

## **Minute of Meeting**

### **Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum**

| <b>Date</b>          | <b>Time</b> | <b>Venue</b>  |
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| Friday, 23 June 2017 | 10:00       | Castle Semple Visitor Centre, Lochlip Road, Lochwinnoch PA12 4EA, |

#### **PRESENT**

Councillors A Steel (Renfrewshire Council) and I Nelson (Inverclyde Council); R Anderson (Scottish Rural Property & Business Association); D Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); K MacKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council); A MacLeman (Gryffe Valley Rotary Club); S Simpson (Save Your Regional Park); and R Hissett (Scottish Wildlife Trust – Ayrshire Branch).

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

D Gatherer, Interim Regional Park Manager; and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer and K Brown, Committee Services Officer (both Renfrewshire Council).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor D Wilson (Inverclyde Council); F Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing (Renfrewshire Council), S Banks (Angling Interests); J Kent (Sport Scotland); P Perman (Largs Community Council); and N Willis (Save Your Regional Park).

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council, representing the Clerk, welcomed those present to the meeting and indicated that he would preside prior to the election of the Convener.

## 1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chair of the Consultative Forum.

Councillor Steel, seconded by S Simpson, moved that Councillor Nelson be appointed as Chair of the Consultative Forum.

There being no further nominations it was agreed that Councillor Nelson be appointed as Chair of the Consultative Forum.

**DECIDED:** That Councillor Nelson be appointed as Chair of the Consultative Forum.

Councillor Nelson thereafter took the chair.

## 2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Convener invited nominations for the post of Vice-chair of the Consultative Forum.

Councillor Nelson, seconded by S Simpson, moved that Councillor Steel be appointed by Vice-chair of the Consultative Forum.

There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Councillor Steel be appointed as Vice-chair of the Consultative Forum.

**DECIDED:** That Councillor Steel be appointed as Vice-chair of the Consultative Forum.

## 3 **MINUTE**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 17 February 2017.

It was agreed to amend paragraph 3 of item 7 of the Minute to reflect that it was agreed that details would be passed to the planning authority regarding this matter and the correspondence would be copied to Councillor Gilmour.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute, as amended, be approved.

## 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**DECIDED:** That it be noted that there were no matters arising.

## 5 **SHIELHILL GLEN**

Under reference to item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 17 February 2017 the Interim Regional Park Manager provided a verbal update on the issue of disposal of refuse at Shielhill Glen. He advised that Scottish Natural Heritage had agreed to the removal of rubbish and that this would be looked at in the

autumn.

**DECIDED:** That the up-to-date position be noted.

**6 LOCHWINNOCH ACTIVE TRAVEL HUB**

The Interim Regional Park Manager advised that there was no update in relation to this matter.

**DECIDED:** That the position be noted.

**SEDERUNT**

K MacKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council) entered the meeting during consideration of the following item.

**7 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT BEECHBURN, JOHNSHILL, LOCHWINNOCH**

Under reference to item 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 17 February 2017 it was advised that this planning application was now moving forward to a public inquiry, the date of which was still to be confirmed.

The issue was raised as to why the Chair of the Park Authority and the Interim Regional Park Manager were unable to appear at a public inquiry. It was agreed that clarification would be sought from the Heads of Corporate Governance and Planning & Housing, Renfrewshire Council as to whether the Chair of the Park Authority Joint Committee and the Interim Regional Park Manager could represent the Park at a public inquiry and if not the reasons why not.

Concern was expressed that there was no reference in the Planning Officers report in relation to an objection by Clyde Muirshiel Park. The Interim Regional Park Manager advised that comments had been submitted and it was agreed that the comments from the Park Manager would be circulated to all members of the Consultative Forum.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That clarification would be sought from the Heads of Corporate Governance and Planning & Housing, Renfrewshire Council as to whether the Chair of the Park Authority Joint Committee and the Interim Regional Park Manager could represent the Park at an inquiry and if not the reasons why not; and

(b) That the comments submitted to the Planning Officer by the Interim Regional Park Manager be circulated to the members of the Consultative Forum.

**8 FORESTRY APPLICATION IN CLYDE MUIRSHIEL REGIONAL PARK AND WILD LAND AREA - HALKSHILL AND BLAIRPARK**

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 17 February 2017, the Interim Regional Park Manager advised that he would object on behalf of the Park and express the areas of concern.

K MacKendrick advised that a new group had been established to co-ordinate what is happening across authorities and that Tilhill had called a meeting to discuss the revised plans.

**DECIDED:** That the update be noted.

**9 FORESTRY PROPOSAL IN CLYDE MUIRSHIEL REGIONAL PARK NORTH OF CORSEFORD ROAD (CORE PATH)**

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 17 February 2017, there continued to be concerns in relation to the impact on the private water supply. Otherwise there were no objections to this proposal.

**DECIDED:** That the update be noted.

**10 INTRODUCTION OF CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AT CASTLE SEMPLE**

Under reference to item 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 17 February 2017, the Interim Regional Park Manager advised that there would be further discussions on this project and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Consultative Forum.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the update be noted; and

(b) That a report be submitted to be a future meeting of the Consultative Forum in relation to this matter.

**11 DATES OF MEETINGS 2018 TO 2022**

The Clerk advised the meetings dates from 2018 to 2022 were being submitted to the Joint Committee meeting and following their approval the meeting dates for the Consultative Forum would be advised.

**DECIDED:** That the meeting dates for the Consultative Forum would be advised following the approval of the Joint Committee meeting dates.

**12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

The Interim Regional Park Manager advised that in relation to the potential development of a new clubhouse for the rowing club, plan had been drawn up and work was currently underway to look at potential funding streams.

**DECIDED:** That the position be noted.

**13 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 1 September 2017 in Cunninghame House, Irvine.