

Minutes

Petitions Committee

2pm, Thursday, 10 November 2016

Present

Councillors Balfour (Convener), Gardner, Dixon, Donaldson, Edie and Keil

1. Appointment of Convener

Decision

To appoint Councillor Balfour as Convener.

2. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Petitions Committee meeting of 8 September 2016 as a correct record.

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Petitions Committee Rolling Actions Log updated to 10 November 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Rolling Actions Log.

(References – Rolling Actions Log 10 November 2016, submitted)

4. Petitions Committee Business Bulletin 10 November 2016

The Petitions Committee Business Bulletin for 10 November 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Petitions Committee Business Bulletin 10 November 2016, submitted.)

5. Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

The Committee was asked to consider one valid petition.

Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston

Ms Kay Smith (Principal Petitioner) expressed her concerns regarding the excessive number of gulls nesting on the rooftops of a number of properties in North Merchiston. Ms Smith explained that the gulls had caused worry to residents due to noise and their aggressive behaviour towards residents. Concerns were also raised that they birds were going through waste in search of food and as such residents health was at risk.

The Principal Petitioner requested that the City of Edinburgh Council run a pilot programme of de-nesting of urban gulls within North Merchiston.

Decision

- 1) To note that a working group of officials, local residents and local members had been established to formulate a multi-agency approach to tackle the number of gulls within Edinburgh, and that an update would be included in the Petitions Committee Business Bulletin on 23 January 2017 regarding the work of this group.
- 2) To ask that a further, comprehensive, update on the actions taken following the meeting of the working group be included in the Petitions Committee Business Bulletin on 30 March 2017.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

6. Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

The Committee was asked to note that there were four petitions open for signatures on the Council website.

Decision

To note that there are currently four petitions open for signatures on the Council website, 'Edinburgh Music and exhibition arena', 'Return Edinburgh's main roads to 30mph', 'Turn up street lights' and 'Use of Micro-Asphalting for Urban Repairs Resurfacing'.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)