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Watch the boards

The Cairngorm National Park Board advertises and publishes papers for a range of meetings <http://cairngorms.co.uk/authority/meetings/> The LLTNP is far less open and only holds three main types of meeting involving Board Members in public: the Main Board, Planning Committee and Audit Committee. <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/looking-after/board-meetings/menu-id-409.html>

While the dates of meetings are advertised in advance, agendas and papers appear at most only 7 days beforehand which makes it very difficult for the public to attend. The press stopped going long ago. The result is there is no external scrutiny.

If just a few people attended and reported what they heard on social media or questioned Board Members afterwards it would make a difference. And consider a write up for parkswatchscotland

If you live in the Park

Keep an eye on your local elected representative and councillors who sit on the Boards; let them know your views

Let politicians know

Our politicians, with the exception of a few local representatives, are remarkably ignorant of our National Parks and get most of their information from the mainstream media. Let them know what is and isn't not working and ask them to commit to change.

Report issues

Whether its wildlife crime or access issues report these to the Park Authorities and then follow up any concerns. Its amazing how many unfriendly access signs still survive in our Parks ten years after their creation.

Camping bye-laws

Post photos of happy campers, young or old, in wild places or by the road to counter the spin of the Park .

Ask your candidates at the forthcoming Scottish parliament elections to commit to reversing the decision to approve new camping byelaws

Share ideas

Contribute to this blog or other social media.

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