

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 28 August 2013 at 12.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); A Clegg, J Dixon, D Hutchison, C Leishman (up to Art. 500) M Lorimer (up to Art. 500) K McNamara, S Newton, B Reekie, B Renton, R Smith and C Wilson (all the Environment Service); C Flynn and C Irons (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor M Lyle.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

496. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

497. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 5 June 2013 (Arts. 340-349) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

498. RENOVATION OF THE CREMATORIUM MEMORIAL GARDENS AND DEVELOPMENT OF MEMORIAL LEASE OPTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/417) on (1) progress and future proposals for renovating the memorial gardens at the Crematorium and proposed improvements to the range and affordability of memorialisation through new lease options and (2) addressing issues arising from unauthorised memorials being placed in the crematorium gardens.

Resolved:

- (i) Space at the crematorium be leased for 10 or 20 years for a range of quality memorials and plaques.
- (ii) The current grounds improvements at the Crematorium be continued to provide a suitable quality location for leased memorials.
- (iii) Removal of unauthorised memorials be approved following all reasonable attempts to have families remove them.

499. CONTAINERISATION OF WASTE IN PERTH CITY CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/418) providing information on the current refuse collection services in Perth City Centre

and seeking approval to commence consultation with all relevant stakeholders on replacing refuse sacks with various options for kerbside refuse/recycling collection containers.

Resolved:

- (i) Property to property surveys be undertaken in Perth City Centre to develop options for replacing refuse sacks with wheeled bins, communal waste and recycling containers and other on-street waste and recycling infrastructure where the standard provision of wheeled bins was not possible.
- (ii) Consultation be undertaken with all relevant internal and external stakeholders including residents; residents associations; commercial businesses and elected members on proposals based on the property to property surveys;
- (iii) A further report be submitted to the Environment Committee providing an implementation plan for the containerisation of waste in Perth City Centre based on the survey results and consultation exercise.

500. DOG FOULING IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/419) highlighting the work of the Animal Welfare Team in dealing with dog fouling issues and setting future priorities for work in this connection.

Resolved:

- (i) The activities of the Animal Health and Welfare Team in addressing the problem of dog fouling be endorsed.
- (ii) The key areas for development in 2013/14 as outlined in Report 13/419, be noted.

501. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/420) on the activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum and the appointment of members to the Forum.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of 3 new members, Alison Gibb, representing the Community Group; Jane Anderson, representing the Landowner/Manager Group and Karen Mitchell, representing Agencies and Other Bodies as recommended in Appendix 1 to Report 13/420 be confirmed.
- (ii) Two existing members, John Andrews, representing the Recreation Group and Sandy Simpson, representing the Community Group, be reappointed to the Forum for a period of four years be confirmed.
- (iii) All other members be retained in their appointments for at least one further year as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 13/420 be confirmed.
- (iv) The filling of any casual vacancy arising in the following year be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment) in accordance with the Forum's terms of reference.
- (v) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from June 2012 to date, be noted.