

Minute of Meeting Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 15 February 2019	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Councillor Donald L Reid (North Ayrshire Council); Councillor Andy Steel (Renfrewshire Council); Donald Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); Kerry MacKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Graeme Randall (Sport Scotland); Sybil Simpson and Nigel Willis (both Save Your Regional Park); and Roger Hissett (Scottish Wildlife Trust – Ayrshire Branch); Steve Banks (Angling Interests); and Ian Dippie (Save the Gretas).

Chair

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Steel, Vice Chair, presided.

In Attendance

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

Apologies

Councillor Innes Nelson (Inverclyde Council); Tabby Lamont (RSPB Scotland); Patricia Perman (Largs Community Council); and Gordon Smith (Visit Scotland).

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 14 December 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Matters Arising

(a) Friends of Clyde Muirshiel

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 14 December 2018 members requested an update on the establishment of a Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Group.

Councillor Steel advised that this matter was progressing.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

(b) Roller Skiing

Under reference to item 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 14 December 2018 members requested an update on the introduction of roller skiing at Castle Semple.

The Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council advised that this matter was progressing.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

3 Minute of Agreement : Progress

Under reference to item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 14 December 2018 the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council advised that the three constituent councils were currently considering the Minute of Agreement, Financial Regulations and Procedural Standing Orders.

He further advised that once considered by the three constituent councils, updated governance documents would be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

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

4 Wind Farm Policy Statement: Update

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Consultative Forum held on 14 December 2018 the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council advised that planning officers within the three constituent councils had been unaware of any Wind Farm Policy Statement for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.

He further advised that planning applications received in connection with wind farms would be considered by constituent councils in the context of relevant planning and

associated policies. The Wind Farm Policy Statement approved by the Joint Committee in 2010 would be of no relevance and would not stand up to scrutiny.

It was proposed that the Wind Farm Policy Statement for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park approved in 2010 be updated and that a report on the matter be submitted to a meeting of the Joint Committee by the end of 2019. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That the Wind Farm Policy Statement for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park approved in 2010 be updated and that a report on the matter be submitted to a meeting of the Joint Committee by the end of 2019.

5 Proposed Single Turbine Application Near Pundeavon Reservoir Kilbirnie

Members wished to discuss matters relating to a planning application currently under consideration by North Ayrshire Council in relation to a proposed single turbine near Pundeavon Reservoir Kilbirnie.

The Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council advised that this was not a matter which should be discussed at this meeting as it was a validated planning application currently under consideration and that any comments members had on this planning application should be submitted directly to North Ayrshire Council.

DECIDED: That it be noted that this was not a matter which should be discussed at this meeting as it was a validated planning application currently under consideration and that any comments members had on this planning application should be submitted directly to North Ayrshire Council.

6 Hydro Scheme on the Calder by Ashrona

Members wished to discuss matters relating to a planning application currently under consideration by Renfrewshire Council in relation to a hydro scheme on the Calder submitted by Ashrona.

The Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council advised that this was not a matter which should be discussed at this meeting as it was a validated planning application currently under consideration and that any comments members had on this planning application should be submitted directly to Renfrewshire Council.

Members then had a general discussion on the process and timescales involved when planning applications were submitted to councils.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that this was not a matter which should be discussed at this meeting as it was a validated planning application currently under consideration and that any comments members had on this planning application should be submitted directly to Renfrewshire Council; and

(b) That the process and timescales involved when planning applications were submitted to councils be noted.

7 Planning Applications: Joint Committee Members

Information was submitted relative to whether or not members of the Joint Committee were members of planning committees or boards in their respective councils.

The discussion concerned whether or not councils should appoint elected members to the Joint Committee who were not members of a planning committee or board to allow planning matters to be discussed. It was noted that this was a matter for councils to determine.

It was further noted that there may be an opportunity for the updated Minute of Agreement to specify that the Consultative Forum had the ability to have someone represent the park authority at public inquiries.

DECIDED: That the matter be noted.

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 21 June 2019 within the offices of North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine.