

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 12.00 noon.

Present: Councillors A Grant, M Williamson, M Barnacle, D Cuthbert (substituting for R Brock); D Doogan (substituting for B Ellis); C Gillies, T Gray, G Laing, M Lyle, D Melloy, L Simpson (substituting for W Robertson), M Roberts and A Younger.

In Attendance: Councillors B Band (up to and including Art 263), J Giacobazzi (up to and including item 264), K Howie, J Kellas (up to and including Art 264) and B Vaughan; J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); P McLennan, K McNamara, J Pritchard, B Reekie, B Renton, and R Thomson (all the Environment Service); C France, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors R Brock, B Ellis, and W Robertson.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

259. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

260. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 21 March 2012 (Arts 140-143) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

261. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Convener reported on the need to appoint five members of the Committee to the Executive Sub Committee.

Resolved:

Councillors A Grant, M Williamson, M Barnacle, C Gillies and M Lyle be appointed to the Executive Sub Committee.

***262. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/227) seeking approval of The Environment Service Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 2012 – 2015 and the Annual Performance Report for 2011-2012 as attached as Appendix 1.

Resolved:

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- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2012-2015 and Annual Performance Report 2011-2012 for the Environment Service pertaining to the Environment Committee's area of responsibility, as appended to Report 12/227, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 12/227 was also considered by the Community Safety and Enterprise and Infrastructure Committees on 13 June 2012 and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 20 June 2012 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

263. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

(i) Appointment to Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum

The Convener reported on the need to appoint one member of the Environment Committee to the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum.

Resolved:

Councillor B Ellis be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum.

(ii) Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/240) (1) summarising the activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum; and (2) recommending the appointment of one new member and reappointment of members to be retained.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of one new member Heather Baker, representing the Recreation Group, and the reappointment of two existing members, Peter Pearson, representing the Community Group and Hugh Anderson, representing the Landowner/Manager Group as recommended in Appendix 1 be confirmed.
- (ii) All other members to be retained in their appointment for at least a further year as detailed in Appendix 2 be confirmed.
- (iii) Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the removal of Agency and Other Bodies group from quorum requirements (paragraph 9.11 refers), and other minor amendments to update the document to reflect current practise as outlined in Appendix for to Report 12/240 be confirmed.
- (iv) The filling of any casual vacancy arising in this period, be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment) through recruitment by Forum members, as detailed in the Terms of Reference 8.6 in item iii.
- (v) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from June 2011 to date be noted.

COUNCILLOR B BAND LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

264. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/241) (1) outlining the achievements of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust over the last year; and (2) recommending the approval of a new Service Level agreement with the Trust for 2012/13.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust had achieved the required outcomes under the existing Service Level Agreement 2011/12.
- (ii) A revised Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust for 2012/13, to include updated activity targets and a financial contribution to the Trust to the value of £70,000, be agreed.

COUNCILLORS J GIACOPAZZI AND J KELLAS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

265. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/242) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2011 to 31 March 2012.

Resolved:

The contents of report 12/242 and the contract awards as detailed in the attached Appendices 1 to 5 be agreed.

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