



Minute of Meeting

Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 02 September 2016	11:30	Greenock Cut Visitor Centre, Cornalees Bridge, Inverkip, Inverclyde, PA16 9LX

PRESENT

Councillors Gilmour (Renfrewshire Council), Wilson and Innes (Inverclyde Council) and Dickson and Marshall (North Ayrshire Council); Z Bhatia (RSPB Scotland); D Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); K McKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council); and S Simpson and N Willis (Save Your Regional Park).

CHAIR

Councillor Gilmour, Chair, presided.

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 and A Sutton (both North Ayrshire Council).

APOLOGIES

R Anderson (Scottish Rural Property & Business Association); J Kent (Sport Scotland) and G McAuley (RSPB Scotland).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Convener intimated that there were additional items in relation to Corlic Hill; Blackshaw Windfarm; the Housing Development at Beech Birn, Johnshill, Lochwinnoch; members of the Consultative Forum; and Shielhill Glen which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener, being of the opinion that the items, which are dealt with at items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Minute, were urgent in view of the need to consider the matters timeously authorised their consideration.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

S Simpson raised what she believed to be declarations of interest in relation to the fact that Minutes of meetings of the Consultative Forum were not submitted to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum for approval prior to being submitted to the Joint Committee and also in relation to the fact that Lord Glasgow and Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart should be declaring an interest at meetings of the Consultative Forum as they were landowners.

The Senior Committee Services Officer advised that these matters were not declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct and advised that any matters concerning the Minutes of Consultative Forum meetings should be raised under item 2 of the agenda.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Under reference to item 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 27 May 2016 Councillor Gilmour indicated that he would be stepping down from his role as Chair of the Consultative Forum at the next meeting to be held on 2 December 2016 and sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Consultative Forum.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Gilmour, nominated Councillor Nelson as Chair of the Consultative Forum with effect from 2 December 2016. There being no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor Nelson be appointed as the Chairperson.

DECIDED: That Councillor Nelson be appointed as the Chair of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum, with effect from 2 December 2016, for a period of one year.

SEDERUNT AND VALEDICTORY

C Sharp and A Sutton, North Ayrshire Council left the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

Prior to leaving, the Chair referred to Cameron Sharp's imminent retirement from North Ayrshire Council and paid tribute to his service to the Park Authority. On behalf of the Consultative Forum he thanked Cameron for his contribution to the development of the Park Authority and wished him well for the future.

2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM

There was submitted a report by the Clerk relative to the procedure for approval of the Minutes of meetings of the Consultative Forum.

The report intimated that the Minute of Agreement, constituting the Park Authority, between Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and North Ayrshire Council stated that the Park Consultative Forum shall meet not less than twice during each year on such dates and at such times and places as they shall themselves determine. In determining where and when to meet the Park Consultative Forum shall have regard to the

desirability of maximising access to the Park Authority and minimising the expense involved in advising the Park Authority. Minutes of each meeting of the Park Consultative Forum shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Park Authority.

It was noted that the Minute of Agreement was last updated in 2004 and in light of the terms and actions set out in the Park Strategy 2016/21, approved at the earlier meeting of the Joint Committee, officers from the constituent authorities would undertake a review of the Procedural Standing Orders and the Minute of Agreement of the Park Authority and report the outcome of this review back to a future meeting of the Joint Committee. The submission of the Consultative Forum Minutes would be considered as part of any review of the Minute of Agreement.

A discussion took place relative to the meetings of the Consultative Forum being held prior to meetings of the Joint Committee to allow the Minute of the previous Consultative Forum meeting to be submitted to the Consultative Forum prior to being submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Committee in terms of the Minute of Agreement; the format and layout of future agendas; the changes members of the Consultative Forum would like to see included in the review of the Minute of Agreement; lack of consultation with the Consultative Forum on draft plans and strategies affecting the Regional Park; and whether instructions could be issued to members of the Consultative Forum to ensure they declared an interest at meetings as it was perceived by others that they should.

