

Draft Minutes of Meeting Held at 13:30hrs on 29th November 2021 at Carrochan, Balloch

Agenda Item: 3

Planning and Access Committee

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Attendees

Members

Bob Darracott (BD) Chair

Martin Earl (ME)

David McCowan (DM)

Willie Nisbet (WN)

Diane Docherty (DD) Chris Spray (CS)

In Attendance – National Park Authority staff

Bob Cook, Development & Implementation Manager (BC) Kirsty Sweeney, Development Planning Advisor (KS) Amanda Muller, Development Planning Assistant (AM) Catherine Stewart, Development Support Manager (CSt) Douglas Smith, Board and Committee Manager (DS) (Minutes) Susan Brooks, Communities and Place Planning Manager (SB) Alison Williamson, Development Management Planner (AW) Jane Cook, Moderator (JC)

Also In Attendance

Chris Devlin, Legal Clerk, Anderson Strathern LLP (CD) Trevor Geraghty, Strathard Framework Steering Group (TG)

Apologies

Claire Chapman (CC) Murray Lyle (ML) Bobby Good (BG) Shonny Paterson (SP) Ronnie Erskine (RE)

Items and Actions

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to this meeting of the Planning & Access Committee

The Chair welcomed the members of the public in attendance and any members of the public viewing the meeting online.

The Chair invited all participants to introduce themselves. Chair confirmed that members must be present for an item to be able to participate in the decision.

The Chair advised that CC, SP, RE, ML, and BG were not in attendance.

CD confirmed this meeting was quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest raised.

3. Draft minute of meeting held on 30th August 2021

The Chair introduced the minutes and asked for comments. None was made.

The minute was proposed for approval by ME and seconded by DM without amendment.

The Chair took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. Only DM, CS, WN, ME and BD participated in this decision, on the basis that only those Members were present at the 30th August 2021 Committee. All five Members participating in this decision voted to approve the minutes without amendment.

DECISION: As no competent amendment was tabled, the minute was approved by the Committee.

4. Strathard Framework

Address to Committee

Following the report from KS, the Chair noted that TG was in attendance and used his discretion under Standing Order 29 to invite TG to address the Committee as a member of the Strathard Framework Steering Group.

Consideration of Item

A detailed discussion of the paper took place.

Members commended the report as an excellent example of community engagement and thanks all involved for their hard work and dedication.

Members expressed a desire to see this model of engagement user more widely.

CS raised point about 'missing voices' and raised Scottish Water and SEPA specifically as examples of where greater input may have been expected. KS explained that informal dialogue had taken place with both agencies and both will be involved in delivery.

KS highlighted that the delivery plan is a separate document to allow flexibility – more reactive than the Framework.

ME highlighted the success of flexible approach taken in forming the framework.

Discussion took place on the precise working of the recommendation and CD asked KS to clarify what members were voting on. KS confirmed that the recommendation as written in the paper was to be amended at 'C' to read "...make any minor amendments to the design, formatting and text prior to final publication...".

MOTION: WN, seconded by DM, proposed to approve the recommendation as amended above.

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. All members were in agreement with the motion.

DECISION: The motion to approve the recommendation became the decision of the Committee, noting the consultation comments and amendemnet.

5. Draft Planning Guidance

Consideration of Item

KS presented the paper and detailed discussion took place.

KS highlighted that the item accords with National Planning Framework 4.

KS raised that a few typos have been spotted, which will be cleared up.

ME suggested using board member networks to widen ongoing consultation.

MOTION: CS, seconded by DM, proposed to approve the recommendation.

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. All members were in agreement with the motion.

DECISION: The motion to approve both parts of the recommendation became the decision of the Committee.

6. Local Development Plan: Action Programme - Update

Consideration of Item

The paper was presented by AM, there were no questions from members.

MOTION: DD, seconded by ME, proposed to approve the recommendation.

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. All members were in agreement with the motion.

DECISION: The motion to approve both parts of the recommendation became the decision of the Committee.

7. 2017/0254/MIN – Cononish Gold Mine, Tyndrum, Update for Committee

Consideration of Item

AW presented the paper. A detailed discussion followed.

WN asked what adapted methods had been used in relation to higher moisture content. AW – explained the adaptations. SM explained LLTNPA giotech advisor had been on site.

CS asked if a study had been done on carbon balance on impact. AW confirmed they were not aware of this being done, but confirmed it is something that can be looked at.

CS asked how long will the monitoring of the peat will continue for. AW confirmed that it will be throughout the life of the mine and decommissioning period.

MOTION: WN, seconded by CS, proposed to approve the recommendation.

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. All members were in agreement with the motion.

DECISION: The motion to approve both parts of the recommendation became the decision of the Committee.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee is scheduled for 31st January 2022.

Signed