

**Initial Meeting 28 January 2014**

CW and GA met with [REDACTED] and had an initial discussion around the project. High level information and asked FCS for their perspective on the issues and possible solutions. Also asked [REDACTED] to sit on the project advisory group, which they agreed to do. FCS are keen to see options explored, but are interested in the lessons learnt and benefits seen from ELL.

Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – Breadalbane Room 14:00 – 15:30

Fiona/Gordon - Sportscotland, [REDACTED]

Visitor Management Discussed, note as follows:-

- Camping Management – LLTTNPA gave [REDACTED] a brief on upcoming informal and formal consultation on Park-wide options for capacity and camping management. GW/BJ to follow up when draft proposals are ready. Communication on this to go through [REDACTED]

Update on discussion with RYA 19/2/2014 - CW

RYA sent in a letter asking about the project, to which we formally responded on this date. They are keen to be involved at an early stage with consultation on the piece of work. We agreed to this and have since sent an email requesting a meeting with [REDACTED]

Meeting update 19/3/2015 – CW

Very positive meeting held with [REDACTED] RYA are happy to support the NPA with the development of options and to use their role in engaging with their members to support the NPA in listening to as wide a range of interests as possible. They support a balanced approach to addressing issues (Education / Enforcement and Infrastructure provision), but appreciate that sometimes a legislative approach is required, only where enforceable though. Actions from the meeting included RYA and CW to think and respond on how best to engage with the RYA members; CW to follow up on engagement with Scottish Sports Association; CW to follow up links to the Tourism 2020 framework which highlights visitor experience and destination for use in discussion with key partners; CW also took an action to follow up with [REDACTED] outstanding commitments under LLBLs to work with RYA more closely.

Summary of LLTTNPA/PS Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

Hi,

Many thanks for your time yesterday. It was a very productive meeting and great to hear about progress in Police Scotland.

Below is a brief re-cap of the key points and actions from the meeting. Please feel free to add anything which I have missed.

Summary of LLTTNPA/PS Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

General Discussion

- Approval of National Park Single Policing Plan  
All
- Agreement to produce an annual action plan which succinctly outlines  
BJ/GM
  - Key deliverables/outputs against the themes and annual areas of work
  - Key measurements (what success looks like)
- Agreement to consider governance and scrutiny annually again the annual action plan FL/GW
- Review the data sharing and collection between PS and LLTTNP with a view to enhanced analytics and the possibility of utilising CPP resources to support this  
BJ/GM

Wider Camping Management

- Agreement that the thinking underway by the Park team was heading in the right direction and PS warmly welcomed enhanced powers to support a better visitor experience in key locations across the NP All
- East Loch Lomond experience and gains 'compelling' and worth having PS supporting LLTTNPA in community meetings where feasible over the coming months of informal and formal consultation BJ/GM
- Pull in ABC CPP as a key partner and set up [REDACTED] meeting BM
- Consider 'joint partner' consultation approach All

I think this about covers it. Your support as a partner is hugely appreciated and we look forward to continuing working with you all over the coming months.

Thanks again.

Warm regards

Fiona

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Notes of meeting with Luss Community Council attended by Bridget Jones 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Good meeting, following is a summary of main discussions, happy to discuss in more detail as required:

1 Lighting at north entrance into Luss

Confirmed NPA in direct contact with TS and we are happy to contribute financially to a solution; CC really want improved lighting, suggested that as NPA we may use opportunity to enhance the entrances to the village

2 Camping/visitor management

CC members confirmed issues at quarry, suggested less issues last year, but impacts are high especially on residents nearby and visitors using paths. Concerns about Glebe and potential to become an issue with camping/drinking etc  
Agreed numbers were not high but impacts of a few were very significant. Minor concern over displacement if byelaws to quieter areas. Requested evening patrolling by rangers and support by Police. Camping provision suggested for Firkin Point, confirmed we lease site not owner. Also highlighted Luss commercial camp site, but can be limiting and selective with who is allowed to camp. Supportive of a regulated approach, byelaws.

Actions: NPA will target some ranger patrolling activity as will police.  
CC to encourage reporting of issues and incidents  
NPA to supply the CC with camping issues e-mail address for comments/photos etc  
CC to pass on details/comments to NPA camping e-mail

3 Anti-social behaviour

Paul Barr gave full briefing on Ironworks, patrolling, NPA funding, flexible approaches to patrolling/presence covered all aspects, also committed to bringing police across the Loch to support management of issues on busy weekends.

4 Village Parking

CC have secured mandate from residents to proceed with developing solutions to parking problems, had 74 responses to 90 questionnaires. Consultation to take place.

5 Litter

Minor concerns over litter on our sites, Luss Estates confirmed that Lodge on the Loch will litter pick Luss beach as part of agreement over new jetty installation.

6 Visitor Centre

Questions over future, confirmed 12 years of lease to run, CC members keen to report issues, also comment on lack of visitor info, shabby look etc. BJ confirmed

display re-fresh planned and staff training. Some minor comments on loss of VC facility. CC members keen to watch how tenant performs and report issues to NPA, requested detail of lease requirements to reference. BJ agreed to talk to our Tourism team to provide some steer, though pointing out that it would be inappropriate to provide a copy of the lease.

