



To: Councillor Donnelly, Convener; Councillor Carle, Vice Convener; Councillor George Adam, the Lord Provost and Councillors Cormie, Delaney, Dickson, Graham, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Malik, Nathan Morrison, Reynolds and Stuart.

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 13 April 2015

## **PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

The Members of the **PETITIONS COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in Committee Room 2 - Town House on **TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2015 at 2.00 pm.**

RODERICK MACBEATH  
SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

### **B U S I N E S S**

#### **PETITIONS SUBMITTED**

##### **1 A Tree For Every Citizen / Deer Cull Disclosure Request**

We the undersigned petition Aberdeen City Council as follows:-

1. To immediately halt all planned deer culling in the city, at the very least until new population measurements can be taken. The SNH recent count shows a very low number of animals. We do not believe that having the small population which SNH guidelines recommend is viable for a healthy herd, we cite the previous larger number of animals on Tullos Hill (for instance) which existed for decades.
2. To explain how the SNH guidelines that are being used on Tullos, allowing for only 4-6 animals to be allowed to live on the hill, will result in a healthy herd and healthy gene pool. We remind the city that the SNH guidelines regarding deer are just that - guidelines, and there is no legal reason to follow them to the letter. The number of animals city wide, where possible by location, should be shared with the public.

3. To actively work with Police Scotland to detect and deter further illegal poaching, as happened on Tullos Hill in January of this year.
4. To erect deer crossing warning signs to motorists in strategic spots. The city seems to claim deer were indicated in 30 vehicle accidents recently, but no signs give motorists any warning of potential hot spots. Such signs are used to good effect elsewhere in the UK and throughout Europe. The city has indicated 'people ignore signs' - we feel that is not an acceptable way to try and prevent accidents. We note the city uses numerous signs directing motorists which are heeded.
5. To fully disclose all expenses the city has incurred in the last 8 years with regard to deer culling, tree planting, related consultants, fencing, herbicides, monies paid to the SNH, the Forestry Commission - any and all costs which planting during all phases of A Tree For Every Citizen scheme. The city is also to disclose any and all risk matrices created for the herbicides used (and indicate what chemicals were used) and the deer culling - or indicate whether such risk assessments were carried out.

The city was made aware of thousands of objections to the deer cull on Tullos Hill, which was carried out several years ago to aid the 'Tree For Every Citizen' scheme and to implement non-binding SNH guidelines. The city not only proceeded, but it insisted that the methodology it pursued was good value for money. Disclosing the requested information and carrying out the requested actions will determine the facts."

## 2 Pelican crossing on Greenbrae Drive, Aberdeen

"We the undersigned appeal Aberdeen City Council to install a pelican crossing on Greenbrae Drive, Aberdeen to ensure the safety of our children."

It has been brought to the attention of Greenbrae School Parent Council that the current road traffic system at the top of Greenbrae Drive (where the road meets Dubford Road) is dangerous for children.

The road layout was changed in 2014 and traffic travelling down Greenbrae Drive now have to give way for traffic proceeding up the drive.

Despite this change to the road layout, cars still travel on the drive at some speed and it is also causing confusion for children crossing the road.

The system leads children into a false sense of security as when they come to cross the road they see that the traffic in one direction is stopping and they often presume that the other side is going to do the same, this is not always the case.

We strongly feel that a pelican crossing should be installed at this point of Greenbrae Drive to make it safer for children crossing from the Greenbrae estate (where Greenbrae Primary is situated).

Greenbrae Drive is a very busy road at present with many commuters using it to access the nearby industrial estate and to join the A90 travelling northbound of the city.

With the new housing developments at Dubford and Sheilhill creating additional traffic in the area (Greenbrae is the zoned school for development) the amount of vehicles on the road is only going to continue to increase.

We appeal Aberdeen City Council to install a pelican crossing on Greenbrae Drive to ensure the safety of our children.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 3     Minute of Previous Meeting of 24 April 2014 (Pages 1 - 4)
- 4     Involving Young People in Petitions (Pages 5 - 8)

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The Petitions Committee will take one of the following decisions:

- (1) take no action and advise the lead petitioner of the Committee's reasoning; or
- (2) agree that the matter be subject of a report to the relevant Committee(s) –petitions can be referred with or without a recommendation; or
- (3) refer the matter to a relevant organisation with or without a recommendation.