



Minute of Meeting

Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 19 February 2016	11:30	Cunninghame House, North Ayrshire Council, Irvine, KA12 8EE

PRESENT

Councillors Gilmour (Renfrewshire Council), Nelson (Inverclyde Council) and Marshall (North Ayrshire Council); R Anderson (Scottish Rural Property and Business Association); D Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); G McAuley (RSPB Scotland); K McKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council); S Rawlings (Sustrans); D Blair and P Perman (Largs Community Council); and S Simpson (Save Your Regional Park).

IN ATTENDANCE

D Gatherer, Interim Regional Park Manager; E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and K Brown, Committee Services Officer (both Renfrewshire Council) and C Sharp (North Ayrshire Council).

APOLOGIES

Z Bhatia (RSPB Scotland); Lord Glasgow (Kelburn Country Centre); A McWilliam (Parkdean Holidays); Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart (Ardgowan Estates) and H Graham (Ramblers Association).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NOTE OF INFORMAL MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Councillor Gilmour referred to the note of an informal meeting of some members of the Consultative Forum held on 15 January 2016 which had been circulated. He proposed that the points detailed in this note be discussed prior to consideration of the items of business detailed in the agenda for this meeting.

There followed a discussion regarding the key points raised in the note of the informal meeting, during which a copy of the Minute of Agreement between Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and North Ayrshire Councils which constituted the Park Authority Joint Committee was circulated to members in order to clarify the statutory position.

Councillor Gilmour intimated that at a future meeting the Joint Committee would consider whether governance documents, of which the Minute of Agreement was one, required to be updated or amended. He advised members of the Consultative Forum that they could raise any future concerns with him as Chair of the Joint Committee or the Interim Regional Park Manager.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that at a future meeting the Joint Committee would consider whether governance documents, of which the Minute of Agreement was one, required to be updated or amended; and

(b) That it be noted that members of the Consultative Forum could raise any future concerns with him as Chair of the Joint Committee or the Interim Regional Park Manager.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum. S Simpson nominated Councillor Gilmour as Chair of the Consultative Forum. There being no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor Gilmour be appointed as the Chairperson.

DECIDED: That Councillor Gilmour be appointed as the Chair of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum for a period of one year.

Councillor Gilmour then took the Chair.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum. S Simpson nominated G McAuley as Vice Chair of the Consultative Forum. There being no other nominations, it was agreed that G McAuley be appointed as the Vice Chair.

DECIDED: That G McAuley be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum for a period of one year.

3 DEVELOPMENT OF OFF ROAD CYCLING WITHIN THE REGIONAL PARK

There was submitted a report by the Interim Regional Park Manager relative to the potential for further development of services within the Park in the area of off-road cycling and cycle touring.

The Interim Regional Park Manager advised that at the meeting of the Joint Committee held immediately prior to this meeting of the Consultative Forum, the Joint Committee had decided (a) that it be agreed that the Park Authority would support the continued development of services within the Park to local people and those from further afield; and (b) that it be noted that the Park Authority recognised the Park's continued efforts to increase income and provide a quality service to current visitors and attract new visitors.

DECIDED: That this matter be noted.

4 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor Gilmour raised the issue regarding the potential need to review the membership of the Consultative Forum. It was agreed that the membership would remain as it currently stood and that a report regarding the membership of the Consultative Forum be submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held on 27 May 2016.

DECIDED: That it be agreed that a report regarding the membership of the Consultative Forum be submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held on 27 May 2016.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Consultative Forum would be held at 11.30 am, or at the conclusion of the Joint Committee meeting, whichever was the later, on 27 May 2016 in Barnbrock Farm.