

APPROVED COMMITTEE MINUTES

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

held at ALBERT HALL, BALLATER

on 16th August 2019 at 11.25

Members Present

Eleanor Mackintosh (Convener)

Peter Argyle

Carolyn Caddick

Deirdre Falconer

Pippa Hadley

Janet Hunter

John Kirk

John Latham

Anne Rae Macdonald

Douglas McAdam

Xander McDade

Willie McKenna

Ian McLaren

Dr Fiona McLean

William Munro

Dr Gaener Rodger

Derek Ross

Judith Webb

In Attendance:

Grant Moir, Chief Executive

Gavin Miles, Head of Planning & Communities

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

Stephanie Wade, Planning Officer, Development Management

Edward Swales, Monitoring & Enforcement Officer

Rhiannon Holden, Hill Track Intern

Deidre Straw, Planning Systems Officer

Dot Harris, Planning Support Officer

Apologies: Geva Blackett

Agenda Items 1 & 2:

Welcome & Apologies

1. The Convener welcomed all present.

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Agenda Item 6:

Development Plan Scheme 2019/2020

Recommendation: Approve

10. Dan Harris, Planning Manager highlighted a correction to the agenda, paper is for decision not for information; he then presented the paper to the Committee.

11. **The Committee agreed to approve the Development Plan Scheme 2019/2020**

12. **Action Point arising: None.**

Agenda Item 7:

Oral update on Planning Appeal – PPA-001-2020

Application for Detailed Planning Permission (2019/0034/DET)

Formation of car park

At Land 40M NW of The Spinney, Inverness Road, Carrbridge, Highland

13. Gavin Miles, Head of Planning & Communities gave an oral report to the Committee on current status of the planning appeal. The following points were highlighted:

- a) The reporter had determined that the application requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and gave the applicant 21 days to respond as to whether they would undertake an EIA. This expired on Wednesday 14th August 2019; the applicant had not yet responded and on 15th August 2019 the reporter sent an email requesting a response as soon as possible.
- b) The reporter is no longer under an obligation to consider the appeal, but has not dismissed the appeal as of the date of planning committee.
- c) Further updates will be given to the committee once received.

14. **Action Point arising: None.**

Agenda Item 8:

Update on Beauly-Denny Transmission Line Project Restoration Monitoring

15. Gavin Miles, Head of Planning & Communities presented the paper to the Committee.

16. The Committee were invited to discuss the report, the following points were raised:

- a) It was commented that SSE have been willing to take advice from CNPA staff.
- b) It was requested that we emphasise to SSE the need for more prompt reports as the current report is on the status as at last autumn.

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- c) It was queried whether there been any change to grazing regimes? The Head of Planning & Communities confirmed that fencing to restrict grazing was part of the trials, but it was not yet clear whether this has had the intended effect.
- d) A member asked whether monitoring of sites that reached a 'green' status would continue. The Head of Planning & Communities explained that the SSE methodology as approved as part of the consent but that the CNPA were interested in seeing the restoration of the worst areas.
- e) It was highlighted in the SSE report that A9 dualling investigation works were using sections, and it was queried whether it been clarified what areas SSE will continue to be responsible for and which will be responsibility for A9 project? The c Head of Planning & Communities larified that areas purchased for A9 works will be the responsibility of the Scottish Ministers and Transport Scotland once transferred.
- f) It was commented that last year was a bad year for regeneration – this year has had more rain and may see improvements.
- g) A member informed the committee that SSE have a current public consultation on policy and biodiversity net gain should anyone wish to read and respond.

17. **Action Points arising:** **None.**

Agenda Item 9:

Any Other Business

- 18. A member asked for information on a prior notification for tracks on Gaick Estate allowed by Highland Council. The Head of Planning & Communities explained that the CNPA had provided advice to Highland Council on a prior notification for the hill tracks earlier in the year. The CNPA's response had commented that the information provided in support of the prior notification was clear but that in the CNPA's opinion, the proposals would require a planning application and its approval to be authorised. It was Highland Council's decision on whether to accept the prior notification or to ask for further information and prior approval, or to require a planning application. In this case, they had accepted the prior notification. The w Head of Planning & Communities could follow up with Highland Council officers on their reasoning for this decision.
- 19. The application 2018/0354/PPP (Highland Council 18/04217/PIP), Relocation of Balavil Home Farm due to the dualling of the A9) & construction of new farm buildings, farmyard, associated utilities/drainage, landscape & access road to new farm at Land East of Lynovoan, Lynchat, Kingussie which was called-in by Scottish Ministers on 13 December 2018 has now been approved.

