

## **BLAIRGOWRIE COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 3.47pm.

Present: Councillors R Ellis, E Grant, C Shiers, I Miller and G Hayton.

In Attendance: A Seggie and J Low, The Environment Service; A Wilson, Chief Executive's Service.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

### **128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ellis, Shiers and E Grant each made a non-financial Declaration of Interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, in respect of Article 132 – Ground at Riverside, Blairgowrie – Lease for Visitor Centre.

At this point, the Convener requested and received the agreement of the Committee to hear the item entitled Ground at Riverside, Blairgowrie – Lease for Visitor Centre, in private.

The Committee (1) in terms of Standing Order 59, further agreed to hear the deputation in relation to that item, and (2) agreed in terms of Standing Order 19 to re-order the business on the agenda, in order to hear the deputation in public session before considering the item itself in private, to avoid the disclosure of information exempt in terms of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

### **129. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee of 24 June 2009 (Arts. 342-346/09) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **130. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Finance (10/112) detailing the income and expenditure on the Blairgowrie Common Good Fund for the period up to 31 January 2010, anticipating a deficit of £760 being incurred in financial year 2009/2010, and a balance on the Fund's Revenue Account of £21,216 at 31 March 2010.

### **131. DEPUTATION**

Mr G Robertson, speaking in his capacity as Chairman of Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions. He then withdrew to the public benches.

**AS AGREED AT ARTICLE 128 ABOVE, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WERE 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**

COUNCILLOR E GRANT AND MR ROBERTSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**132. GROUND AT RIVERSIDE, BLAIRGOWRIE – LEASE FOR VISITOR CENTRE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (10/113) seeking authority to grant a lease of land at Riverside, Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie for the construction and operation of a new visitor centre.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The lease of ground at Riverside, Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie be granted for the construction and operation of a visitor centre, on the basis of the heads of terms contained within Report 10/113 and otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Property and the Head of Legal Services and with powers to the said officers to adjust the heads of terms in consultation with the Convener of the Committee.
- (ii) The Sheriff be petitioned for approval in terms of Section 75(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to enable the lease to be implemented.
- (iii) That the terms of the lease include a requirement that this Committee has two seats on the Board of Blairgowrie and Rattray Regeneration Company Ltd.

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