



Minute of Meeting Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Consultative Forum

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Friday, 16 February 2018 | 10:00 | Corporate Meeting Room 2, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN |

PRESENT

Councillor Andy Steel (Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Innes Nelson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Todd Ferguson (North Ayrshire Council); Ross Anderson (Scottish Rural Property & Business Association); Donald Cochrane (Scottish National Farmers Union); Kerry MacKendrick (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Graeme Randall (Sport Scotland); Douglas Blair (Largs Community Council); Nigel Willis (Save Your Regional Park) and Ian Dippie (Save the Gretas).

CHAIR

Councillor Innes Nelson, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

D Gatherer, Interim Regional Park Manager and H Douglas, Tag 'n' Track Officer (both Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park); and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and K O'Neill, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (both Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Patricia Perman (Largs Community Council); Sybil Simpson (Save Your Regional Park) 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 1 December 2017.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 **MATTERS ARISING**

2(a) **REPRESENTING CLYDE MUIRSHIEL REGIONAL PARK AT PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 1 December 2017 it was noted that no responses had been received from planning officers in the three member councils; that the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council had not submitted a report on this matter to the Joint Committee which would meet following the Consultative Forum; and that the Chair had not had an opportunity to raise this matter with planning officers from Inverclyde Council.

It was proposed (i) that the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council be requested to submit a report on this matter to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held on 22 June 2018 and (ii) that the Chair raise this matter with planning officers from Inverclyde Council and report back to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 22 June 2018. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council be requested to submit a report on this matter to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held on 22 June 2018; and

(b) That the Chair raise this matter with planning officers from Inverclyde Council and report back to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 22 June 2018.

2(b) **MINUTE OF AGREEMENT**

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 1 December 2017 it was noted that the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council had not submitted a report on the current position of the review of the Minute of Agreement to this meeting of the Consultative Forum.

It was proposed (i) that as this matter had been ongoing for some time, the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council be requested to submit a report relative to the current position of the review of the Minute of Agreement to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 22 June 2018 and (ii) that the submission by some members of the Consultative Forum, which had been forwarded to the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council, in November 2016 be issued to all members of the Consultative Forum so that they were aware of proposed amendments to the Minute of Agreement and could consider this matter further. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That as this matter had been ongoing for some time, the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council be requested to submit a report relative to the current position of the review of the Minute of Agreement to the next meeting of the Consultative Forum to be held on 22 June 2018; and

(b) That the submission by some members of the Consultative Forum, which had been forwarded to the Head of Planning and Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council, in November 2016 be issued to all members of the Consultative Forum so that they were aware of proposed amendments to the Minute of Agreement and could consider this matter further.

2(c) **PARK SIGNAGE**

Under reference to item 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 1 December 2017 Councillor Steel tabled information relative to 'The Friends of the Pentlands' which included the groups legal form; mission statement and purpose; membership and governance; ways of working and objectives.

It was proposed that Nigel Willis prepare a briefing note on the establishment of a 'Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park' group which would be issued to all members of the Consultative Forum and the Interim Regional Park Manager and that a special meeting of the Consultative Forum be held in April 2018 to consider this matter for submission to a future meeting of the Joint Committee for consideration. This was agreed.

It was further proposed that Ross Anderson invite the Chair of the Friends of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to the special meeting of the Consultative Forum to give a presentation to members on the establishment of 'Friends of' groups. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That Nigel Willis prepare a briefing note on the establishment of a 'Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park' group which would be issued to all members of the Consultative Forum and the Interim Regional Park Manager;

(b) That a special meeting of the Consultative Forum be held in April 2018 to consider this matter for submission to a future meeting of the Joint Committee for consideration; and

(c) That Ross Anderson invite the Chair of the Friends of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to the special meeting of the Consultative Forum to give a presentation to members on the establishment of 'Friends of' groups.

2(d) **CYCLING CONSULTANCY**

Under reference to item 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 1 December 2017 it was noted that the Interim Regional Park Manager had not received any comments from Forestry Commission Scotland on the development of off-road cycling within the Regional Park.

It was proposed that the Interim Regional Park Manager contact Forestry Commission Scotland for their comments. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That the Interim Regional Park Manager contact Forestry Commission Scotland for their comments on the development of off-road cycling within the Regional Park.

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

Under reference to item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Consultative Forum held on 1 December 2017 Douglas Blair, Largs Community Council, advised the Forum of the up-to-date position in relation to the forestry application for Halkshill and Blairpark.

He intimated that no further information or correspondence had been received from Forestry Commission Scotland in relation to this matter.

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

4 **GLAMPING PODS APPLICATION**

Nigel Willis and Kerry McKendrick advised that a planning application had been submitted to Renfrewshire Council by Webwise Properties Limited in relation to the installation of three glamping pods with associated access, parking and drainage at West Auchenhean, Auchenhean Road, Lochwinnoch.

It was noted that if there were any issues in relation to the road structure these would be raised by the roads division, Renfrewshire Council.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that a planning application had been submitted to Renfrewshire Council by Webwise Properties Limited in relation to the installation of three glamping pods with associated access, parking and drainage at West Auchenhean, Auchenhean Road, Lochwinnoch; and

(b) That it be noted that if there were any issues in relation to the road structure these would be raised by the roads division, Renfrewshire Council.

5 **TAG 'N' TRACK**

Hayley Douglas, the Tag 'n' Track Officer, Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, gave a presentation updating members on all aspects of the Tag 'n' Track project.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There were no other competent items of business.

DECIDED: That it be noted that there were no other competent items of business.

7 **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 22 June 2018 in North Ayrshire Council, Cunningham House, Irvine.