#### 7 Toilet charging

Mostly old issues raised again, however unprompted request to seek parking fee rise to accommodate toilet charges CC members strongly supported this approach rather than introducing another charge which might result in problems getting change, turnstiles breaking, double charging putting visitor off, impacts on businesses, how it works with other free toilets. Also suggested a annual fee/charge for bus tour companies. Requested any proposal is run past CC for comment. One question on why we needed to charge at all, [REDACTED] to provide NPA with other income generating ideas as she is strongly opposed to charging for toilets. Concerned about potential for over/mis –use of Lomond Arms toilets.

#### 8 South Entrance re-naming

CC want to change from Luss to Aldochlay, BJ said we had no issue with proposal.

#### 9 Tree cutting; no issues

10 MIR: CC request a full day drop-in/workshop event early June in village hall, SM/SB to contact [REDACTED] direct to agree dates. Luss Estates requested copy of MIR report.

#### Other general discussion:

- Questions [REDACTED] on what NPA provides/does for Luss, BJ offered to provide a list
- Encouraging CC and community to report serious issues/incidents to police and any useful camping visitor pressure info via NPA e-mail
- Much of meeting was reminding people what we do, what actions we are taking and listening to general concerns and worries (biggest issue appeared to be street parking and safety concerns).

The meeting had a very constructive tone, good discussion and contributions, keen to keep working together.

Bridget

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Landowner meeting

28 April 2014, 2pm

[REDACTED]

Meeting was very constructive and supportive, also looked at infrastructure proposals as well as discussing visitor camping and fishing management.

Key points:

Camping/fishing and visitor management

- Fishing is by permit only, and technically is not for over-night fishing but this does happen
- Bailiffs police the fishing permits, pickup litter and mainly issue permits on site in situ cash sale with receipt/voucher book.
- Riparian owners are keen to eradicate camping/fishing as it is just now
- Keen on a regulated camping permit system, keen to allow camping
- Need to formalise parking arrangements
- Supports clearway proposals all with parking and passing places.
- There are NO passing places on the single track road/NCR 7/RRW

Infrastructure improvements

- Install passing places
- Bunds along road verge
- New layby/parking area for fishing/campers
- Upgrade/redesign existing car park for day visitors.
- Clear out harbour to allow water flow and remove gravel "bridge" bank.
- Establish path along shoreline/encourage visitors to explore shore/head west.

Meeting with National Trust for Scotland on 14<sup>th</sup> May attended by Charlie Wallace

Great to meet with you last week.

Thank you also for the information contained in your emails, I will update SG with our current position and look forward to hearing from you and [REDACTED] on your suggested amendments on the agreement.

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With regards to our Visitor Management project, it is fantastic to get your input at this initial stage. I will ensure that your comments are reflected in our information gathering and that you continue to be on our list of list of consultees moving forwards. I will keep you updated as we move forwards. I will also include your contact information on our East Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group, as I think it would be really valuable to get you along to these meetings moving forwards. We will next have a meeting post summer season.

Thank you for the contact details too – I will get in touch with [REDACTED] re as it would be great to at least have a more joined up conversation about our Education/Inclusion and Volunteer work.

Charlotte

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 May 2014 09:35  
**To:** Charlotte Wallace  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park

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Thanks Charlotte for meeting me yesterday about your park wide visitor management project which you are wanting to progress over the next few months. We would certainly be keen to discuss key visitor pressures with you and where we can work with the Park and other partners and local communities. We touched on some of the areas of work which the Trust is already involved with through [REDACTED] at Ben Lomond and I'm sure there are other opportunities for us to work with you as you develop this project. We are certainly keen to try and improve the visitor information/paths/hidden history trail and signage around the Rowardenan area in a more joined up way as this is something we have struggled to get sorted with other partners. We would be keen to see how we could promote the use the Ben Lomond Bunkhouse at Ardess for either outdoor activity groups or education groups for example perhaps in conjunction with the Educational Travel Grant. The NTS Ben Lomond Ranger Service carries out a variety of work within the Park and we report to SNH annually as part of our National Framework agreement. I will chat to [REDACTED] about how we might share this with Park staff better where we are already contributing to the Park's objectives/outcomes and the NTS objectives.



You asked about 2 other colleagues and here are their contact details, both based at our HQ in Edinburgh.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted], The National Trust for Scotland



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NTS – [REDACTED]

14.5.14

- Outlined project proposal and discussed NTS interests in the subject area.
  - NTS have 4 geographic interests in the NP – Hidden trail and Bunkhouse at Rowardennan / Killin / memorial statue in Gartmore / and Bucinch and Ceardach . Mainly only East Loch Lomond interests that link to this project.
  - Main points to note are the NTS interest in consistency of signage and information for visitors.
  - They are keen to investigate options for the creative use and development of the use of ELL sites for improved visitor engagement. Possible development of use of bunkhouse so that it can support the camping provision plans on ELL.
- [REDACTED] is keen to sit on ELL VMG to input in from a policy level to these discussions.
- Happy to engage the wider team with the proposals as the consultation phase develops.

