



# Draft Minutes of Meeting Held at 14:00hrs on 30 October 2023 at Lomond Parish Church, Balloch

## Planning and Access Committee

18 December 2023

Paper for approval

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### Attendees

#### Members

Claire Chapman (CC) Chair	Ronnie Erskine (RE)
William Sinclair (WS) Depute Chair	David Mackie (DM)
Richard Johnson (RJ)	Chris Spray (CSp)

### In Attendance – National Park Authority staff

Stuart Mearns, Director of Place (SM)

Susan Brooks, Development Planning Manager (SB)

Vivian Emery, Development Management Planner (VE)

Bob Cook, Development Manager (BC)

Alex Elmslie, Place Planner (AE)

Caroline Strugnell, Development Management Planner (CSt)

Craig Jardine, Development Management Planner (CJ)

Dougie Smith, Corporate Performance Manager (DS) – Governance Clerk and Minutes

**Also In Attendance**

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

**Apologies**

Hazel Sorrell

Davy Fettes

Matin Earl

Shonny Paterson

## Items and Actions

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to this meeting of the Planning & Access Committee and thanked Lomond Parish Church for hosting during the ongoing work to the building at National Park Headquarters.

The Chair welcomed the members of the public attending in person.

The Chair invited all participants to introduce themselves.

The Chair advised that Hazel Sorrell, Davy Fettes, Martin Earl and Shonny Paterson were not in attendance and had submitted their apologies.

CD confirmed that this meeting was quorate.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

CSp declared his role as a Board Member of the Countryside Trust in relation to Item 6.

CC declared her role as an employee of Scottish Water in relation to Items 4 and 5. Scottish Water were statutory consultees on these items.

Neither declaration was considered material to participation in the stated items.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

As there were not 5 members present who attended the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September, the Chair made the decision to seek approval of the minutes by correspondence following today's meeting.

**Action: DS to seek confirmation of minutes by correspondence with those Members present.**

**4. 2023/0003/DET - Change of use of grazing field to campsite comprising formation of 12 no. campervan pitches; 15 no. tent pitches and parking spaces and conversion of existing barn to provide toilet, shower and waste disposal facilities at Carrick Farm (Caroline Strugnell)**

CSt presented the officer's report, alongside a PowerPoint presentation. Questions from Members followed.

The applicant, Jai Cowper-Smith spoke in support of the application. Questions from Members followed.

Tom Murray spoke in objection to the application. Questions from Members followed.

Further discussion took place between Members. The main points of the discussion included consideration of:

- The position of the Community Council in responding to the application
- Traffic, access road and parking considerations
- Clarification of the status of Scottish Water's response
- Requirement for SEPA licence in relation to chemical waste disposal
- Rainfall and flooding impact
- Local Authority licencing regime for campsites

**MOTION:** RE, seconded by RJ, proposed to approve the recommendation as follows:

**That Members: APPROVE the application subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**

**DECISION:** By unanimous decision, the **motion** became the decision of the Committee.

CD confirmed the decision of the committee to approve the application subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

**5. 2023/0245/DET – Land to South of Blarnaboard Barn Cottage, Erection of stable, formation of access and parking area (Craig Jardine)**

CJ presented the officer's report alongside a PowerPoint presentation. Questions from Members followed.

Amber Thomson, the applicant, spoke in support of the application. Questions from Members followed.

The main points of the discussion included consideration of:

- The concerns of the Community Council
- Landscape, archaeological and environmental impact
- Protection of the watercourse
- The impact of tree planting

**MOTION:** CS, seconded by WS, proposed to approve the recommendation as follows:

**That Members: APPROVE the application subject to the imposition of the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**

**DECISION:** By unanimous decision, the **motion** became the decision of the Committee.

CD confirmed the decision of the committee to approve the application subject to the imposition of the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

## **6. 2017/0254/MIN – Cononish Gold Mine update (Stuart Mearns)**

SM outlined the report and gave context for Members not on the Board at the time of the original decision to grant planning permission in this case.

The main points highlighted were:

- Continued monitoring of site, with additional visit
- Review of cash bonds and assurance provided externally
- Uncontrolled release of sediment raised and monitored by SEPA
- Impact of weather on restoration of stacks and lessons to be learned for future applications
- Assurance provided that any notable change in circumstances will be communicated to Members

**MOTION:** RJ, seconded by WS, proposed to approve the recommendation as follows:

**That Members note the updates on the development.**

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed her position. All Members agreed with the motion.

**DECISION:** The motion to note the updates on the development became the decision of the Committee.

CD confirmed the decision of the committee.

## **7. Local Development Plan: Action Programme 2023 Update (Susan Brooks and Alex Elmslie)**

AE presented the report to Members.

- SB highlighted that due to changes to planning legislation, future updates will be labelled 'Delivery Programme' replacing the current 'Action Programme' and including a higher level of detail.

**MOTION:** RE seconded by DM, proposed to approve the recommendation as follows:

**Consider and Note the publication of the updated Local Development Plan Action Programme for 2023 (Appendix One).**

For clarity, the Chair then took a roll call of the decision and confirmed her position. All Members agreed with the motion.

**DECISION:** The motion to consider and note the publication of the updated LDP action programme became the decision of the Committee.

CD confirmed the decision of the committee.

**8. Any Other Business**

SM updated committee on progress in the Loch Long Fish Farm appeal process. A final submission has been submitted to the Reporter. An indicative timeline of 2-3 months for a report was given and longer before a confirmed decision by Scottish Ministers will be reached.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee is scheduled for 27 November 2023, dependant on business.

Signed

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