
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE held at The Glenlivet Distillery Visitor Centre, Glenlivet on 19th March 2010 at 10.30am

PRESENT

Peter Argyle
Eric Baird
Stuart Black
Geva Blackett
Duncan Bryden
Dave Fallows
Lucy Grant
David Green
Drew Hendry
Marcus Humphrey
Bob Kinnaird

Mary McCafferty
Willie McKenna
Eleanor Mackintosh
Ian Mackintosh
Anne MacLean
Alastair MacLennan
Fiona Murdoch
Andrew Rafferty
Gregor Rimell
Richard Stroud
Susan Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marie Duncan Robert Grant
Don McKee

APOLOGIES:

Jaci Douglas

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, 5th March 2010, held at The Community Hall, Boat of Garten were approved with amendments to Paragraph 7 to change chairman to vice chairman and Paragraph 9 to change member to ex director.
4. There were no matters arising.

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

5. Bob Kinnaird declared a direct interest in Planning Application No. 10/065/CP, due to the applicants' wife being an employee.
6. Peter Argyle, Marcus Humphrey & Richard Stroud as Aberdeenshire Councillors declared a direct interest in Planning Application No. 10/070/CP, due to the applicants being Aberdeenshire Council.
7. Geva Blackett declared an indirect interest in Planning Application No. 10/070/CP, due to her husbands employment connections with the estate who own the land.

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

8. 10/060/CP - No Call-in
9. 10/061/CP - No Call-in
10. 10/062/CP - The decision was to call-in the application for the following reason :

- This application has previously been considered by the CNPA and raises issues regarding planning policy, natural and cultural heritage impacts as well as to the provision of affordable housing. As such it is deemed to be of general significance to the collective aims of the National Park.

11. 10/063/CP - The decision was to call-in the application for the following reason :
- This application seeks approval of matters as part of an outline planning consent granted on appeal for residential development. The proposal is of significant scale and is in a prominent position within one of the main settlements in the National Park. Consequently, the proposal is considered to raise issues of general significance for the collective aims of the National Park.
12. 10/064/CP - No Call-in
13. 10/065/CP - No Call-in
Bob Kinnaird declared an interest and left the room.
Bob Kinnaird returned.
14. 10/066/CP - No Call-in
15. 10/067/CP - No Call-in
16. 10/068/CP - No Call-in
17. 10/069/CP - No Call-in
18. 10/070/CP - No Call-in
Peter Argyle, Marcus Humphrey & Richard Stroud as Aberdeenshire Councillors declared an interest and left the room.
Peter Argyle, Marcus Humphrey & Richard Stroud returned.
Drew Hendry arrived at the meeting.

COMMENTING ON APPLICATIONS NOT CALLED-IN BY THE COMMITTEE

19. The Members wished to make comments to the Local Authorities on the following Planning Application No's 10/065/CP, 10/066/CP, 10/067/CP & 10/070/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:

PAPER FOR APPROVAL OF UPDATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

20. Don McKee (Head of Planning) presented a paper on behalf of Alison Lax (Planning Officer, Local Plan/Policy) recommending that the Committee agree the recommendation for the Development Plan Scheme.
21. Don McKee advised members all Planning Authorities in Scotland are required to produce a Development Plan Scheme annually, covering the progress of adopting their Development Plan. The document includes a timetable and process of plan preparation.
22. Don McKee advised members of amendment to Page 5 and the removal of 'Cairngorms National Park Deposit Local Plan (2nd Modification)' within the Current Local Plans box as this hasn't been adopted.
23. Don McKee advised members the paper will be available in brochure form if requested and will appear on the website in brochure format.
24. The Committee discussed the paper and the following points were raised:
- a) Clarification of the review of the Relationship between the National Park Plan and the Local Development Plan. Don McKee agreed to add a statement to reflect this.
 - b) Inclusion of a statement on the proposal CNP extension of area boundary details.
 - c) Clarification that the CNPA adopted standards are based on but exceed National Standards Community Engagement.
25. Clarification of SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) and other abbreviations throughout the report.
26. Clarification of the Plans that will eventually be used within the CNP.
27. Members agreed to the recommendation for the Development Plan Scheme subject to amendments.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

28. Members discussed and agreed to some revisions to their calendar to allow for sites visits and determinations for Kingussie and An Camas Mòr, consideration of LP PIMs and SPG, and a session on housing delivery in dire times.
29. The following revisions were agreed:
30. **Planning Committee/Board Arrangements April – June 2010**
 - 16 April Kincaig**
 - Audit Committee to be rescheduled for a different date/time
 - Planning Call In 9.30
 - Site Visit to 300 house site Kingussie
 - Lunch 12.30
 - Afternoon Discussion Session on Economic Baseline Report
 - 23 April Boat of Garten**
 - Using a Provisional Date from the Calendar 10.00 start - Informal Discussion Session
 - 30 April Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie NOT Ballater**
 - Planning Call In and Determinations (Duke of Gordon Hotel)
 - Start time TBA
 - 14 May Grant Arms, Grantown on Spey**
 - Finance Committee 9.00
 - Planning Call In 9.30
 - Board 10.00
 - Afternoon Informal Session on Housing Delivery with external speakers.

28 May Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore

Planning Call In and Determinations and Site Visit for An Camas Mòr

Start time TBA

11 June Boat of Garten NOT Blair Atholl

Planning Call In and Determination

Start time TBA

18 June Blair Atholl

Using Provisional Date from the Calendar - Board Discussion and Open Evening on 17th

31. Still to be confirmed are start times for 30 April, 28 May and 11 June and inclusion of determinations on the 28th of May and the 30th of April.
32. Don McKee advised once confirmed the dates, times and locations will be advertised appropriately on the website and elsewhere.
33. Concerns were raised that there will be no meetings in Ballater or Deeside in the first 6 months of the year. It was explained that due to the number of large Highland applications and public interests in them it was deemed appropriate to hold the meetings locally. It was agreed that the scheduled Deeside meetings in the second half of the year will not be changed.
34. Duncan Bryden stressed to committee that it was crucial that members attended the site visits whenever possible.

AGENDA ITEM 8:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

35. **Thursday** 1st April 2010 at 10.30am.
36. Committee Members are requested to ensure that any Apologies for this meeting are submitted to the Planning Office in Ballater.
37. The meeting concluded at 11.10am.