

Minute of Meeting Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 14 December 2018	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Councillor Innes Nelson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Donald L Reid (North Ayrshire Council); Councillor Andy Steel (Renfrewshire Council); Ross Anderson (Scottish Rural Property & Business Association); Tabby Lamont (RSPB Scotland); Kerry MacKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Sybil Simpson and Nigel Willis (both Save Your Regional Park); and Ian Dippie (Save the Gretas).

Chair

Councillor Nelson, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

F Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing, S Jones, Assistant Manager Regeneration, and E Currie (all Renfrewshire Council); and L Forsyth, Cultural Development Manager (North Ayrshire Council).

Additional Item

The Chair intimated that there was an additional item of business in relation to the possible introduction of roller skiing at Castle Semple which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 7 below, was urgent in view of the need to investigate this matter, authorised its consideration.

Order of Business

In terms of standing order 15 the Chair intimated that he intended to change the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering items 6 and 7 of the agenda together as one item of business.

Apologies

Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Donald Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); Gordon Smith (Visit Scotland); Patricia Perman (Largs Community Council); and Roger Hissett (Scottish Wildlife Trust – Ayrshire Branch).

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 7 September 2018.

It was noted that Nigel Willis was detailed in the Minute as being present when in fact he had submitted an apology as he was unable to attend the meeting held on 7 September 2018. It was agreed that the Minute be amended to reflect this.

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

2 Matters Arising

Friends of Clyde Muirshiel

Under reference to item 2(c) of the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 7 September 2018 members requested an update on the establish of a Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Group.

Councillor Steel advised that this matter was progressing.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

3 Minute of Agreement

The Head of Housing and Planning, Renfrewshire Council advised that a report would be considered by the Joint Committee following this meeting of the Consultative Forum in relation to amendments to the Minute of Agreement.

He further advised that once considered by the three constituent Councils, the amended Minute of Agreement would be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

DECIDED: That it be noted that once considered by the three constituent Councils, the amended Minute of Agreement would be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

4 Appointment of Park Manager

The Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council advised that Fiona Carswell had recently been appointed as the Interim Park Co-ordinator.

DECIDED: That it be noted that Fiona Carswell had recently been appointed as the Interim Park Co-ordinator.

5 Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Windfarm Policy

A discussion took place regarding the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Windfarm Policy.

The Head of Planning and Housing, Renfrewshire Council advised that he was unaware of the Park having approved a Windfarm Policy as any policy in relation to windfarms would be a matter for consideration of the constituent Council to which an application for a windfarm had been submitted.

He further advised that he would locate the policy referred to, discuss the matter with colleagues in Inverclyde and North Ayrshire Councils and, if required, submit a report to a future meeting of the Joint Committee advising that the policy should be withdrawn. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That the Head of Planning and Housing, Renfrewshire Council locate the policy referred to, discuss the matter with colleagues in Inverclyde and North Ayrshire Councils and, if required, submit a report to a future meeting of the Joint Committee advising that the policy should be withdrawn.

6 Halkhill and Blair Park: Clyde Muirshiel Involvement

A discussion took place concerning the fact that North Ayrshire Council had not involved Clyde Muirshiel in the ongoing discussions on the developments taking place at Halkhill and Blair Park.

The Cultural Development Manager, North Ayrshire Council advised that she would obtain further information on this matter and forward this to members of the Consultative Forum. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That the Cultural Development Manager, North Ayrshire Council obtain further information on this matter and forward this to members of the Consultative Forum.

7 Roller Skiing

A discussion took place relative to the possible introduction to Roller Skiing at Castle Semple as the cycle path would be an ideal surface for the sport/exercise.

Nigel Willis advised that Fife Council had built a cycle and roller skiing park with funding received from Snowsport Scotland. This was an ultimate form of exercise with approximately 300 children being instructed in roller skiing.

The Head of Planning and Housing, Renfrewshire Council advised that this matter would be taken forward and that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

DECIDED: That the Head of Planning and Housing, Renfrewshire Council take this matter forward and submit a report to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

8 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 15 February 2019 within the offices of Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley.