

INCLUSIVE CAIRNGORMS

**Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2014
at 11.00am in CNPA office, Grantown-on-Spey with video conference link to
CNPA Ballater**

Present:

In Grantown:

Anne MacLean (chair)	Mobility and Access Committee Scotland
Elsbeth Grant	CNPA
Gordon Riddler	CNPA Board
Kate Christie	CNPA
Maggie Lawson	B&S Community Transport Company
Pete Carson	Health and Happiness
Liz Scott	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Saran Cleary	Barnardo's Works
Graeme Rodger	Eden Court
Morag Campbell	B&S Access Panel
Jim Campbell	B&S Access Panel
Hector MacDonald	Scottish Disability Equality Forum

In Ballater:

Eric Baird (vice chair)	Cairngorms Ranger Services
Kevin Hutchens	Independent Social Worker
Alasdair Johnston	NP resident
Vittoria Hancock	Scottish Rural Churches Group
Anna Carey-Miller	Aberdeenshire Community Learning & Development

Apologies:

Carole Paterson	Braemar 3 rd Age lunch group
Gill MacLennan	Autism Initiatives
David Atkinson	Scottish Rural Churches Group
Caroline Cornfield	Caberfeidh Horizons
Jane Cox	COAT Walking to Health
Alan Melrose	COAT
Alison Cush	LL&TNPA
Anne Dempster	Strath Sunshine Club
Sasha Devine	Highlands and Islands Equality Forum / SCVO
Maureen Smyth	Children's Disability Service
Fiona Hawkins	Cairngorms Riding for the Disabled

Welcome and Introduction

1. The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting the apologies.

Minutes of Last Meeting

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June were approved, subject to an amendment to para 19, rewording it as ‘...the LOAF is looking for someone to represent **inclusivity**’ (as opposed to ‘access for all’).

Matters arising from the Minutes

3. Re para 13, EG reported that the draft Local Development Strategy will be submitted to Scottish Government at the end of September. Following any changes required as a result of SG’s response, the LDS will be signed off by the end of December. The EqIA will be published following this and will be available on the CNPA website and in paper copy on request.
4. Re para 19, AJ reported that he had attended a recent LOAF meeting as an observer to consider whether he’d like to join as a member. He has been invited to attend the next meeting to observe / become a member. If he does join, AJ said that he would report back to Inclusive Cairngorms on any access issues of interest to the Group.
5. Re para 32, EG had discussed alternative formats with communications team, and subject to demand and cost, this will be accommodated. Eg Parklife newsletter used to be produced in audio tape, publications in large print or other formats are available on request. To date there has been very low demand and to provide film and subtitles will have cost and staff time implications. However they suggest we focus on PR related to inclusive projects which IC get involved in, such as the Easy Access guide.

Eden Court outreach – Graeme Roger

6. Graeme gave a presentation of his work as a digital media artist with Eden Court theatre in Inverness. This includes being Project Manager for Cashback for Creativity Highlands.
7. This project involves:
 - Working in partnership with Outfit Moray and the Outdoor Education team from the Bridge (an integrated vocational training facility in Inverness for young people who are no longer able to attend mainstream education) to deliver a series of 7 Go For It: Adventure Film projects
 - Young carers, vulnerable young people and people who are disadvantaged in rural areas in Highland and Moray
 - GO FOR IT: Adventure Films –combining documentary film making and outdoor activity as it proved an excellent way of connecting with looked after children and those considered to be vulnerable or at risk of offending.
 - 8 participants on each project create adventure based films as they get to try climbing, surfing, kayaking, winter sports and mountain biking, probably for the first time in their lives.
 - Involved residential stays at Badaguish in CNP for their activities which adds to the social development of the young people.
 - Young people learn to use cameras, record sound, edit their footage, and produce music for their films. To take part in the outdoor activities and to complete the film the young people will need to be focused, disciplined in their approach and work co-operatively with each other, which are all important skills that will be valuable for future learning.

- The projects culminate in a screening at Eden Court showcasing the final films.
8. Other partners Graeme works with include Action for Children and the police. He is always identifying gaps, groups, seeking new partners, and developing new ways of working.
 9. Includes working with families on low incomes eg homelessness group in Elgin SARCO and Ardersier; and people with disabilities – there are 2 film project workers who work with people with additional support needs; and they have 2 projects per year involving people with learning disabilities. This includes young people from Caberfeidh Horizons.
 10. Re feedback on long term outcomes, they provide standard reports to Creative Scotland (funders); research is currently being carried out by Glasgow School of Art to chart progress and impact of programme on individuals. Plus anecdotal feedback from parents.
 11. Outdoor activities provide the main focus for the programme initially (as opposed to other themes).
 12. For more information contact Graeme Roger GRoger@eden-court.co.uk
Link to Outdoor film with Connecting Young Carers <https://vimeo.com/97199932>
Link to a promo for Eden Court Creative <https://vimeo.com/99928669>

