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Dear Peter

Your correspondence dated 08 March has been passed on to James Stuart for his consideration and he has asked that I respond in the following terms.

It will not be possible to discuss the matters you have raised at the Board meeting on Monday as you request. The agenda is agreed with the Convener in advance of the meeting and it is not within our procedures to add additional agenda items as a result of external requests. The previous meeting you refer to was where the matter of interest was already part of the planned agenda. That said, the future management and operations of National Park Authority facilities and assets is a matter which is expected to form part of a future Board discussions.

The decision taken regarding boat slipping at Millarochy bay is as a consequence of operational decisions to deploy staff resources where they are most required across the National Park and where they will deliver best value outcomes. The year on year decline in numbers of boat slips at the site alongside the continuing requirement for staff presence to supervise these low numbers is not seen as best use of staff time. As the landowner the Park Authority is responsible for public safety on the beach and it is not considered appropriate to allow vehicles and trailers to use the beach unsupervised.

However, it is hoped that the cessation of boat slipping at Millarochy could be an interim position. The future management of the Millarochy site is something that the Park Authority wishes to explore, particularly where there may be a partnership with a third party (which could include community organisations) to provide services and facilities. The site could support a range of watersports alongside day visitors and a suitable partnership may provide opportunities to reintroduce boat slipping services. We will wish to discuss this potential with a range of interests over the coming period and there may well be interested parties within your membership.

If the LLA has practical suggestions for potential partnership approaches to the future management of the site then we would be happy to consider these.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Watson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon Watson
Chief Executive