
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

held at The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey

on 16th December 2016 at 11.00am

Members Present

Rebecca Badger

Dave Fallows

Katrina Farquhar

Kate Howie

Gregor Hutcheon

John Latham

Bill Lobban

Eleanor Mackintosh (Convener)

Willie McKenna

Fiona Murdoch

Gordon Riddler (Deputy Convener)

Gregor Rimell

Brian Wood

In Attendance:

Grant Moir, CEO

Murray Ferguson, Director of Planning & Rural Development

Gavin Miles, Head of Planning

Jane Shepherd, Planning Manager (Development Management)

David Berry, Planning Manager (Forward Planning & Service Improvement)

Dan Harris, Planning Officer (Forward Planning & Service Improvement)

Alix Harkness, Clerk to the Board

Apologies:

Peter Argyle

Angela Douglas

Paul Easto

Jeanette Gaul

Janet Hunter

Judith Webb

Agenda Items 1 & 2:

Welcome

- I. Grant Moir informed the Committee that Katrina Farquhar had resigned from the Board and as such her last day would be 1st January 2017. He congratulated Katrina on her new job of Scottish Secretary to Prince Charles and wished her all the best. He advised that there would be a by-election to fill the place Katrina's departure would leave on the Board.

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2. Grant added that as a result of the Scottish Government budget announced on 15 December 2016, the overall budget for both National Parks was a reduction from £12.5m to £12.4m. More information including the percentage split between the National Park Authorities would be circulated when available.
3. The Convener welcomed all present and apologies were noted.

Agenda Item 3:

Minutes & Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

4. The minutes of the previous meeting, 18th November 2016, held at the Community Hall, Boat of Garten were approved with no amendments.
5. There were no matters arising.
6. The Convener provided an update on the Action Points from the previous meetings:
 - a) **Action point at Para 20i – iv: Discharged** – Decision notice has been issued with modified conditions
 - b) **Action point at Para 29i: Discharged** – Addition of the words ‘internal lighting’ to Condition 9.
 - c) **At Para 45** – Had more information been released with regards to Dorenell windfarm? Murray advised that a pre-meeting would be taking place on 20th December 2016 and that following that meeting he would circulate an update.

Agenda Item 4:

Declaration of Interest by Members on Items Appearing on the Agenda

7. There were no items declared.

Agenda Item 5:

Local Development Plan (LDP) 2 Update

8. David Berry presented the paper to the Committee.
9. The Committee were invited to discuss the report, the following points were discussed:
 - a) Confirmation sought as to how many call for sites and ideas responses had been received to date. Advised queries received but no responses yet.
 - b) The plan going forward to encourage and support Community Councils submitting responses.
 - c) Confirmation that the Call for Sites and Ideas would also be looking for land for community use e.g. schools and business use e.g. small to medium businesses in addition to housing sites. This was confirmed.

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- d) Suggestion made to update Town Centre Health checks every two years as they are recognised as a good tool for engaging with communities.
 - e) Confirmation that the roads department in Local Authorities would be approached to access information on infrastructure relating to proposed sites and in relation to reviewing the effectiveness of existing Local Development Plan allocations.
10. David Berry advised that the next steps would be for the Committee to consider the information gathered to inform the Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) through the course of further Informal sessions in the New Year. The Planning Committee will also be asked to agree the annual update to the Development Plan Scheme, which outlines the timetable for LDP2, early in 2017.
11. **The Committee noted the update.**
12. **Action Points arising: None.**

Agenda Item 6 :

Planning Service Performance Update

13. Gavin Miles presented the paper to the Committee, highlighting the positive progress made across the planning service over the past four years.
14. The Committee congratulated the team for a positive report.
15. The Convener highlighted that the series of Committee visits that took place during the course of the year, and looked forward to the 2017 program of visits building on that experience.
16. **The Committee noted the positive performance of the CNPA Planning Service demonstrated in the report.**
17. **Action Points arising: None.**

Agenda Item 7:

Any Other Business

18. Gavin provided an update on enforcement, he highlighted the following areas:
- a) Cairngorm Mountain –retrospective application for tracks and tow, CNPA received additional information requested from applicant earlier in the week and anticipated application being presented to planning Committee in January 2017.

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- b) Inshriach – art retrospective application, still working on gathering the information but should take it Committee January 2017.
 - c) Dinnet Tracks – Continuing to make progress.
19. Gavin provided an update on the following cases:
- a) Kingussie legal agreement – a flurry of activity is expected in January. An update will be brought to the January 2017 Planning Committee meeting.
 - b) Balavil – had been waiting for information however in the last week 95% had been received. The application will require re-advertisement given the scope and detail of the new information supplied and will be brought to the Committee as soon as possible in 2017.
20. Gavin advised that he, the Planning Committee Convener, Grant and Murray would be meeting with the recently appointed DPEA Chief Reporter on 13th January 2017 to discuss Cairngorms issues.
21. Gavin reported that feedback had been received from the schools who had attended the Planning Committee meeting on 18 November 2016. He reported that they had thoroughly enjoyed it, enjoyed the interaction with the Committee and would be keen to attend again. He added that they said that they would like to go on site visits themselves. He confirmed that the event would be repeated in 2017.
22. **Action Point arising: None**

Agenda Item 8:

Date of Next Meeting

23. Friday 27 January 2017 at The Community Hall, Boat of Garten
24. Committee Members are requested to ensure that any Apologies for this meeting are submitted to the Clerk to the Board, Alix Harkness.
25. The public business of the meeting concluded at 11.40 hrs.