

National Park Authority

Planning & Access Committee Meeting



Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 14th December 2020, 13:30hrs
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Present: Bob Darracott (BD) – Chair
Willie Nisbet (WN)
Martin Earl (ME)
Ronnie Erskine (RE)
Chris Spray (CS)
David McCowan (DM)
Graham Lambie (GL)
Diane Docherty (DD)
Bobby Good (BG)
Shonny Paterson (SP)

In Attendance: Park Authority Staff
Stuart Mearns, Director of Rural Development and Planning (SM)
Bob Cook, Development Management Manager (Delivery) (BC)
Simon Franks, Trees and Woodland Advisor (SF)
Yvonne Christie, Legal Services Adviser (General) (YC)
Sharon McIntyre, Committee Officer (SMcl)

Alastair McKie, Legal Clerk, Anderson Strathern LLP (AM)

Apologies: Claire Chapman (CC) – Depute Chair
Murray Lyle (ML)

Item	Title / Discussion	Action by
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed attendees to this virtual meeting of the Planning & Access Committee.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the meeting was able to take place in this format as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board Standing Order 25 which allows participation of Members in meetings by video and/or audio link. - The Board agreed at the 7th December 2020 Board meeting that the provisions of Standing Order 25 continue to apply, and Board, Committee, and Local Review Body meetings will continue to held virtually, until government restrictions on physical distancing are lifted such that in person meetings can be held safely. - The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 denotes that public are to be excluded from a meeting of a local authority whenever it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be a real and substantial risk to public health due to infection or contamination with coronavirus. As our offices are closed at this time as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, 	

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	<p>we hope that by providing a live webcast of this meeting allows for the public to view proceedings as they would normally without a risk to health.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed any members of the public viewing the virtual meeting and advised Members of housekeeping points required to hold a meeting in this format.</p> <p>The Chair invited all of the virtual meeting participants to introduce themselves.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed BG and SP to their first meeting on the Planning & Access Committee following appointment to the committee at the Monday 7th December 2020 Board meeting.</p> <p>The Chair formally congratulated CC on her appointment as Depute Chair of the Planning & Access Committee following the Monday 7th December 2020 Board meeting and wished her all the best in this new role.</p> <p>The Chair also wished to record thanks to Billy Ronald (BR) for his valued contribution to the committee, BR has since joined another committee as part of the bi-annual Committee review process at the Monday 7th December 2020 Board meeting.</p> <p>The Chair advised that apologies had been received from CC and ML.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p> <p>AM confirmed the meeting was quorate.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Draft minute of meeting held on 23rd November 2020</p> <p>CS advised that a minor amendment to the draft minute was required as the Planning Officer, Caroline Strugnell and himself are both detailed as CS.</p> <p>AM advised that this this should be detailed as an amendment. The Chair put forward the amendment for the minute to be updated to differentiate between Chris Spray and Caroline Strugnell with the use of different initials.</p> <p>The amendment was proposed by WN and seconded by CS.</p>	

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	<p>DD advised that as she was not present at the last meeting she would withhold from approving the minute. The Chair advised that ME, BG and SP were also not present at the Monday 23rd November 2020 meeting and would not be asked to approve this minute.</p> <p>For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision from the remaining members present and confirmed his position. All other members present were in agreement to approve the minute subject to the minor amendment to differentiate between Chris Spray and Caroline Strugnell with the use of different initials.</p> <p>DECISION: The minute was therefore approved by the Committee, subject to the minor amendment to differentiate between Chris Spray and Caroline Strugnell with the use of different initials.</p>	
4	<p>Tree Preservation Order Recommendation </p> <p>2020/0002/TPO - Ben Cruach Lodge, Tarbet, Argyll And Bute</p> <p>Consideration of Item</p> <p>Trees and Woodlands Adviser (SF) presented the report and advised that 7 representations all in support of the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) were received and are summarised in section 7.2 of the report. One of these representations requested the extension of the TPO to include trees adjacent to their property. This extension is not considered appropriate because the remit of this TPO is to protect the native woodland rather than trees within the garden curtilage.</p> <p>SF advised of an error on page 10 of the report under section 8.7, the total area of the restocking direction should be 0.47ha not 0.32 ha.</p> <p>SF put forward the recommendation of the Director of Rural Development and Planning, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the making of the TPO on the 18th June 2020– issued with approval of the Chair of the Planning & Access Committee (Reference: 2020/0002/TPO) b) Approve the recommendation to confirm the TPO with modification (see appendix 1). <p>Members then discussed the report and asked questions of officers. Discussion took place regarding the topography of the site, the location of the unauthorised felling on the site, the proposed modified TPO and management of the replanting.</p>	

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	<p>Following discussion the Chair requested a proposer and seconder for the Officer's recommendation.</p> <p>MOTION: RE, seconded by ME proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">c) Note the making of the TPO on the 18th June 2020– issued with approval of the Chair of the Planning & Access Committee (Reference: 2020/0002/TPO)d) Approve the recommendation to confirm the TPO with modification (see appendix 1). <p>For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. All members were in agreement with the motion of the officer's recommendation.</p> <p>DECISION: As no competent amendment was tabled, the motion became the decision of the Committee.</p>	
5	Any Other Business The Chair thanked Members and Officers for their contributions throughout the year and wished everyone an enjoyable break over the festive period.	
6	Date of Next Meeting The date of next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee is Monday 25 th January 2021.	

Signed _____
Bob Darracott, Chair