

Community Empowerment in Cairngorms National Park



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I. Policy Context

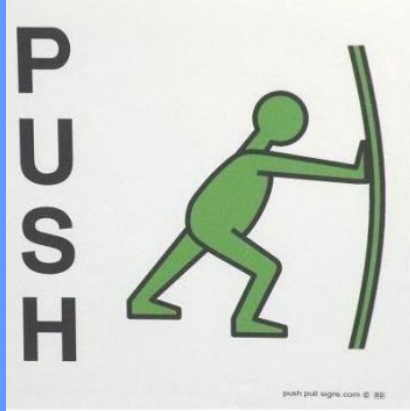
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
 - Policy Objectives
 - Key Provisions
 - Strengthening community planning
 - Participation requests
 - Community right-to-buy
 - Asset transfer requests
 - Participation in public decision-making

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2. Drivers for Change



- Funding priorities
- Budgetary pressure
- Government policy
- Confident communities
- Protecting services & assets
- Community success

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3. Community Empowerment – Why?



1. Conserve and enhance natural & cultural heritage



3. Promote understanding and enjoyment of the area (recreation)



4. Promote sustainable economic and social development of area's communities



2. Promote sustainable use of natural resources

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3. Community Empowerment – Why?



“to ensure the four National Park Aims are collectively achieved in a coordinated way”

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4. Community Empowerment – How?

- Association of Cairngorms Communities
 - Independent
 - Community-led
 - Aims and objectives
 - CNPA support
 - Leadership



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4. Community Empowerment – How?

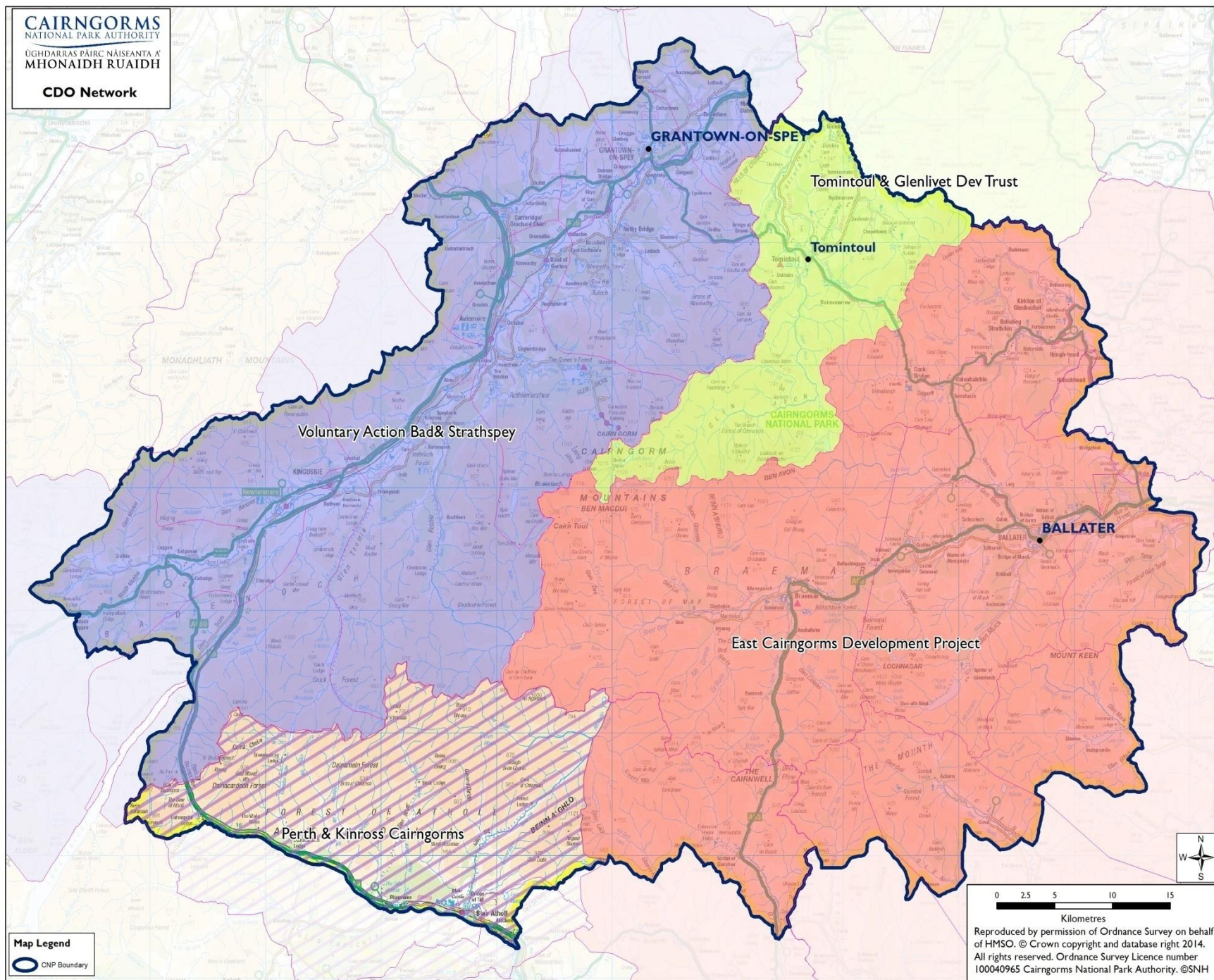
- Community Development Officers
 - Projects to Contracts
 - Independent and “critical friend”



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Voluntary Action Bad & Strathspey

GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY

Tomintoul & Glenlivet Dev Trust

Tomintoul

CAIRNGORMS
NATIONAL PARK

BALLATER

East Cairngorms Development Project

Perth & Kinross' Cairngorms

Map Legend

CNP Boundary

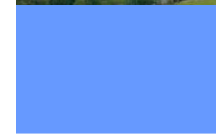
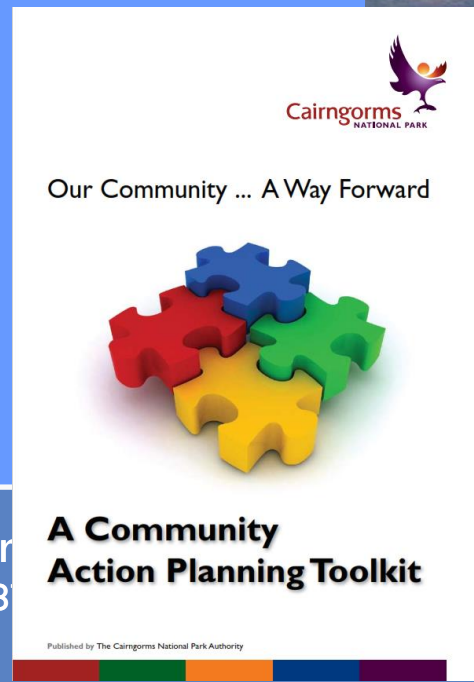
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4. Community Empowerment – How?

- Community Action Plan
 - Purpose
 - Process
 - CNPA Support



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5. Community Empowerment - Examples

Badenoch Broadband & Communications CIC



Over 100 homes and businesses now served.

Now expanding our network to reach over 300

We expect to bring superfast (24Mbps+) to all our subscribers by the end of 2015

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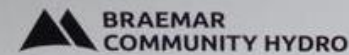
Smugglers Hostel – Tomintoul



5. Community Empowerment - Examples



BRAEMAR COMMUNITY HYDRO SCHEME



A 100 kW hydro-electric plant being developed for the benefit of the local community
Ask in the community for more information and details of how you can support this initiative