

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 2013 at 11.00am.

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

In Attendance: S Allen, A Clegg, D Cook, J Pritchard, B Reekie, B Renton and R Thomson (all the Environment Service); M Willis, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle and M Roberts.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor B Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Item 5 on the agenda (Art. 49) in relation to the Land Reform Review Group – Call for Evidence.

46. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 7 November 2012 (Arts. 550 – 555) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

47. ABERFELDY CARAVAN PARK (ART. 555)

There was tabled a paper by the Depute Director (Environment) providing additional information and revised figures in respect of Report 12/516 – Review of Aberfeldy Caravan Park approved at the meeting of the Environment Committee on 7 November 2012.

There was a short adjournment for Councillors to consider the paper.

Resolved:

The Committee agreed to note the corrected information.

48. PERTH, SOUTH INCH PARK UPGRADE, PHASE 2

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/32) outlining: (1) proposals for the creation of a high quality destination play area on the South Inch; and (2) improvements to park entrances to welcome people into the park.

The Committee heard a presentation on the Perth, South Inch Park Upgrade, Phase 2 by A Clegg, Parks Development Manager, The Environment Service.

Resolved:

- (i) Phase 2 of the South Inch Upgrade Programme, using funding available from the capital programme, be approved.
- (ii) The location of the new play area in the area currently occupied by the former putting green, crazy golf and bowling green, and removal of the current play facilities beside the boating pond be approved.
- (iii) Additional works to enhance the area around the former bowling green to create a more welcoming entrance to the park, and make best use of the available space for recreational purposes be approved.
- (iv) Instruct the Depute Director (Environment) to submit a report to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee requesting formal approval for the proposals outlined in Report 13/32.

49. LAND REFORM REVIEW GROUP – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/33) outlining: (1) the current Land Reform Review Group's Call for Evidence; and (2) a response from the Council for approval.

Resolved:

The response to the Land Reform Review Group's Call for Evidence as outlined in Appendix 2 to Report 13/33 be approved.