



FOI Ref: 2015/039

3rd September 2015

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, received by email on 6th August 2015. Your specific requests and the relevant information held by the National Park Authority are provided below.

Who and when was it decided to purchase the solar powered boat named Bàta Grèine.
The Park Authority Executive team at the time, along with the Project Board for Mopark (Mobility for National Parks). Information about the Mopark project can be found at:
<http://archive.northsearegion.eu/iiib/projectpresentation/details/&tid=9&theme=1>

Full details of any consultation process or feasibility research prior to purchase of the boat.
This project started more than eleven years ago, and I have to advise that we no longer hold this information.

Date of purchase of Bàta Grèine.
A purchase order was raised for the boat in November 2004.

Cost of the purchase of the said boat.
The cost of the boat was £240,000 including import tax.

How was the purchase price funded, any non National Park Authority funding?
The boat was fully funded by a Structural Funds Community Initiative under the European Regional Development Fund.

Date of delivery of the boat to Loch Lomond.
The boat was delivered to the Park Authority in January 2006.

What was the intended prime purpose of the boat.
The intended purpose of the boat was as part of a trial of sustainable transport, and as a means of providing access to the West Loch Lomond area for people of all abilities.

Has Loch Lomond Park Authority prepared any research papers in relation to the intended use of the boat.
We have no relevant information held on research into the intended use of the boat.

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What training or necessary qualifications must a ranger have before he or she is allowed to drive / skipper and operate the boat.

The training/qualifications required to operate the boat are:

RYA Yachtmaster Coastal (Commercially Endorsed) and RYA Day Skipper (Commercially Endorsed).

The present total number of Loch Lomond Park Authority employees with a break down as to how many are full time and how many part time.

There are currently 126 full time employees and 38 part time employees at the Park Authority.

The present total number of water based Loch Lomond Park Authority employees again full details of full and part time.

There are currently 3 full time water based employees and 3 part time, though this would be 5 part time, if we include duties undertaken by FTE employees fulfilling duties on Loch Lomond.

The present total number of Loch Lomond Park Authority employees who can with the appropriate qualifications and training can drive /skipper Bàta Grèine .

There are five Park Authority employees qualified to drive/skipper the solar boat.

Since the year of purchase, please provide for each year:

(1) The actual total running time of the boat being used on the Loch

The total running time of the boat at 13th July 2015 is 3,607 hours. We do not hold details of the annual hours of running time.

(2) The actual total number of passengers carried on the boat (adults and children)

The total number of passengers that can be carried on the boat is twelve, with the skipper and two crew. We do not have records of the total number of passengers that have been carried on the boat since we purchased it.

The date Bàta Grèine was last used by the Loch Lomond Park Authority and for what purpose.

The boat was last used on 13th July 2015 to fulfil routine maintenance duties.

Finally, please provide full contact details of the person who has overall day to day management of the boat.

The finance and Procurement Manager, Mr Andrew Jump has overall responsibility of the boat. His contact details are: Andrew.jump@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

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Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.

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- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to the Director of Corporate Services:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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