

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); B Renton, Depute Director (Environment), A Clegg, P Dickson, B Reekie, A Strang and W Young (all the Environment Service); L Carson, C Flynn, C Irons, H Rheinallt and L Whiteford, (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also in attendance: Graham Barton, CH2MHill (Consultants), D Bailey, Chair of Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council and T Copeland.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C Gillies, W Robertson and A Younger.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

741. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

742. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

743. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 3 September 2014 (Arts 579-585) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

744. DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 59, the Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council in relation to the agenda item on Blairgowrie, Oakbank Road Landslip.

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee unanimously agreed to vary the order of business.

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745. BLAIRGOWRIE, OAKBANK ROAD LANDSLIP

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/482) providing an update on the condition of the leased Oakbank Road and associated embankments in Blairgowrie following an investigation by specialist consultants.

D Bailey and T Copeland addressed the committee and following their respective representations, withdrew to the public benches.

Motion – Councillors A Grant and M Williamson

- (i) Option 1 as detailed in report 14/482, creating an alternative core path route around the landslips at the side of the Cuttle Burn Den and the alternative narrow link path between Oakbank Road and Lornty Road, estimated at £3,000 be approved.
- (ii) The continued maintenance of assets on the leased land which were of value to the wider public, including both viewpoints and the steps at the north end of the Riverside Park, be approved.
- (iii) A report be submitted to a future meeting of the Property Sub-Committee on the issues relating to the lease following consideration by the Head of Legal Services.
- (iv) Further engagement with the community remain ongoing.

Amendment – Councillors B Ellis and D Melloy

- (i) A decision on report 14/482 be deferred to allow further discussions with the landowner, Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council, elected members, the Access Forum and other interested parties with a report back to this committee on the outcome of discussions.**
- (ii) A site visit by committee members be arranged.**
- (iii) Appropriate signage be installed on both sides of the Oakbank Road to allow the road to remain open.**

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

Ten members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors Barnacle, Brock, Ellis, Gaunt, Giacobazzi, Laing, Lyle, Melloy, Munro and Roberts.

Three members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors Grant, Williamson and Maclachlan.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

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746. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

The Executive Director (Environment) provided a verbal update on the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Group.

747. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/481) reviewing the performance of the Environment Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.

Resolved

- (i) The contents of The Environment Service Six Monthly Performance Summary, 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 14/481, and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/481 was submitted to and approved by the Community Safety Committee on 5 November 2014, would be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee at a meeting later in the day, and to the Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2014 for Scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

748. THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 – SHORTLIST OF POTENTIAL MEASURES TO MANAGE FLOOD RISK

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Environment) (14/483) providing a general update on progress towards the publication of the Council's Local Flood Risk Management Plans in 2016 and seeking approval of the proposed short list of potential measures to manage flood risk.

Resolved:

- (i) The general progress on the flood risk management planning process set out by the 2009 Act be noted.
- (ii) The majority of the characterisation reports agreed by Council officers be noted.
- (iii) The characterisation reports and initial objective setting for Perth and Almondbank will be agreed by December 2014 be noted.
- (iv) The agreed surface water management priority areas for Perth, Invergowrie, Milnathort, Scone and Blairgowrie be noted.
- (v) The recent changes to the findings of the national flood risk assessment and the characterisation of flood risk in certain potentially vulnerable areas be noted.
- (vi) The proposed short list of measures as detailed in Appendix E of Report 14/483 be approved.
- (vii) It be noted that the proposed short list of measures for Perth and Almondbank will be submitted to the Environment Committee in January 2015.

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- (viii) The proposed initial arrangements for the forthcoming phased public consultation in December 2014 and March 2015 be noted with further details to be provided to the next Environment Committee in January 2015.

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