

Minute of Meeting

Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 19 February 2021	10:00	Remotely by MS teams,

Present

Councillor Innes Nelson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Audrey Doig and Councillor Tom Begg (both Renfrewshire Council); Ross Anderson (Scottish Rural Property and Business Association); Donald Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); Kerry MacKendrick and Duncan Adam (both Lochwinnoch Community Council); Sybil Simpson and Nigel Willis (both Save Your Regional Park); Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart and Nick Wright (both Ardgowan Estates); Roger Hissett (Scottish Wildlife Trust – Ayrshire Branch); Rita Holmes (Fairlie Community Council); and Ian Dippie (Save The Gretas).

Chair

Councillor Nelson, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

F Carswell, Interim Park Co-ordinator (Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park); and F Carlin, Head of Housing Services (Lead Officer) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Renfrewshire Council).

Apologies

Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council) and Tabby Lamont (RSPB Scotland).

Declarations of Interest

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

Additional Item

The Chair intimated that there was an additional item of business in relation to Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park/Burnfoot Road. The Chair, being of the opinion that the matter, which is dealt with at item 4 below, was urgent in view of the need to advise members of the position, authorised its consideration.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 11 December 2020.

Some members of the Forum expressed concern as to the lack of detail in the Minute.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

3 Open Discussion on Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Ongoing Management

Forum members discussed the following discussion points submitted in relation to Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park:

(i) what alternative governance funding and scrutiny arrangements would be in place to protect the park; (ii) how did the Park management intend to co-operate for re-wilding of the upland area of the Regional Park in the Renfrew Heights; (iii) what information and decision, if any, did the Park management and Renfrewshire Council have about the current proposal concerning the decommissioning of the flood control weir at the bottom end of Castle Semple Loch at Howood; (iv) what information and decisions had the Management Board and Renfrewshire Council have about Castle Semple Loch, the Park Boundary and flooding in Lochwinnoch as a result of the Scottish Government Appeals Directorate Reporters review of the Renfrewshire Council Local Development Plan 2019; and (v) what information and decisions had the Management Board and Renfrewshire Council have about the proposal by Kilbirnie and North Ayrshire Council to develop Kilbirnie Loch as a recreational Water Sports facility as a rival to Castle Semple.

The Lead Officer responded to these questions and provided members with the information requested.

DECIDED: That the information provided and the discussion points be noted.

4 **The Friends of Clyde Muirshiel**

Members were advised that plans for the establishment of this group were continuing and that those involved were in discussion with both the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland and that public meetings would be held as soon as allowed.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

5 **Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park/Burnfoot Road**

Members discussed the development proposals by the Stewart Milne Group Limited at Burnfoot Road, Lochwinnoch and made reference to Renfrewshire Council's Local Development Plan.

It was noted that both the planning application and the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan would be considered at meetings of the Council's Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board.

DECIDED: That the matter be noted.

6 **Halkshill/Blairpark Developments**

Members were provided with an update on this development with the Park.

DECIDED: That the update provided be noted.

The Chair intimated that he wished those involved in establishing The Friends of Clyde Muirshiel well and advised that he wanted to be a member of the group. Members thanked Councillor Nelson for his chairmanship of the Forum.