

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 22 January 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, M Roberts, L Simpson (substituting for W Robertson) and A Younger.

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

Apology for Absence: Councillor W Robertson.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

6. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 20 November 2013 (Arts. 652-661) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

9. CHARGING CRITERIA FOR PARKS EVENTS AND FOOTBALL BOOKINGS (Art. 658/13 Refers)

The Committee noted that whilst significant further work has been undertaken in relation to the charging criteria for park events and football bookings, the review was not yet complete and it was now intended that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on 26 March 2014.

10. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP - VERBAL UPDATE BY EXECUTIVE LEAD OFFICER

K McNamara, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services provided the Committee with a verbal update on the establishment and progress of Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership – Community Safety and Environment

Group. It was confirmed that in future the minute of the meetings of the Group once approved would be submitted to the Committee for noting.

11. COMMUNITY GREENSPACE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2014/15 AND 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/10) outlining the main Capital Projects being undertaken by Community Greenspace in 2014/15 and 2015/16 and recommending the approval of this programme of investment in the Council's parks and open spaces to ensure they remain well used, fit for purpose and a source of community pride.

Resolved

- (i) The approved proposed programme, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 14/10, be approved.
- (ii) The results of the consultation undertaken, provided in Appendix 2 to Report 14/10, be noted.

12. LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT – DECLARATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA – CRIEFF (Art. 347/13)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/11) asking the Committee to agree the extent of the Air Quality Management Area in Crieff and to implement it by designation, to come into force on 19 February 2014.

Resolved

- (i) The implementation of the statutory requirement of Section 83 (1) of the Environment Act 1995 through designation, by Order, of an Air Quality Management Area for nitrogen dioxide and fine particles, to come into force on 19 February 2014 and remain in force until it is varied or revoked by a subsequent Order, be approved.
- (ii) The area of Crieff, as shown on the map attached at Appendix 1 to report 14/11 and defined in the report, be designated as an Air Quality Management Area, be approved.
- (iii) The Depute Director (Environment) be remitted to make the necessary arrangements to complete and report back to this Committee regarding the further assessment of Air Quality and Air Quality Action Plan within the statutory timescales.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to prepare the necessary documentation for the designation Order and to publicise the said Order.

13. ABERFELDY CARAVAN PARK COMMON GOOD FUND PAYMENT (Art. 37/13)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/12) noting that Aberfeldy Caravan Park was not regarded as part of the Common Good of Aberfeldy and recommending that the Council should not continue to make an annual payment of £4,500 to the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund.

Resolved

- (i) That the cessation of paying to the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund £4,500 per annum, from the Aberfeldy Caravan Park Budget, be approved.
- (ii) That the cessation commenced from the financial year 2013/14 be approved.
- (iii) That the Aberfeldy Caravan Park payments, previously made to the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund, were not reclaimed, be approved.
- (iv) Report 14/12 be referred to the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee, for noting, be agreed.

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