

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); P Dickson, B Reekie, B Renton and W Young (all the Environment Service); C Flynn, C Irons and S Richards (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also in attendance: Group Manager R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors R Brock, M Lyle and W Robertson.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 579 – 582 and 584-585; the Vice Convener led discussion on Art. 583.

579. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies and substitutes were noted as above.

580. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

581. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 4 June 2014 (Arts 386-395) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

It was also noted that at Art 395(i) the SITA landfill contract would only be extended if required.

582. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

(i) Minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 16 May 2014

The minute of meeting of 16 May 2014 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Update on the Community Safety and Environment Group

There was submitted and noted a briefing report by the Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/336) providing the Committee with an overview of the elements of the Community Safety Action Plan presented to the meeting on 16 May 2014 of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment Group.

583. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT – PROPERTY LEVEL PROTECTION PILOT SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/362) on the role that flood protection products – known as Property Level Protection (PLP) - can play in improving the resilience of individual properties against flooding and recommends a pilot scheme for Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) That while Local Authorities and other public agencies had responsibilities to manage flooding, the primary responsibility for avoiding or managing flood risk still remained with the land and property owners be noted.
- (ii) The benefits that PLP can deliver in making properties more resilient to flooding be noted.
- (iii) The proposals for a PLP pilot scheme in Perth & Kinross be approved.
- (iv) The operation of the PLP pilot scheme in Aberfeldy, Comrie, Crieff and Pitlochry be approved.
- (v) That the pilot scheme may be extended to all of Perth and Kinross if it proved to be successful within the selected locations be noted.
- (vi) A further report be submitted to the Committee following the six month period, with recommendations based on the experience of the pilot.

584. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2014

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/363) summarising the activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum and the appointment of members to the Forum.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of two new members; Mark Thomson and Donald Broad, both representing the Landowner/Manager Group as recommended in Appendix 1 of report 14/363, be approved.
- (ii) Two existing members to the Forum, Mary Conacher, representing the Recreation Group and Nick Cole, representing the Community Group be reappointed for a period of four years as recommended in Appendix 1 of Report 14/363, be approved.
- (iii) All other members be retained in their appointments for at least one year as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/363 be approved.
- (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 Term of Reference.

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- (v) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from August 2013 to date be noted.

585. WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2025 - PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/364) (1) providing an update on progress with the Action Plan of the Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Plan, approved by the Environment Committee in November 2010, (Report 10/597 refers) and (2) recommending approval of the new Actions 61-69 (shown in Part 2 of Appendix 1 to Report 14/364) which were in line with recent regulatory and national strategy developments.

Resolved:

- (i) The annual update on progress on the Waste Management Action Plan as set out in Report 14/364, be approved.
- (ii) The new actions (61-69) of the Waste Management Action Plan, as set out at Part 2 of Appendix 1 of Report 14/364, be approved.

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