
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

held at Village Hall, Newtonmore
on 27th November 2009 at 9.30am

PRESENT

Eric Baird
Stuart Black (arrived late)
Duncan Bryden
Jaci Douglas
Dave Fallows
Lucy Grant
Marcus Humphrey
Mary McCafferty

Willie McKenna
Eleanor Mackintosh
Anne MacLean
Alastair MacLennan
Andrew Rafferty
Richard Stroud
Susan Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Don McKee
Pip Mackie

Andrew Tait

APOLOGIES:

Peter Argyle
Geva Blackett
David Green
Drew Hendry

Bob Kinnaird
Ian Mackintosh
Fiona Murdoch
Gregor Rimell

**AGENDA ITEMS 1 & 2:
WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

1. The Convenor welcomed all present.
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 13th November 2009 held at Community Centre, Nethy Bridge were approved subject to amendments to paragraph 8 – changing Willie McKenna’s declaration of interest from ‘Community Interest’ to ‘Employee of Applicant’ and paragraph 35 – to ‘The Committee agreed the application for the reasons stated in the report with alterations to conditions covering the strengthening of the method statement and sustainability statement, mentioning BREEAM with detail to be decided by CNPA planning officials.
4. There were no matters arising.

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

5. Eric Baird declared an interest in Planning Application No. 09/363/CP, Employee of Ranger Service whose remit covers the area of the application.
6. Marcus Humphrey declared an interest in Planning Application No. 09/363/CP, Director of the Access Trust.

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

7. 09/357/CP - No Call-in
8. 09/358/CP - No Call-in
9. 09/359/CP - No Call-in
10. 09/360/CP - No Call-in
11. 09/361/CP - No Call-in
12. 09/362/CP - No Call-in

Eric Baird & Marcus Humphrey declared an interest and left the room.

13. 09/363/CP - The decision was to call-in the application for the following reason :

- This proposal is for a stretch of new path that will provide a link between the Deeside Way and proposed and existing core paths on the south side of the Dee. The proposal is an important link in the Deeside path network and raises issues in relation to residents and visitors understanding and enjoyment of the area. Landscape issues from the path construction and issues with regard to the social and economic development of the area are also significant. Consequently, the proposal raises issues of general significance with regard to the collective aims of the Cairngorms National Park.

Eric Baird & Marcus Humphrey returned.

- 14. 09/364/CP - No Call-in
- 15. 09/365/CP - No Call-in
- 16. 09/366/CP - No Call-in
- 17. 09/367/CP - No Call-in
- 18. 09/368/CP - No Call-in
- 19. 09/369/CP - No Call-in
- 20. 09/370/CP - No Call-in

Stuart Black arrived at the meeting.

COMMENTING ON APPLICATIONS NOT CALLED-IN BY THE COMMITTEE

21. The Members wished to make comments to the Local Authorities on the following Planning Application No's 09/357/CP, 09/364/CP, 09/365/CP, 09/367/CP, 09/368/CP & 09/370/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.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. Duncan Bryden informed Members that Wilburn Homes had lodged an Appeal with the Scottish Government against the refusal of planning permission for Balnagowan Steading, Nethy Bridge. Don McKee advised that as the Committee had refused permission against the recommendation of the Planning Officer, in line with previous appeals of this nature, a Committee Member was required to volunteer to help with the case to present to the Reporters, which would probably take the form of written submissions. Stuart Black volunteered to help with the appeal, with Alastair MacLennan being a standby volunteer.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23. Friday 10.00am, 11th December 2009 at the Albert Memorial Hall, Ballater.
24. Committee Members are requested to ensure that any Apologies for this meeting are submitted to the Planning Office in Ballater.
25. The meeting concluded at 10:20hrs.