

# National Park Authority Board Meeting



**Draft Minutes of Meeting held at 10:00am on  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Balmaha Visitor Centre, Balmaha, G63 OJQ**

Present:

James Stuart (Convener)	Graham Lambie (GL)
William Nisbet (WN) (Vice Convener)	Barbara Morgan (BM)
Ellen Morton (EM)	Diane Docherty (DD)
David McCowan (DMcC)	Petra Biberbach (PB)
Angus Allan (AA)	Billy Ronald (BR)
Colin Bayes (CB)	Lindsay Morrison (LM)
Bob Darracott (BD)	Martin Earl (ME)

In Attendance: Park Authority Staff:  
 Gordon Watson (GW), Chief Executive Officer  
 Jaki Carnegie (JC), Director of Corporate Services  
 Simon Jones (SJ), Director of Conservation and Visitor Operations  
 Anna MacLean (AM), Head of Communications  
 Kenny Auld (KA), Recreation, Access & Health Manager - part  
 Catherine Stewart (CS), Development Management Manager (Performance and Support) - part  
 Sharon McIntyre (SMcI), Committee Officer (Clerk)

Apologies: Murray Lyle (ML)  
 Danny Gibson (DG)  
 Kendal Adams (KA), Board observer

Item	Action	Action by
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>  The Convener opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and members of the public. The Convener welcomed BD and ME to their first Board meeting as locally elected Board members. The Convener confirmed the protocols of holding a Board meeting in public.  The Convener advised that apologies had been received from ML, DG and KA.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  None.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>	

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	The minutes were proposed by DD and seconded by GL.	
<b>3.2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by WN and seconded by CB.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>JC introduced the matters arising and noted the open actions.</p> <p>CS provided an update on the Cononish Bond. CS reminded Members that at the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Board meeting the Board authorised the Director of Rural Development and Planning to continue negotiations with a view to finalising the Section 75 Planning Agreement and issuing planning decision notice in consultation with the Convener of the Park Authority Board. If negotiations did not secure acceptable terms, the matter would be referred back to the Board for further consideration.</p> <p>CS advised that negotiations were still continuing with a view to issue the decision notice in the next few weeks, CS advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once the decision notice is in place there are a number of Planning conditions on the consent which require to be discharged before development can commence. These are the 'pre-start' conditions.</li> <li>- There are 19 of these and one involves improvements to the junction on the A82 at Dalrigh. In order for these on-site preparatory works to take place the bonds must first be in place.</li> <li>- To accord with the provisions of the section 75 legal agreement a Glen Advisory Group must be set up and a date agreed for the first meeting. The call for the meeting must be issued at least a month prior to the commencement of development; and the meeting must be held within a month of the commencement of development.</li> <li>- The recruitment of the Planning Compliance Officer, to monitor the development once this has commenced, is underway.</li> <li>- A communications plan will be prepared for the issuing of the decision notice.</li> <li>- The Board will be notified when the decision notice is issued.</li> </ul> <p><b>DECISION:</b> Members agreed to note the report.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Core Paths Plan Review</b></p> <p>KA introduced the Core Paths Plan Review.</p>	

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	<p><b>DECISION:</b> Following discussion and comment, members agreed to approve the proposed content and consultation questions for the forthcoming Core Paths Plan Review, ahead of the formal public consultation.</p>	
6	<p><b>2019/20 Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>JC introduced the 2019/20 Meeting Dates.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> Following review, members agreed to approve the draft Board, committee and group meeting calendars for 2019 and 2020.</p>	
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>GW notified members of ongoing discussions with Argyll and Bute Council in relation to car park charging at Duck Bay Marina, Luss village and two sites at the head of Loch Long in Arrochar.</p> <p>The Convener highlighted the successful delivery of the Open Water Swimming Competition as part of the European Championships 2018 and thanked all staff and volunteers for their involvement.</p> <p>The Convener advised members that the recruitment process for the ministerial appointments to the Board is now complete and is with the Minister for approval.</p> <p>CB noted the successful outcome of recovering possession of Luss Visitor Centre and thanked all involved in bringing this to conclusion. GW advised that the future use of the building will be brought back to the Board for decision in due course.</p> <p>ME requested a meeting with SJ and Matt Buckland, with regard to motor home provision in Callander. SJ noted this request.</p> <p>The Convener thanked CB, PB and LM for their eight year term on the Board as ministerial appointments.</p>	
8	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.</p>	

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**James Stuart, Convener**