

Appendix 7 – Selection of comments and quotations from Community Councils

Torry Community Council – unanimous condemnation of the cull (population c 9,400)

Torry Community Council allowed Suzanne Kelly to speak at its meeting in May on the cull; they had been informed about the trees in some detail – less the crucial detail of the deer cull. The 14 members present voted unanimously to condemn the cull and to write to the City to protest the cull and the lack of consultation. Talboys specifically communicated with Torry about the trees, without ever mentioning a deer cull.

Cove & Altens Community Council: Chairman’s delegation to Housing Committee denied: ‘Stuff the trees – we would rather have the deer’ (population 7,100):

“We are totally against it, basically... the community council is unanimous and everyone in the area we speak to is against it...the message is, stuff the trees – we would rather have the deer.”

Andy Finlayson, Chair, Cove & Altens CC, Press & Journal 13 May 2011

Nigg Community Council – a history of concern for animal welfare (population 8,200)

“... the majority of the Community Council are against it (the cull)” – James Brownhill, Nigg CC

Press & Journal, 13 May 2011

At its 14 April 2011 meeting, Nigg CC resolved:-

“**Proposed Deer Cull Tullos Hill** - Majority against proposal. Lack of deer management policy holding up planting of trees under ‘tree for citizen’ scheme.”

Nigg’s Council met again on 12 May 2011 -Nigg’s minutes read:-

“**Proposed Deer Cull Tullos Hill**. Decision to cull deer city-wide approved by ACC Councillors. SNH recommended cull to save deer from starvation. Nigg CC still not happy with this decision”.