

consistent with the city's transport, planning and long term sustainable development goals be presented.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

15. Braidwood Cycle Track Proposal – Motion by Councillor Burgess

The following amended motion by Councillor Burgess was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“This Council:

Welcomes the interest by Braidwood Bike Park Group in establishing a recreational bike-skills track within Council-owned land between Dumbiedykes and St. Leonard's adjacent to Holyrood Park in the Southside;

Recognises the potential of this initiative to contribute to a number of Council aims particularly improving access to healthy activity for young people;

Notes the existence of a number of such cycle tracks around the city including the Muirhouse Youth Development Group 'Cyclone track' at Gypsy Brae and the 'VAT run' at South Queensferry;

Recognises the informal community consultation held on the 3rd of November at the Craggs Sports Centre and the indications of support from a wide range of organisations and individuals including Canongate Youth Project, Southside Community Centre, the Braidwood Centre, Lothian & Borders Police – Safer Neighbourhoods Team, and Scottish Cycling;

Understands that most of this scrub woodland is currently not well-used apart for rough-sleeping and anti-social behaviour;

Understands that prior to the land being used for a cycle track, proposals will have to undertake further comprehensive community consultation, meet planning regulations, health & safety assessment, and ensure that biodiversity is protected;

Notes the intention to establish a charitable organisation and to seek external grant funding to take forward this cycle track proposal including from the Scottish Government 'Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund' which funds capital projects to create places in local communities where people can go to get active;

Therefore agrees that relevant Council departments provide appropriate advice and information so that Braidwood Bike Group are supported in bringing forward their feasibility study for this proposal.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Burgess.

16. Captain Walter Barrie, The Royal Scots Borderers – Motion by the Lord Provost

The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency in order that it be considered timeously.

The following motion by the Lord Provost was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.2:

“Council expresses its sympathy to the family of Captain Walter Barrie, serving with The Royal Scots Borderers, based in Edinburgh’s Dreghorn Barracks, who was shot in an ‘insider attack’ at Patrol Base Shawqat, Helmand Province on 11 November 2012;

Council also records its condolences for the Royal Scots Borderers as they mourn the loss of their colleague.”

Decision

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.