

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 11.30am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, M Williamson, M Barnacle, R Brock, B Ellis, C Gillies, T Gray, G Laing, A Cowan (substituting for M Lyle), D Melloy, L Simpson (substituting for W Robertson), M Roberts and A Younger.

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); S Best, C Haggart, K McNamara, B Reekie, B Renton and R Stewart (all the Environment Service); C Flynn and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Lyle and W Robertson.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Art. 173, and the Vice-Convener for Art. 172.

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

170. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 30 January 2013 (Arts. 45–49) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

171. DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 59, the Committee agreed a request to address the Committee received from Mr G Scobbie in relation to Art. 172. In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee agreed to vary the order of business to hear the deputation immediately prior to the item.

172. GREENLOANING FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME

In terms of Standing Order 59, Mr G Scobbie, on behalf of residents in the area, addressed the Committee on the terms of Report 13/130 and answered Member's questions. Mr Scobbie then retired to the public gallery.

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/130) recommending that: (1) the proposed flood mitigation scheme on the Millstone Burn in the Allandale Crescent area of Greenloaning is not taken forward as the scheme fails to meet the Scottish Government's economic criteria; and (2) no further investigations into flooding at this location should be undertaken.

COUNCILLOR L SIMPSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

Resolved:

- (i) It be approved not to take forward the proposed flood mitigation scheme, to address localised flooding from the Millstone Burn to the Allandale Crescent area of Greenloaning, as the scheme fails to meet the Scottish Government's economic criteria.
- (ii) It be approved that it is not appropriate to undertake any further investigations into flooding at this location.

COUNCILLOR M BARNACLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

173. COMMERCIAL FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/131) (1) identifying a capital funding opportunity from Zero Waste Scotland; and (2) recommending that the Council introduce an in-house commercial food waste collection service from Spring 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) A separate food waste collection service for businesses, provided by Perth and Kinross Council, be approved.
- (ii) Instruct the Depute Director (Environment) to submit a progress report to a future meeting of the Committee.