It was proposed that meetings of the Consultative Forum be now held at 10.00 am prior to meetings of the Joint Committee which, with the agreement of the Convener, would now commence at 11.30 am to allow the Minute of the previous Consultative Forum meeting to be submitted to the Consultative Forum prior to being submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Committee in terms of the Minute of Agreement; that future agendas for meetings of the Consultative Forum contain items of business in relation to Welcome, Matters Arising, any items of business raised by a member with the Chair, and Any Other Competent Business; that members of the Consultative Forum consider what changes they would like to see included in the upcoming review of the Minute of Agreement and that these be discussed at the next meeting of the Consultative Forum; that, in future, the Consultative Forum be consulted on draft plans and strategies affecting the Regional Park; and that the Clerk submit a report to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 2 December 2016 in relation to declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that in terms of the Minute of Agreement, constituting the Park Authority, between Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and North Ayrshire Councils, Minutes of meetings of the Consultative Forum were to be submitted to the next meeting of the Park Authority;

(b) That it be noted that the submission of the Consultative Forum Minutes would be considered as part of any review of the Minute of Agreement;

(c) That meetings of the Consultative Forum be now held at 10.00 am, prior to meetings of the Joint Committee which, with the agreement of the Convener, would now commence at 11.30 am to allow the Minute of the previous Consultative Forum meeting to be submitted to the Consultative Forum prior to being submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Committee in terms of the Minute of Agreement;

(d) That future agendas for meetings of the Consultative Forum contain items of business in relation to Welcome, Matters Arising, any items of business raised by a member with the Chair, and Any Other Competent Business;

(e) That that members of the Consultative Forum consider what changes they would like to see included in the upcoming review of the Minute of Agreement and that these be discussed at the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 2 December 2016;

(f) That, in future, the Consultative Forum be consulted on draft plans and strategies affecting the Regional Park; and

(g) That the Clerk submit a report to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 2 December 2016 in relation to declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

3 **PROPOSED BLAIRPARK/HALKSHILL FORESTRY PROJECT**

Councillor Marshall advised that North Ayrshire Council had established a working party to consider this revised proposed development. The responses from North Ayrshire Council and Largs Community Council to the EIA were broadly similar. North Ayrshire Council were agreeing to the forestry proposal subject to conditions.

DECIDED: That the matter be noted.

SEDERUNT

Councillor Wilson left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

4 **CORLIC HILL**

S Simpson advised that flights leaving Glasgow Airport were now flying over Corlic Hill. D Cochrane advised that this double rotation system had been in operation since 2000.

DECIDED: That this matter be noted.

5 **BLACKSHAW WINDFARM**

It was noted that this appeal had been dismissed by the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government.

DECIDED: That it be noted that this appeal had been dismissed by the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government.

6 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

K McKendrick advised that a Proposal of Application Notice had been submitted to Renfrewshire Council for the erection of a residential development at a site at the norther boundary of Beech Burn, Johnshill, Lochwinnoch. He proposed that the Park Authority consider the implications of this proposed residential development. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That the Park Authority consider the implications of this proposed residential development.

7 **MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

K McKendrick intimated that a member of the Scottish Wildlife Trust and a Water Baliff had expressed an interest in becoming members of the Consultative Forum. It was proposed that these individuals become members of the Consultative Forum and that K McKendrick provide details of these individuals to the Clerk. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That these individuals become members of the Consultative Forum and that K McKendrick provide details of these individuals to the Clerk.

8 **SHIELHILL GLEN**

Councillor Nelson requested that the Interim Regional Park Manager submit a report to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 2 December 2016 relative to tidying up Shielhill Glen. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That the Interim Regional Park Manager submit a report to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 2 December 2016 relative to tidying up Shielhill Glen.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Consultative Forum would be held at 10.00 am on Friday 2 December 2016 and that members be advised of the venue for this meeting.