
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

held at The Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie
on 19th February 2010 at 10.30am

PRESENT

Peter Argyle	Marcus Humphrey
Eric Baird	Bob Kinnaird
Stuart Black	Mary McCafferty (arrived late)
Duncan Bryden	Willie McKenna
Jaci Douglas	Eleanor Mackintosh (arrived late)
Dave Fallows (arrived late)	Anne MacLean
Lucy Grant	Fiona Murdoch
Drew Hendry	Gregor Rimell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pip Mackie
Karen Major
Bill Stewart

APOLOGIES:

Geva Blackett	Andrew Rafferty
David Green	Richard Stroud
Ian Mackintosh	Susan Walker
Alastair MacLennan	

AGENDA ITEMS 1 & 2:

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1. The Convenor welcomed all present and advised that Dave Fallows, Mary McCafferty & Eleanor Mackintosh may arrive late due to being involved in the Finance Committee meeting.
2. Apologies were received from the above Members.

AGENDA ITEM 3:

MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3. The minutes of the previous meeting, 5th February 2010, held at The Community Centre, Nethy Bridge were approved with an Amendment to paragraph 61 to reflect that Fiona Murdoch had left the meeting.
4. There were no matters arising.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:
DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS ON ANY ITEMS APPEARING
ON THE AGENDA**

5. There were no declarations of interest.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:
PLANNING APPLICATION CALL-IN DECISIONS
(Oral Presentation, Bill Stewart)**

6. 10/031/CP - The decision was to call-in the application for the following reason :
- The application is for a variation to Lochnagar House Type details on three plots at land at High Burnside, Aviemore. The previous application was called in by the CNPA and this application is considered to be of linked significance to the previous application consequently the proposal raises issues of general significance to the collective aims of the Cairngorms National Park.
7. 10/032/CP - No Call-in
8. 10/033/CP - No Call-in
9. 10/034/CP - No Call-in
10. 10/035/CP - No Call-in
11. 10/036/CP - No Call-in
12. 10/037/CP - No Call-in
13. 10/038/CP - No Call-in
14. 10/039/CP - No Call-in
15. 10/040/CP - No Call-in

16. 10/041/CP - The decision was to call-in the application for the following reason :
- This proposal is to vary the condition of a previous approved planning application for the retrospective siting of 34 static caravans at the Boat of Garten Caravan Site. The condition currently only allows for the area to be used solely for touring caravans and tented camping. The proposal raises issues with regard to landscape and also in relation to economic development of the area with regard to the provision of tourist accommodation within the Cairngorms National Park. Consequently, the proposal raises issues of general significance with regard to the collective aims of the Cairngorms National Park.
17. 10/042/CP - No Call-in

COMMENTING ON APPLICATIONS NOT CALLED-IN BY THE COMMITTEE

18. The Members wished to make comments to the Local Authorities on the following Planning Application No's 10/034/CP, 10/035/CP, 10/036/CP, 10/037/CP, 10/038/CP, 10/039/CP & 10/042/CP. The planning officers noted these comments and were delegated with the responsibility of whether or not to submit the comments to the Local Authorities.
19. Dave Fallows & Eleanor Mackintosh arrived at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION PAPER ON LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY – UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REPORTERS (PAPER 1)

20. Karen Major presented an update report regarding the timetable of events which follow the receipt of the Scottish Government Reporters Report setting out their recommendations following the close of the Local Plan Inquiry.
21. Karen Major recommended that the Committee:
- i) formally note receipt of the Report from the Scottish Government Reporters;
 - ii) formally note and endorse the next steps to analyse the recommendations set out by Reporters and the subsequent publication of Post Inquiry Modifications;
 - iii) formally note the continuing work on Supplementary guidance to support the Local Plan once adopted;
 - iv) formally note the relationship between this work and the work to progress of the Local Development Plan.

22. The Committee discussed the update report and the following point was raised:
 - a) In order to avoid potential confusion for members of the public, the need to ensure adequate distinction between the current Local Plan process and the preparations for the new Local Development Plan.
23. The Committee agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.
24. Mary McCafferty arrived at the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:
ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

25. Duncan Bryden advised Members that a decision had been issued on the appeal for Balnagowan Steading, Nethy Bridge. He stated that the Reporters had upheld the appeal and approved the application subject to conditions. Bill Stewart gave a summary of the conditions. Duncan Bryden thanked Stuart Black and Alastair MacLennan for their involvement in the appeal process on the Committee's behalf.
26. Stuart Black advised Members that the Reporter had picked up on tension between the Aims of the Park in paragraph 11 of the decision report. He queried if there was potential to address this apparent conflict by reassessing the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000. Duncan Bryden responded that the Committee would experience dilemmas of this type, but that reassessing the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 was not the most feasible way to address the issue.

**AGENDA ITEM 8:
DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

27. Friday 5th March 2010 at The Community Hall, Boat of Garten.
28. Committee Members are requested to ensure that any Apologies for this meeting are submitted to the Planning Office in Ballater.
29. The meeting concluded at 11.07am.