



Draft Minutes of Meeting Held at 13:30hrs on 28th March at Carrochan, Balloch

Agenda Item: 3

Planning and Access Committee

28th March 2022

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Attendees

Members

Bob Darracott (BD) Chair

Claire Chapman (CC) Depute Chair

Willie Nisbet (WN)

Ronnie Erskine (RE)

Diane Docherty (DD)

Alistair Berrill (AB)

In Attendance – National Park Authority staff

Stuart Mearns, Director of Place (SM)

Bob Cook, Development & Implementation Manager (BC)

Susan Brooks, Communities and Place Planning Manager (AW)

Kirsty Sweeney, Development Planning Advisor (KS)

Douglas Smith, Board and Committee Manager (DS) (Moderator and Minutes)

Also In Attendance

Chris Devlin, Legal Clerk, Anderson Strathern LLP (CD)

Apologies

Chris Spray (CS)

Murray Lyle (ML)

Martin Earl (ME)

Shonny Paterson (SP)

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. The Chair confirmed that members must be present for an item to be able to participate in the decision.

The Chair advised that CS, SP, ME, ML, DMc and BG were not in attendance. Apologies were received in advance from CS, ME and ML and SP.

CD confirmed this meeting was quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest raised.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Meeting held on 29th November 2021

All six members who attended the meeting of the Planning and Access Committee on 29 November have confirmed in writing that the minutes of that meeting are approved subject to a typographical error in item 7 being amended.

DECISION: The minutes of the Planning and Access Committee held on 29th November 2021 are approved.

Meeting held on 28th February 2022

The Chair introduced the minutes and asked for comments.

DD is listed as attending in the minute but was in not in attendance – minute will be updated to reflect.

CD confirmed that only those present at the meeting on 28th February 2022 could vote to approve the minutes, and that 5 eligible members are required for that vote to be quorate. As this threshold was not met amongst members present at this meeting, a motion to approve the minutes of 28th February was not proposed.

DECISION: The minutes of the Planning and Access Committee held on 28th February 2022 are to be moved for approval at the next meeting of the Planning and Access Committee, scheduled for 25 April 2022.

4. Draft Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) Consultation Response

Consideration of Item

SB presented the paper alongside a PowerPoint presentation to Members. SB confirmed that NPF4 will be an important document which will interact with our Local Development Plan, Regional Spatial Strategy and National Park Partnership Plan.

SB outlined the key areas of the proposed response on NPF4, as detailed in section 4 of the paper.

KS highlighted to the Committee the policies where officers consider that there are missed opportunities in terms of how the policies will affect the role and aims of the National Park.

The Chair thanked SB and KS for their work in preparing such a detailed paper.

A detailed discussion of the paper took place.

WN raised concerns about Central Urban Transformation

AB asked if there was an idea about what may change in planning decisions as NPF4 comes in to force. KS said that NPF4 would influence the LDP and bring in new requirements. SM commented that legal weight in decision making and influence over LDP is the key.

BD asked for clarification on timescale for confirmation of NPF4 – KS confirmed June is the aspiration of Scottish Government.

RE, BD and WN acknowledge concern amongst officers and Members about the National Park's inclusion in the Central Urban category. Three main proposed solutions were discussed

- Remaining in the Central Urban category with an explicit acknowledgement that many of the National Park's priorities align more closely with the Northern category.
- Moving the National Park to the Northern category with an explicit acknowledgement that some of the National Park's priorities align with the Central Urban category
- The creation of a separate National Parks category

This will be considered and included in the National Park's official response to the consultation on NPF4.

CC clarified two minor typographical errors to be amended.

MOTION: WN, seconded by DD, 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 the recommendation became the decision of the Committee.

5. Planning Enforcement Charter Update Report

Consideration of Item

BC presented the paper and a detailed discussion took place.

BC set out that it is a legal requirement to have the charter and that it must be updated every 2 years.

MOTION: RE, seconded by CC, proposed to approve the recommendation.

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

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

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee is scheduled for 25th April 2022.

Signed
