MINUTE OF APPOINTMENT

Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme ("the Scheme")

Dumfries and Galloway Council ("the Council"), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Schedule 2 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, hereby appoints Mike Croft ("the Reporter") to hold a public hearing into the Scheme in the light of objections made to it and to report with recommendations ("the Appointment").

 The Council hereby undertakes to indemnify the Reporter fully in respect of any claim ("Claim"). made against him arising in relation to the Reporter's conduct of the hearing provided the Reporter informs the Council of the Claim within 48 hours of receiving the Claim

or in exceptional circumstances such other reasonable time agreed between the

parties..

- 2. Thereafter (a) the Council shall take over the performance and management of the response to the Claim, and (b) the Reporter shall use his best endeavours to provide such information as the Council requires to assist it in such performance and management of the response to the Claim.
- 3. Without limiting its other rights or remedies, the Council may terminate this Appointment with immediate effect by giving written notice (including via electronic transmission) to the Reporter.

