



association of cairngorms communities
Living and working together in the Cairngorms National Park

Association of Cairngorms Communities Representatives Meeting
Tuesday 17th March 2015 Held at The Lecht

1. Present

Roger Clegg	Kirriemuir Landward West CC	Kate Adamson	Carrbridge CC/Carrbridge Ahead
Alasdair Colquhoun	Braemar CC	Dave Brown	Kincraig & Vicinity CC
Jane Angus	Ballater and Crathie CC	Val Emmett	Kingussie & Vicinity CC
Ailsa Schofield	Kingussie & Vicinity CC	John Grierson	Aviemore & Vicinity CC
Jane Tansley	Laggan Community Assoc	Jeff Tansley	Laggan Community Assoc
Simon Blackett	Braemar Community Ltd	Alison Fielding	Boat of Garten CC
Patricia Grant	Kirkmichael and Tomintoul CA	Donald Isles	Blair Atholl and Struan CC
Graham Fraser	Newtonmore & Vicinity CC	David Cameron	Community Land Scotland
Jinty Moffatt	Caberfeidh Horizons	Ian Moffett	KCDC/Badenoch Heritage
Nick Mardall	Marr Area Partnership	Stephanie Wright	Cairngorm L.P
Karen Derrick	VABS	Ann Traill	VABS
Eleanor Mackintosh	Glenlivet & Inveravon CA/CNPA Board	Kate Howie	P&Kinross Council/CNPA Board
Brian Wood	CNPA Board	Lee Haxton	CNPA
Murray Ferguson	CNPA		

2. Apologies

Maggie Lawson	B & S Community Transport	Liz Cowie	Ward Manager, B&S
Yvonne Birnie	Aviemore & Vicinity CC	David Kinnear	Kincraig & Vicinity CC
Gregor Rimell	Highland Councillor	Munro Gauld	Scottish Land Fund
Gordon Riddler	CNPA, BRD		

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (30.10.14)

Approved.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Etape Royale Cycle Event

David Fox-Pitt gave an over view of the proposed Etape Royale Cycle Event, scheduled to take place on Sunday 27th September 2015. The 100 mile closed circular route will run from Braemar. Further information can be obtained at www.etaperoyale.com.

6. Finance

The Treasurer confirmed that the Annual Accounts for year ending 28 Feb 2015 had been examined and subsequently approved at the Directors' meeting, and would be presented to members for the AGM. She said that she had made some changes from previous Accounts which would now show a zero balance once the AOCC costs had been reimbursed by grants. This was approved by the Examiner. The changes relate to Insurance and Accruals. Previously the AOCC's insurance payment was split over two years, but now show the total amount as a cost in the year as it is reimbursed in the year. Previously there was no accrual for costs incurred in the year which would be reimbursed by Grants.

Accounting year: It was agreed to make no change despite problems in the past because the AOCC's accounting year differed from the CNPA's (CNPA is 31st March, AOCC is 28th February) .

Future funding: The CNPA granted up to £4,000 for the year ending 28 Feb 2015. It is not known exactly how much the CNPA will offer in grant funding for the new financial year.

7. Governance and Legal responsibilities in Community Organisations – Karen Derrick, VABS
Karen Derrick gave a presentation on the Role of the Board in Community Organisations, governance & legal responsibilities.
8. Community Land Scotland – Chairman CLS, David Cameron
David Cameron gave a presentation on the advantages of community ownership of land and assets, and possible out-comes of new land reform legislation.
9. A9 Dualling – Sandra Middleton, CNPA
Due to Sandra Middleton being unavailable, Murray Ferguson gave an up- date on the progress of the proposed A9 duelling.
10. Cairngorms Nature Festival – Nick Mardall
Nick Mardall gave a resumé of the various activities planned in and around Aviemore, Ballater, Tomintoul and Blair Atholl, for the Cairngorms Nature Festival, to be held during the weekend of the 16th – 17th May 2015.
11. Reports from Representatives attending external meetings.
The Convenor noted that the preparatory work for the new Leader programme was well advanced and it is hoped that the programme would be launched in June and that the first call for projects would be in the Autumn.
12. CNPA update Lee Haxton
As per written report (Attached)
13. AOB
The Convenor and Jeff Tansley gave feedback about the Rural Parliament which had raised a number of Questions, but it remained to be seen what answers would be forthcoming.

Kate Howie gave the meeting information about the newly formed Highland Mainline Community Rail Partnership.

Date of next meeting: **N.B. Tuesday 19 May** at 10.30 in Blair Atholl and not 26 May as originally agreed at the meeting.