

## **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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