

PETITIONS COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

Petitions Committee

Thursday 13 September 2018 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, McVey and Clocherty (for Murphy).

Chair: Councillor MacLeod presided.

In attendance: Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

In attendance also: Mr K Lang (Environmental & Public Protection).

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

509 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 509

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Murphy, with Councillor Clocherty substituting, and Councillor Brooks.

Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Save Lamonts Pier).

510 Petitions Update Report 510

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services updating the Committee on the position relative to petitions previously reported on and new petitions received since the last meeting.

Decided: that the position relative to petitions previously reported on and new petitions received since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

511 Petition for Consideration 511
Save Lamonts Pier

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing details of a petition calling for action to be taken to preserve and restore Lamonts Pier, Port Glasgow.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as having raised concerns regarding the condition of Lamonts Pier a number of years ago as Ward Councillor. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

The report advised that the petition met the petitions criteria and had received the level of public support required in terms of the approved petitions procedures.

The Committee heard Mr K Lang for Environmental and Public Protection and Councillor McKenzie as Ward Councillor.

Following discussion, Councillor McVey moved that the Committee reject the petition, bringing matters to an end.

As an amendment, Councillor Clocherty moved that the Committee remit to the appropriate Council service to provide a report to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee on the ownership position in relation to the pier and the extent

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of any Council liabilities in respect of the same.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors McVey and Jackson voted in favour of the motion and 3 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Curley and MacLeod voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Committee remit to the appropriate Council service to provide a report to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee on the ownership position in relation to the pier and the extent of any Council liabilities in respect of the same.