

**CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
PARK FOR ALL WORKING GROUP**

**Minutes of the meeting held in the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie
on Thursday 12th February 2004 at 6.30pm**

Present

Eric Baird CNPA Vice-convenor
Elspeth Grant CNPA Social Inclusion Policy Officer
Lucy Grant (chair) CNPA member
Anne MacLean CNPA member
Sheena Slimon CNPA member

Welcome and apologies

1. Lucy Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.

Minutes of the last meeting

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2003 were approved. Sheena Slimon moved their adoption, and this was seconded by Anne MacLean.

Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

3. Regarding points 21 and 23, EG circulated copies of the All Abilities Communication Network's consultation paper, and SCVO briefing notes respectively.

Agreement of purpose and short term outputs of PFAWG

4. With reference to Paper 1, it was agreed that the purpose of the PFAWG is:
 - To develop and take forward measures and initiatives to remove barriers and make the benefits derived from the National Park socially inclusive (*omitting 'fully'*).
5. With regard to the short term outputs of the PFAWG, it was agreed to accept the suggested revisions to the timescales:
 - To produce a report to the CNPA board by the end of *April 04* detailing the key constraints to be tackled over the medium term, with specific reference to how to meet the requirements and spirit of the Disability Discrimination Act.
 - To produce a report to the CNPA board by the end of *July 04* setting out detailed proposals for a 3-year project aimed at addressing the most significant of these constraints and designed with particular defined priority client groups in mind.

Discussion of how to achieve short term outputs**Action**

6. EG noted the need to be clear on the process involved in achieving the short term outputs, suggesting that the information contained in Paper 2 should contribute towards building up a wider picture on the key constraints within the National Park (Output 1).
7. The need to work in partnership with other organisations was stressed, in order to build up a full picture of current activity. It was suggested that, following PFAWG members input, Paper 2 should be revised then circulated to other Groups such as the Cairngorms Community Council Association, All Abilities Communication Network, Councils for Voluntary Service, and CNPA Board members. **EG**
8. It was agreed that an extra column should be added to Paper 2, interpreting the information gathered and highlighting the key constraints within the context of government policy, CNPA responsibilities and the needs of local communities. **EG**
9. Output 2 would involve focussing on proposals that the CNPA wants to deliver and bring added value to, based on what other partner organisations are doing and the findings of the first output.
10. Following the identification of priorities, external interests with expertise in these areas, would be asked to join the PFAWG.
11. Similarly, the PFAWG will co-ordinate with other Working Groups as necessary, once priority areas have been set. **EG**
12. It was suggested that, in the meantime, it would be useful to hear a presentation from Kristin Scott, the Access Officer. **EG**

Current social inclusion activity in the Cairngorms (Paper 2)

13. Members went through Paper 2, adding further information on activities that they were aware of. Other comments were noted. **EG**
14. It was agreed that the revised paper should omit the columns entitled 'Possible Action' and 'Possible Partners', before consulting with other Groups. A covering letter would explain the background to the audit and the type of information required.

Affordable Health and Fitness Project

15. Judith Turner has drafted her final report of the Project, which had been circulated to PFAWG members for comment.
16. Lucy Grant had spoken with Duncan Bryden who chairs the Affordable Health and Fitness Steering Group about how to take this Project forward, bearing in mind it will finish in March 2004.

17. It was widely agreed that the CNPA is not the appropriate body to be leading this Project; although it would be supportive of it, particularly in its use of the National Park as a 'green gymnasium'. It was also felt that the Project should not be totally reliant on the National Park for follow-up funding, and that if it was to continue, it should be delivered on a pan-Cairngorms basis.

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18. Although the PFAWG is supportive of the Project, and health and fitness issues may well become a priority area for the Group, it was felt that at this stage, it was too early to commit to any one project. Rather, it was felt that the AHF Project Steering Group members should be finding a way forward between them, as all the key players are represented on this Group. It was noted that a seminar is planned in the spring which will bring all the interests together to discuss a way forward.

19. However, it was noted that the Project user groups will be affected by a break in provision of the service, and it was vital that they are kept informed about the situation, so as not to let them down.

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20. In conclusion, it was agreed that LG would report back to Duncan Bryden with our comments. Sheena Slimon would speak to Alan Simpson about its relevance to the Joint Health Improvement Plan; and Anne MacLean would raise the matter at the next Locality Planning meeting. It was also suggested that Duncan Bryden brief the Badenoch and Strathspey Sports Council at their forthcoming AGM.

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21. It was noted that Highland Health Week takes place on 21-27 June.

22. There is an opportunity for a joint event between the Youth Forums, Drug and Alcohol Forum and the National Park in August.

23. The Disability Rights Commission is holding a conference 'Towards October 2004' on 22 March in Inverness.

EG**Date of next meeting**

24. Wednesday 7th April 2004 in Aviemore, venue and time to be confirmed.

Elsbeth Grant**17.02.04**