

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, M Williamson, H Anderson (substituting for A Younger), R Brock, B Ellis, A Gaunt (substituting for W Robertson), C Gillies, G Laing, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, and M Roberts.

In Attendance: B Renton, Director (Environment); S Best, A Clegg, F Crofts, F McBain, J Pritchard, and B Reekie (both the Environment Service); C Flynn, A McColl, and H Rheinallt (all Corporate and Democratic Services)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle, W Robertson and A Younger.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

12. WELCOME

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting, and apologies were noted as above.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

14. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of Wednesday 11 November 2015 (Arts 726-734) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

With reference to Art.729, the Committee noted the appointment of Councillor Barnacle as a substitute for Councillor Ellis on the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum.

15. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

(i) Minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 21 August 2015

Resolved:

The minute of meeting of 21 August 2015 was submitted and noted.

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(ii) Update report from Community Safety and Environment Group – 13 November 2015

There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) and Director (Environment) (16/10) updating the Committee on the current partnership activity which is being developed within the remit of the Community Safety and Environment agendas.

16. WATER SAFETY POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/11) on the Water Safety Policy, which identifies effective, efficient and sustainable water safety management arrangements which can be applied consistently across Council land.

Resolved:

- (i) The Water Safety Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 16/11, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/11 would be considered by the Community Safety Committee on 3 February 2016.

17. PERTH AND KINROSS ZERO WASTE COMMUNITIES

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/12), detailing the Zero Waste Auchterarder and Aberuthven initiative founded by the Scottish Government's 'Ryder Cup Green Drive', as one of four Outreach Projects, which is now being used as a template for other zero waste locations in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved

- (i) The feasibility of rural garden and food waste expansion, be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to submit a further report in June 2016 to provide an update on the status of Zero Waste Highland Perthshire and the way forward for this campaign.

18. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SCHEME OF CHARGES 2016-17

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/13), providing details of the charges in place within The Environment Service for financial year 2015/16, and the proposed charges for financial year 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/13. Final approval of charges would be determined by the Council in February 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed charges for financial year 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/13, be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to give consideration to comments of Members of the Committee with regards to (1) burial and cremation charges and (2) football pitch charges.

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