



Draft Minutes of Meeting Held at 13:30hrs on 26th April 2021 – Live webcast

Agenda Item: 3

Planning and Access Committee

28th June 2021

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Present

Bob Darracott (BD) – Chair
Claire Chapman (CC) – Depute Chair
Willie Nisbet (WN)
Martin Earl (ME)
Ronnie Erskine (RE)
Chris Spray (CS)
David McCowan (DM)
Murray Lyle (ML)
Bobby Good (BG)
Shonny Paterson (SP)

In Attendance – National Park Authority staff

Stuart Mearns, Director of Place (SM)
Susan Brooks, Communities and Place Planning Manager (SB)
Caroline Strugnell, Planning Officer (CSPO)
Alison Williamson, Development Planner (AW)
Kirsty Sweeney, Development Planner (KS)
Yvonne Christie, Legal Adviser to National Park Authority (YC)
Alan Bell, Conservation Manager (AB)
Jane Cook, Executive and Business Support Manager (JC)
Lesla Hartland, Personal Assistant (LH)

Also in attendance:

Alastair McKie, Legal Clerk, Anderson Strathern LLP (AM)
Chris Devlin, Assistant Legal Clerk, Anderson Strathern LLP (CD)

Apologies

Diane Docherty (DD)

Items and Actions

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

The Chair advised that the meeting was able to take place in this format as a result of:

- Board Standing Order 25 which allows participation of Members in meetings by video and/or audio link.
- The Board agreed at the 14th September 2020 Board meeting that the provisions of Standing Order 25 continue to apply, and Board, Committee, and Local Review Body meetings will continue to be 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, 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.

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.

The Chair invited all of the virtual meeting participants to introduce themselves.

The Chair advised that apologies had been received from DD.

The Chair acknowledged the untimely passing of Graham Lambie (Board Member) and expressed condolences to his family and friends. The Chair recognised the significant contribution that Graham made to work of the National Park Authority over many years including his contribution to the Board, this Committee and the Local Review Body. WM also expressed his great sadness at the passing of Graham Lambie and spoke of his wise judgement and dedication.

AM confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest

DM advised that he is the applicant in respect of Agenda Item 4. AM confirmed that DM would therefore require to absent himself during the discussion and decision of the Committee in respect of Agenda Item 4 but that DM may participate in all other Agenda Items.

CC advised that although she has a registerable interest as an employee of Scottish Water she has not had any involvement in respect of Agenda Item 5. AM confirmed that the nature of CC's interest did not preclude her from participating in the discussion and decision in respect of Agenda Item 5.

3. Draft minute of meeting held on 25th January 2021

The minute was proposed for approval by CC and seconded by WN, without amendments.

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. ML was not present at the last meeting and was therefore unable to approve the minute. All other members present were in agreement to approve the minute.

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

4. 2020/0331/HAE – Erection of Two Storey Extension and Raised Decking to Dwellinghouse at Auchendennan Farm, Arden

As applicant, DM left the meeting to absent himself from consideration of this Agenda Item. This Agenda Item is being considered and decided upon by the Committee because under the National Park Authority's Scheme of Delegation where a planning application is made by a Board Member the planning application must be determined by the Committee.

Consideration of Item

CSPO presented the planning application to the Committee noting that she was doing so in substitution of Craig Jardine, the Planning Officer who prepared the Report. Bob Cook and Craig Jardine were not able to be present at the Committee, Caroline Strugnell lead on this item in their absence.

CSPO put forward the recommendation of the Director of Place that the planning application be approved subject to the single condition contained in Appendix 1 of the Report.

The Chair asked members if there were any questions. None was asked.

MOTION: RE, seconded by CC, proposed to approve the application subject to the imposition of the condition set out in Appendix 1 of the Report.

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed his position. BG's decision could not be recorded due to technical issues. All remaining members were in agreement with the motion.

DECISION: As no competent amendment was tabled, the motion became the decision of the Committee.

5. Draft Strathard Framework

DM returned to the meeting of the Committee prior to the discussion in respect of Agenda Item 5 commencing. BG did not return to the meeting of the Committee until midway through the discussion of Agenda Item 5, in which case BG was excluded from participating in this Agenda Item.

Consideration of Item

KS presented the Report.

KS put forward the recommendation of the Director of Place as follows:

- a) Note the formation and engagement processes used in the production of the Framework;
- b) Approve the draft Strathard Framework, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Report, for consultation starting May 2021 to June 2021; and
- c) Agree to delegate responsibility to the Director of Place to make any amendments to the design and formatting prior to consultation.

KS further proposed that the above recommendation be amended to allow the Director of Place to make minor editorial changes in respect of sections on Kinlochard as they relate to constraints and resilience.

The Chair then invited members to ask questions and the report was discussed.

Following the discussion by Members, AM summarised that the motion would be in favour of the recommendation a) to c) as above and subject also to the additional item d) below:

- d) Agree to delegate responsibility to the Director of Place to make minor editorial changes in respect of sections on Kinlochard as they relate to constraints and resilience.

AM reminded the Committee that BG could not participate in the decision on this Agenda Item due to not being present for the first part of the discussion because of technical difficulties.

MOTION: RE, seconded by ME, proposed to approve the four parts of the motion.

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 became the decision of the Committee.

6. Any Other Business

SM, with input from AW in respect of (a) below, updated the Committee in respect of two matters as follows:

- a) ScotGold and the mining at Cononish
- b) A complaint of alleged unauthorised tree felling at Luss

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee is anticipated to be 31 May 2021.

Signed

Bob Darracott, Chair