

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE INTEGRATED LAND MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

**9 am, Thursday 8th April, 2004
Aviemore Village Hall**

Present

Stuart Black	CNPA Board
Duncan Bryden	CNPA Board
Diana Gilbert	CNPA Forestry and Woodlands Policy Officer
Lucy Grant	CNPA Board
Alastair MacLennan (Chair)	CNPA Board
Siobhan Macdonald	CNPA Land Management Policy Officer
Eleanor MacKintosh	CNPA Board
Fiona Newcombe	CNPA Head of Natural Resources
Andrew Rafferty	CNPA Board

Apologies

Peter Cosgrove	CNPA Countryside Officer
Angus Gordon	CNPA Board
Willie McKenna	CNPA Board
Andrew Thin	CNPA Board
Sue Walker	CNPA Board

Welcome

1. Alastair MacLennan welcomed two new staff members, Siobhan Macdonald, and Diana Gilbert.

Minutes of last meeting

2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate. All matters arising will be covered by the agenda items.

Draft Work plan (paper 1)

3. FN talked the meeting through the different elements of the work plan and highlighted a number of aspects on which it would be valuable to have members' views. The subsequent discussion raised the following points:
 - That before mid August or winter, December, January, February were the best times to engage with the land managers of the Park.
 - That the consultation process, in relation to the identification of 'Public benefit' should include an initial list gleaned from the wider interests in the Park. The land managing interest would then be in a position to add to the list, and comment on the feasibility of those proposed, including financial aspects. It is important to build this work on some baseline work already undertaken by both the Cairngorm Partnership and the Cairngorm Working Party. A number of communities were suffering from over consultation and this needed to be taken into account.
 - It was agreed that this work should progress in close cooperation with other Authority interests, including working groups.

Action

- Prior to any public meetings personally addressed papers should be sent to each land manager in the park.
- It was recognised that there may be a difference in how public benefits are valued by different sectors, particularly between visitors and the environmental interests. It will be important to get an understanding of this.
- The range of public benefits adopted must reflect the four aims of the Authority. This aspects needs to be more explicit in the work plan.

AP Amend the work plan to draw out the equal emphasis of the four Authority's aims.

FN

The working group accepted its role as set out in the paper. It also agreed that the outcomes of the process being embarked on should be flexible and responsive to changes in sectoral policies. The role of the Authority as an enabler was emphasised and it was recognised that the success of the process would depend on its ability to persuade other agencies to deliver.

AP Members to provide comments to the paper to staff at their earliest opportunity.

ALL

Input from External Interests

4. The first meeting had identified two key groups of external interests. It was agreed that the Group 1, the policy 'advisors' should cover a wide range of interests, particularly spanning gaps in the current group. Input would be achieved by inviting 2, maximum 3 different interests to one meeting. It may be helpful to invite other interests to future meetings.

AP Invite at least two interests to the next meeting.

FN

The group recognised that there is a wider range of stakeholder interests that it would be valuable to engage with on a more continuous basis, without expanding the working group beyond what is practicable for meetings. ie Group 2 identified at the previous meeting..

AP It was proposed to establish contact at the Officer level and then invite stakeholders to join an e-mail or post based group to share working group papers and to give a more direct opportunity to comment on or input to the process.

**FN/SMc/
DG**

Scottish Parliament's Environment and Rural Development Committee's CAP Reform Inquiry Evidence (Paper 2)

5. FN thanked the group for their input and comments to the paper.

AOB

6. It was noted that members requested meeting papers at least one week in advance of meetings.

Date of next meeting

7. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday 14th May 2004, at 2 pm in Tomintoul.