

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); R Brough, A Clegg, B Reekie, B Renton, and W Young (all the Environment Service); C Flynn and C Irons (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor M Roberts.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

188. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apology and substitute were noted as above.

189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

190. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 22 January 2014 (Arts 6 - 13) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

191. CHARGING CRITERIA FOR PARKS EVENTS AND FOOTBALL BOOKINGS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/119) seeking approval to amend the charges and the charging criteria for events and football pitch bookings on parks and greenspace in Perth and Kinross; to ensure commercial events were charged according to their use of greenspace sites; and to simplify the charging arrangements for football pitch bookings.

Motion (Councillors C Gillies and W Robertson) –

- (i) The revised charges for commercial bookings in all the main parks throughout the Perth and Kinross area be approved.
- (ii) The introduction of a tiered charge, based on expected attendance, for all non-commercial events in Council owned parks and greenspaces within the Perth and Kinross area, starting on 1 April 2014, be approved.
- (iii) The revised charges for football pitches with changing facilities in Perth and outwith the city be set at the same level.

- (iv) The introduction of a minimum refundable deposit of £500 for commercial events which would be retained should there be an incidence of fly-posting requiring to be removed at a cost to the Council be approved.
- (v) The inclusion in the events booking form of a list of advertising/promotional events that would not be appropriate or suitable on Council owned land be approved.
- (vi) The charging criteria for parks events and football bookings together with the usage of the facilities be reviewed annually and reported to Committee.
- (vii) That a report was being prepared for the Common Good Fund Committees recommending that the Executive Director (Environment) be delegated authority to authorise the location and relocation, as required, of events on Council Parks and Open Spaces which form part of the Common Good be noted.

Amendment (Councillors A Grant and E Maclachlan) –

- (i) The revised charges for commercial bookings in all the main parks throughout the Perth and Kinross area be approved.**
- (ii) The introduction of a tiered charge, based on expected attendance, for all non-commercial events in Council owned parks and greenspaces within the Perth and Kinross area, starting on 1 April 2014, be approved.**
- (iii) The revised charges for football pitches in Perth and outwith the city be approved as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 14/199.**
- (iv) The introduction of a minimum refundable deposit of £500 for commercial events which would be retained should there be an incidence of fly-posting requiring to be removed at a cost to the Council be approved.**
- (v) The inclusion in the events booking form of a list of advertising/promotional events that would not be appropriate or suitable on Council owned land be approved.**
- (vi) The charging criteria for parks events and football bookings together with the usage of the facilities be reviewed annually and reported to Committee.**
- (vii) That a report was being prepared for the Common Good Fund Committees recommending that the Executive Director (Environment) be delegated authority to authorise the location and relocation, as required, of events on Council Parks and Open Spaces which form part of the Common Good be noted.**

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call was taken.

10 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors A Grant, M Williamson, R Brock, B Ellis, G Laing, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, B Vaughan and A Younger.

3 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors M Barnacle, C Gillies and W Robertson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

192. SCOTLAND'S RESOURCE SECTOR COMMITMENT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/120) asking the Committee to sign-up to the Scotland's Resource Sector Commitment (SRSC) which sets out standards which would drive continuous improvement, excellent customer service and would enable businesses to reduce waste and be more resource efficient. The report noted that by signing up to this voluntary customer and supplier commitment, Perth and Kinross Council would be able to demonstrate their support for Scotland's zero waste ambitions.

Resolved

That the Council sign-up to Scotland's Resource Sector Commitment be approved.

193. MEMORIAL BENCHES POLICIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/121) seeking the approval for the policies on placement of memorial benches in public areas. The report noted two separate policies for bereavement sites and other public areas reflected the different level and nature of use taking place within these areas and explained the circumstances in which placement of memorial benches would be appropriate and set out the standard costs and conditions which would apply.

Resolved

The Policy for Provision of Memorial Benches in Public Open Spaces, shown at Appendix1 to Report 14/121, and the Policy for the Provision of Memorial Benches within Bereavement Sites, shown at Appendix 2 to Report 14/121, be approved.

194. TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/122) seeking approval for the policy for tree management on Council owned or managed land. The report noted that the policy addressed all commonly reported tree related issues and explained circumstances where the Council would or would not be able to take action.

Resolved

The Tree Management Policy, attached as Appendix1 to Report 14/122, be approved.

