery by Perth College.

Resolved:

- (i) The use of Westbank House and Nursery and former allotment ground by Perth College, in partnership with the Council, be approved.
- (ii) A Minute of Understanding detailing the Partnership arrangements be drawn up between the Council and Perth College.

403. PUBLIC TOILETS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME: EVALUATION AND FUTURE PROPOSALS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (06/442) evaluating the outcome of the improvement programme for public toilets and making further recommendations for future consideration of public toilet provision in the area.

Resolved:

- (i) The work undertaken to complete the public toilet improvement programme, be noted.
- (ii) A decision on the future of the public toilets in Larghan Park, Coupar Angus and MacCrosty Park, Crieff to allow further development with local community groups, be deferred for a year.
- (iii) The continuation of the service where mobile toilets were provided for events organised by charitable and community groups, be agreed.
- (iv) A decision on the future of the public toilets in Comrie and St Fillans be deferred for a year to allow further negotiations with the respective Community Councils.
- (v) A decision on the future of the public toilets in Blair Atholl be deferred for a year pending the evaluation of public toilet provision.
- (vi) An evaluation of public toilet provision, based on the remit contained in Appendix 2 to Report - 06/442, be agreed.
- (vii) The evaluation recommended in (vi) be carried out under the guidance of an Elected Member/Officer Working Group.
- (viii) Toilets at Victoria Park, Aberfeldy be declared surplus to requirements.

404. KINROSS DEPOT AND RECYCLING FACILITIES - FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/439) regarding funding arrangements to relocate The Environment Service's operational depot in Kinross from

Bridgend to Turfhills and to develop the site at Bridgend into a modernised Community Recycling Centre.

Resolved:

The relocation of the Environment Service depot from Bridgend, Kinross to Turfhills, with the re-development of the existing depot site into a Community Recycling Centre, be approved.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

405. WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT - AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/440) regarding arrangements for the processing and disposal of waste within the terms of the existing Waste Disposal Contract.

Resolved:

The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to negotiate an amendment to the current Waste Disposal Contract, in accordance with the terms outlined in Section 5 of Report 06/440.