



FOI Ref: 2020/012

15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

**“copy of the Minutes of the National Park Recovery Group that was held in the week leading up to the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. I have looked on LLTNP Website but didn't see them.”**

A meeting of the National Park Safe Recovery Action Group was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The main headlines and actions from this meeting are attached in Appendix A. Please note that some personal information has been redacted, specifically the names of external parties who attended this meeting and the names of National Park Authority staff who are below manager grade. This information is exempt from release under sections 38(1)(b) and 38(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Yours sincerely

**Governance and Legal Team  
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority**

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.

- 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:

Governance & Legal Team  
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority  
National Park Headquarters  
Carrochan  
Carrochan Road  
Balloch  
G83 8EG  
E-mail: [info@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:info@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

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:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS  
Tel: 01334 464610  
Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)  
E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)  
Online appeal portal: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

# National Park Safe Recovery Action Group

## Main Headlines / Actions



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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### Present:

LLTNPA	Police Scotland	Transport Scotland	Asset Owners
Gordon Watson	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX, Argyll & Bute Council
Simon Jones	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX, Perth & Kinross Council
Anna MacLean	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX, Stirling Council
Matt Buckland	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXX, West Dunbartonshire Council
Kenny Auld	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXX, Forestry and Land Scotland
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1. The last minute change in guidance to outdoor recreation in beauty spots, particular reference to National Park during yesterday's FM statement was unexpected by all Partners.
2. In response to the additional guideline strong consensus was reached by all Partners to close late yesterday afternoon.
3. Press releases were reworked yesterday and the communications campaign was launched today in addition to a video by Jason Leitch, which had already seen over 5k views by the time of the meeting.
4. All Partners confirmed clear messaging has been shared with all internal and external stakeholders and will continue to have clear communication channels.
5. Transport Scotland / Traffic Scotland representatives asked for all Local Authorities and other partners to feed in variable sign message requests directly to them. Should there be no incident response messages local messaging can be arranged.
6. A number of car parks across the National Park remain open, to include Tarbet and Woodland Trust car parks.
7. Traffic management approaches are being taken by all Local Authorities and Transport Scotland confirmed discussions are underway to find a solution to the continuing dangerous parking issues at Falls of Falloch. XXXXXX to report post Multi-Agency Response Group meeting later today.

8. Police Scotland highlighted that they can no longer enforce those travelling long distances, there is no legislation to allow such powers, they will continue to engage, explain and encourage.
9. Police Scotland confirmed there will be strong presence on the ground this weekend with focus on the clear hotspots, this will be dependent upon other crime matters that may occur.
10. The National Park Authority agreed to facilitate intelligence to partners throughout the weekend. All Partners to share key contact details to XXXXXXXX ahead of the weekend.
11. It was agreed to convene a weekend check-in on Saturday evening, all Partners asked to ensure there is representation at the meeting if unable to attend personally.
12. Post weekend check-in has been scheduled 15:00 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, next steps and future meetings will be discussed at this meeting.