

National Park Authority Planning & Access Committee Meeting



Final Minutes of Meeting held on 21st March 2016, 13:00hrs
John Muir Suite, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch

Present: Petra Biberbach (PB) – Chair
George Freeman – Depute Chair
David Warnock (DW)
Angus Allan (AA)
David McCowan (DMcC)
Fergus Wood (FW)
David McKenzie (DMcK)
Billy Ronald (BR)
Colin Bayes (CB)

In Attendance: Park Authority Staff
Stuart Mearns, Head of Planning & Rural Development (SM)
Bob Cook, Development & Implementation Manager (BC)
Simon Franks, Woodland Adviser (SF)
Yvonne Christie, Legal Adviser (YC)
Amanda Aikman, Governance & Legal Manager (AAik)
Sharon McIntyre, Committee Officer (SMcl) – Clerk

Speaker
Sue Morris (SMor)

Apologies: Hazel Sorrell (HS) and Willie Nisbet (WN)

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1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.</p> <p>SMcl confirmed that apologies had been received from HS and WN.</p> <p>The Chair explained that during this meeting in public, the planning case officers and pre-confirmed speakers will present but that other members of the public are unable to contribute.</p> <p>The Chair advised that no recording devices are permitted.</p> <p>The Chair, the Planning & Access Committee and officers introduced themselves.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that agenda item six would be handled as a confidential item in closed session from which members of the public would be excluded.</p> <p>DECISION: Members agreed to address agenda item six as a confidential agenda item.</p>	

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2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
3	<p>Draft minute of meeting held on 22nd February 2016</p> <p>The minute was proposed by DMcK and seconded by CB.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Chair advised that there were no open actions.</p>	
5	<p>2015/0001/TPO - Tree Preservation Order – Bicycle Tree</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that speakers will be allowed five minutes to speak as outlined in the standing orders and that there is one speaker for this agenda item, SMor.</p> <p>The Chair invited SF to introduce the proposal. SF outlined that following a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) being served on 10th December 2015, the Scheme of Delegation requires that the Planning and Access committee decide as to whether the provisional TPO is confirmed following a review of the representations and any other matters arising.</p> <p>SF provided an overview of the site where the Bicycle Tree is located and background to the creation of the provisional Tree Preservation Order through a series of maps and photographs.</p> <p>SF advised that three representations in support of the proposal and one in objection had been received. SF advised that a confirmed TPO would help protect the tree against any negative management. SF explained the assessment that had been undertaken and that the tree scored highly against the standard assessment criteria and advised it was therefore recommended that the order be confirmed.</p> <p>There was no discussion or questions from members. The Chair invited SMor to speak on behalf of the Trossachs Community Council, in support of the application. SMor outlined a number of points which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public interest in the Bicycle Tree, the BBC have been filming at the tree. - The tree is a prominent feature in the local community and appears on merchandise sold in the local area and is the logo for the local primary school. - There is concern that new residents in the area are not appreciative 	

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	<p>of the tree and it therefore requires protection.</p> <p>There was no discussion or questions from members. The Chair proposed the motion and invited members to advise if they agreed, as per the officer recommendation to note the decision to serve a Provisional Tree Preservation Order on one Sycamore tree at Glen Finglas Road, Brig O Turk under delegated powers; and confirm the Provisional Tree Preservation Order with modifications to conveyancing (legal site) description.</p> <p>DECISION: Members agreed with the recommendation to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the decision to serve a Provisional Tree Preservation Order on one Sycamore tree at Glen Finglas Road, Brig O Turk under delegated powers; and 2. Confirm the Provisional Tree Preservation Order with modifications to conveyancing (legal site) description. <p><i>SMor left the meeting.</i></p>	
6	<p>Confidential Enforcement Update</p> <p>This agenda item was held in closed session.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None.</p>	
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee will take place on Monday 25th April 2016.</p> <p>Afternote: This meeting was cancelled.</p>	

Signed _____
Petra Biberbach, Chair