

# National Park Authority Special Board Meeting



**Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 13:30hrs  
Crianlarich Village Hall, Main Street, Crianlarich, FK20 8QN**

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Present: James Stuart (JS) – Convener  
Willie Nisbet (WN)  
Petra Biberbach (PB)  
David McKenzie (DMcK)  
David Warnock (DW)  
David McCowan (DMcC)  
Colin Bayes (CB)  
Graham Lambie (GL)  
Diane Docherty (DD)  
Murray Lyle (ML)  
Danny Gibson (DG)  
Angus Allan (AA)

In Attendance: Park Authority Staff  
Stuart Mearns, Director of Rural Development and Planning (SM)  
Catherine Stewart, Development Management Planner (CS)  
Alan Bell, Landscape & Ecology Manager (AB)  
Melanie Barbour, Governance & Legal Manager (MB)  
Sharon McIntyre, Committee Officer (SMcl) – Clerk

Apologies: Lindsay Morrison (LM)  
Ellen Morton (EM)  
Barbara Morgan (BM)  
Billy Ronald (BR)

Speaker: Richard Gray (RG)  
Alan Smailes (AS)  
Ellen Cattanach (EC)  
Bill Stephens (BS)  
Jonathan Binny (JB)  
Nick Kempe (NK)

Item	Title / Discussion	Action by
1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Convener welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that this meeting would take the form of a hearing to determine the proposed application for the development of an underground mine to extract gold and silver with associated service and production building, plant, storage areas, Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), settlement pond and gauging station, bridge and car parking (Further revision of 2014/0285/DET).</p> <p>The Convener advised that apologies had been received from LM, EM, BM and BR.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None.</p>	

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3	<p><b>2017/0254/MIN - Minerals Cononish Road, Tyndrum, Stirling</b></p> <p><b>Consideration of Item</b></p> <p>The Director of Rural Development and Planning and the Planning case officer presented the planning application, advising that at the date of the preparation of the Report, 10 representations had been received; of which 5 were in support; 4 were in objection; and 1 was neither supporting nor objecting to the proposal; narrated that details of the representations that were contained within the report; noted that since preparation of the report Stirling Council's Flood Prevention officer advised they had no objection; summarised a late representation objecting to the proposed development; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Director of Rural Development and Planning, namely, approval subject to the (1) the conditions detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and the conclusion of the Heads of Terms summarised in Appendix 2 of the report and acknowledgement of registration of the section 75 agreement in the Land Register/Register of Sasines; and (2) authorise the Director of Rural Development and Planning to continue negotiations to secure the items listed in paragraph 9.42 of this report and that the Director of Rural Development and Planning will consult with the Convener of the National Park Board and revert back to the Board, if in any doubt over the acceptability of terms, prior to the issue of the decision notice.</p> <p><b>Planning Hearing</b></p> <p>The Board then heard from</p> <p>RG on behalf of Scotgold (SGZ Cononish Ltd), the applicant in support of the application. Members asked questions of RG and officers;</p> <p>AS on behalf of Strathfillan Community Council in support of the application. Members asked questions of AS and officers;</p> <p>EC on behalf of Strathfillan Community Development Trust in support of the application;</p> <p>BS in respect of his objection. Members asked questions of BS and officers;</p> <p>And JB on behalf of Mountaineering Scotland in respect of their objection. Members asked questions of JB.</p> <p>The Chair called a five minute adjournment of the meeting.</p> <p>The Board then heard from NK in respect of his objection. Members asked</p>	

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	<p>questions of NK and officers.</p> <p>The Convener closed the hearing.</p> <p><b>Determination of the Application</b></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the proposed application. Following discussion, Members unanimously agreed to:</p> <p>Approve application ref. 2017/0254/MIN subject to the conditions contained in Appendix 1 of this report and the conclusion of a section 75 agreement/planning obligation incorporating the Heads of Terms summarised in Appendix 2 and acknowledgement of registration of the section 75 agreement in the Land Register/Register of Sasines; and</p> <p>Agree to authorise the Director of Rural Development and Planning to continue negotiations to secure the items listed in paragraph 9.42 of the report and that the Director of Rural Development and Planning will consult with the Convener of the National Park Board and revert back to the Board, if in any doubt over the acceptability of terms, prior to the issue of the decision notice,</p> <p>For the reasons detailed in the report referred to above by the Director of Rural Development and Planning.</p>	
4	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
5	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Park Authority Board will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.</p>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**James Stuart, Convener**