

# ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, A Cowan, C Gillies, J Law, K Lyall, M Lyle, E MacLachlan (substituting for Councillor D Scott), H McDonald, L Simpson, B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor D Mellow) and A Younger.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, K McNamara, The Environment Service; and A Wilson and V Jones (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle, D Melloy and D Scott.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

## 27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 28. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 28 November 2007 (Arts. 729-733) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 29. NORTH PERTH RECYCLING CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/37), (1) advising of the background behind establishing a North Perth Recycling Centre; and (2) proposing a consultation process, with regard to options for Recycling Centre provision in the North Perth and Bankfoot areas.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) A consultation exercise be undertaken on the options for Recycling Centre services within the North Perth and Bankfoot areas of Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) A further report be submitted to Committee, with recommendations, following the consultation exercise.

## 30. ROLL OUT OF NEXT PHASE(S) OF THE NEW KERBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/38) detailing proposals to introduce new kerbside recycling services, following successful bids to the Scottish Government to participate in a national Food Waste trial, and also to the Council's Investment in Improvement fund.

Motion (Councillor A Cowan and H MacDonald)

- (i) that a consultation exercise be undertaken on the options for Recycling Centre Services in the North Perth and Bankfoot areas of Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) Defer any further extension of the roll out programme for the fortnightly collection of general waste (green lidded bins) until such time that clear evidence is gathered and presented to the Committee, that this accords with the majority wishes of households involved in recommendation (i).
- (iii) that the Council undertakes an urgent programme to promote the benefits of recycling to all households in Perth and Kinross.
- (iv) that the Council urgently undertakes an extension of community recycling facilities and upgrading of existing facilities to enable Perth and Kinross householders to increase effective recycling.

**Amendment (Councillors A Grant and L Caddell) – The recommendations in Report 08/37, be approved, as below:**

- (i) **The introduction of a fortnightly mixed food and garden waste collection, and the introduction of dry mixed recyclate (DMR) collection with collection of general waste**

on alternate weeks, to the geographic areas outlined in Section 3 during Spring 2008, and

- (ii) **Note the securing of Council Investment in Improvement funding for the introduction of the kerbside recycling service, as per Strategic Policy and Resources Executive Sub Committee Report of 19 December 2007 (report number: 07/849) to the geographic areas detailed in Appendix 1.**

Motion – 4 votes

Amendment – 8 votes

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Amendment.

**31. THE INNER TAY ESTUARY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 – 2013 AND THE DEN OF ALYTH MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008-2013**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/39), (1) outlining proposals set out in the management plans for the Council's managed countryside site at The Inner Tay Estuary Local Nature Reserve and the Council owned site at the Den of Alyth; and (2) seeking approval for the improvements for public access, interpretation and management.

**Resolved:**

The Draft Management Plans for the Council's management of land at the Inner Tay Estuary Local Nature Reserve and Council owned land at the Den of Alyth as detailed in Report 08/39, be approved.

**32. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FROM NURSES LANE TO THE CAR PARK AREA AT LAGGAN BRIDGE, COMRIE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/40) outlining the proposed diversion of a right of way at Comrie, necessitated by the replacement of the Laggan Bridge at a new location approximately 20 metres upstream.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The diversion of the path from Nurses Lane, Comrie to the car park area at Laggan Bridge (a pedestrian right of way) as shown on drawing number 19/25/43B, under the terms of Section 35 of the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967, be approved.
- (ii) The Head of Legal Services be instructed to make the appropriate Diversion Order.

**33. BIENNIAL REPORT ON FLOOD PREVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES 2007**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/41) seeking approval of the biennial report specifying the appropriate actions which the Council had taken and intended to take in future, with regard to flood prevention within the Council area.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Biennial Report on Flood Prevention Responsibilities 2007 as appended to Report 08/41 be approved and published.
- (ii) That an article summarising the Biennial Report be included in the next edition of *Perth and Kinross News* to be delivered to all residential properties in the Council area, as well as being made available in Council offices and libraries.

**\*34. SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2010/11 TO 2012/13**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/51) providing a brief synopsis of The Environment Service capital budget proposals for financial years 2010/11 to 2012/13.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 08/51, be noted.
- (ii) The projects relating to the respective committees as set out in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.20 of Report 08/51 be supported as a priority for future capital investment in the period 2010/11 to 2012/13, subject to funding being approved in the forthcoming capital budget, at the special meeting of the Council on 14 February 2008.

### **35. LEASE OF LAND AT COMRIE FOR PUBLIC PARKING**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/42) seeking approval to (1) enter into a lease with the landowner of two small areas of land at Comrie, adjacent to the Glen Lednock Circular Walk, to permit the regulation of parking; and (2) carry out improvements for the benefit of the users of the Glen Lednock Walk.

**Resolved:**

The negotiation of a lease for two areas of land used for parking to access the Glen Lednock Walk, in order to regulate parking and carry out improvements for users, as detailed in Report 08/42, be approved.