CNPA Public Duties (standing item)

Outdoor Access

13. EG had circulated the second draft of the Easy Access Guide for Badenoch and Strathspey, for further comment. Various comments were made including:
 - Clarification on turning points
 - Needs clearer info on barriers in route description
 - Need a phone contact for each walk
 - Request feedback on experience and any issues encountered
 - Providing video clips of the paths (Graeme Roger offered to help with production, could use Go-Pro cameras)
 - Involve Health Walk groups in testing the paths
 - Distribution –will be available online as well as paper format
 - Promotion when it is published – check with Adam
14. EG will pass on comments to Adam, and any further comments to be submitted to EG by end of September. **Action EG**

Planning

15. 2014/0026/DET – Braemar visitor centre. This application had been put to planning committee shortly after the last IC meeting. However, although IC comments had been submitted, they had not been highlighted by officers at the meeting. GR had questioned this and this had been corrected at the meeting. He expressed disappointment that this had happened and it was suggested that planning officers are reminded of the planning protocol involving IC. **Action EG**

16. Ballater Bus Shelter. Request for advice from IC regarding the location of bus-stop outside the new Co-Op. Drawings had been circulated. Comments included:

- We feel there is not enough space between shelter and front of the supermarket for wheel chairs to pass through at the busy front of this shop, particularly if there are people queuing up in the bus shelter.
- There is also insufficient space for wheelchairs and pedestrians to pass between the bus shelter and the edge of the pavement (600mm).
- We feel that the proposed site will become congested, and impact on pedestrian safety with delivery lorries at front of shop and 6 car parking spaces across the road opposite and three disabled car parking spaces nearby - just too much activity around the proposed site.
- A more suitable site was suggested between car park entry and exit behind Glenmuick Church - away from busy supermarket front and where the temporary bus stop is currently located during the conversion of the bus garage to the supermarket. We feel this would be much safer with space and good access.
- Local Youth worker said youth club members would like a light in the shelter for safety wherever it is located.
- Seating should also be provided in the shelter

Action EG to liaise with GR re response to developer.

17. 2014/169/MS C - An Camas Mor. A special meeting had been held with Don Mckee, Head of Major Projects on 3 July to discuss the Masterplan, and to highlight accessibility and inclusion issues. The minutes of that meeting were circulated and approved.

18. An IC draft response to the Masterplan had been prepared and circulated, which will be submitted to the developer on 19th Sept. Further comments to the draft included:

- Provision of Access Statement
- Need clear commitment to taking on board comments re accessibility and public transport – including previous consultations.
- Re para 28, reword to reflect that B&STC will work with developer to meet additional demand, integrating with other public transport.
- This is an opportunity to showcase best practice in design.

19. **Action – EG to make amendments** and forward response to Don McKee

Young People (standing item)

20. AC-M gave a brief report on youth work she's involved in in Donside and Deeside including a consultation exercise; transition project for Primary 7 pupils going to Alford Academy; running youth clubs in Strathdon, Ballater and Braemar; flooding problems in Ballater mean the club may close unless they find another affordable venue. It was suggested Anna contact Ballater Royal Deeside who may be able to help. **Action GR to pass on contact details.**

21. EB noted that ranger services are receiving many more school groups as a result of the new Curriculum for Excellence.

22. SC noted that Barnardo's are still offering employability provision in Badenoch and Strathspey through the Employability Fund and Activity Agreements.

Disability (standing item)

23. Autism Initiatives – recently started a monthly drop-in for adults with autism at the Hub in Aviemore. For more information contact Gill MacLennan email: highlandoss@aiscotland.org.uk or tel: 01463 717649

24. An Cala – PC reported on this initiative which was set up several years ago to support young adults with learning disabilities. Its focus has shifted from providing housing to working with organisation such as YMCA, Richmond Fellowship and Health and Happiness. They now offer a weekly drop-in at YMCA in Grantown, 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Wednesdays, opening up the cafe and getting involved in kitchen and life skills. Funded through ward discretionary budget as a 6 month pilot.

25. Sight Action – recently started a drop-in at the Glen Centre, Aviemore, on last Monday of the month 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Low Income

26. There was nothing to report.

AOCB

27. The Co-Op community fund is now open for applications.

28. The Badenoch and Strathspey Access Panel is currently involved in two projects:

- Updating their Access Guide
- Providing disability awareness training in primary schools P4-P7

29. SDEF and Local Access Panel have provided response to the consultation on A9 dualling.

Date of next meeting

30. **Thursday 11 September, 11am to 1.00pm in CNPA offices in Grantown with VC to Ballater.**

**Elsbeth Grant
CNPA**