Additional comments from G Watson – **meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**[REDACTED]** FE 19th May

Introductory meeting to share thinking and aspirations. **[REDACTED]** agreed to work with us to look at potential camping sites on the forest estate. His main concern would be to find a way to operate them at no cost to FE.

Discussion on problem camping and costs of running Salloch. Would be good to share any information they hold.

Follow up working meeting being arranged for July.

- Outlined that the pressure from competing recreation uses on some of the trails in the Trossachs is where they see the most conflict (eg between walkers and cyclists)
- They promote 'Do the ride thing' guide produced by Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBS) which is fundamentally linked into SOAC see link [http://www.dmbins.com/files/Do the Ride Thing.pdf](http://www.dmbins.com/files/Do_the_Ride_Thing.pdf)
- Main physical locations from their experience suffering pressure (described as litter, irresponsible behaviour with alcohol, damage to the environment) are the south shore of Loch Venachar and The Scout camp area south west Loch Achray. These pressures are seen mainly from fishing activity, therefore primarily during the fishing season.
- Suggested that a 'carrot and stick' approach is needed to address the issues and that they would support this.
- Suggested that investment in Eco toilets across the NP key visitor areas would alleviate the toileting issues seen.

AGM Meeting Friends of Loch Lomond 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 attended by G Watson

Friends of LLT AGM 21st May

Gave a talk and mentioned camping management proposals would be forthcoming. Fiona arranging a follow up informal meeting with [REDACTED]

**Meeting with SEPA 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 attended by G Watson**

SEPA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 29th May

Raised the issue of camping management and unsatisfactory Loch Lubnaig experience.  
Agreement to collaborate in the project and arrange meeting.

**Meeting with SEPA 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 attended by G Watson**

SEPA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 19th June

Agreed to work collaboratively once we have identified camping areas that we want to investigate. Allan Bell and Scot Nisbet should have a detailed note of meeting.

Meeting with Scottish Enterprise 5<sup>th</sup> June attended by G Watson

Discussed as part of a broader discussion on partnership working. Mairi working on a business case for items that SE could support which could include camping management.

NPA Destination Group 10th June 2014 attended by G Watson

Reminded [REDACTED] that we were working on a proposal and would be looking for their support.  
Invited suggestions for camping provision ([REDACTED] has already been in touch)



Meeting with [REDACTED] Estates 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 attended by G Watson

**From:** Gordon Watson

**Sent:** 30 June 2014 12:48

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** [REDACTED] Meeting Follow Up

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks to you and [REDACTED] for meeting me the other week. I hope you found it a useful discussion.

I promised to follow up on a few things.

You raised a number of development ideas that we would be delighted to continue offer advice and assistance on.

Outdoor Activity Centre  
Camping Wigwams  
Housing Land at [REDACTED]  
Workspace

As I highlighted the camping wigwams would make a valuable contribution to our camping management initiatives and we would be delighted to progress this with you to support the continuing success of our East Loch Lomond initiative.

I promised to share information we had on the tourism economy and economic value. Our Valuing the Park document sets out the value of different activity markets and can be downloaded at the following link.

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/looking-after/loch-lomond-the-trossachs-national-park-valuing-the-national-park-2011/menu-id-414.html>

and a summary here

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/looking-after/valuing-the-park-a-summary-of-tourism-data-2011/menu-id-414.html>

I hope this assists

I hope this is of assistance and would suggest that we meet again in the autumn to discuss progress on the above.

Best regards

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**SG Response on behalf of Loch Venachar Riparian Owners**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 June 2015 11:42  
**To:** [NationalParks@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NationalParks@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Bridget Jones  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] - Scottish Government, Forestry and Environment Directorate

Dear Mr Robertson,

I am chairman of the Loch Venachar Riparian Owners Association and at our recent AGM considerable concern was raised about the unintended consequences of the National Parks decision to exclude the private road along the south shore of Loch Venachar from the provisions of the new byelaws.

I have discussed this issue with Bridget Jones of the NP and understand the logic of the Park's decision which was based on the assumption that as it is a private road and as access is restricted by a number of notices to this effect, that the provisions of the byelaws should not in theory be needed to control car-based camping. In practice, however, there are increasing numbers of the public who are ignoring such restrictions on access by vehicles, often under the mistaken impression that the Freedom to Roam legislation permits unrestricted access to private land.

One of our members, [REDACTED], has already drawn your attention to this issue and for ease of reference I have appended his e-mail describing recent instances of car-based camping along the private road and off other tracks within the estate. As [REDACTED] has pointed out, the estate has always been willing to allow responsible youth organisations and individuals to wild camp within the estate but the increasing amount of unauthorised car-based camping and associated litter and fouling is giving rise to the concerns expressed, not only by the estate staff but also by the dozen or so residents served by this private road.

I appreciate that it is late in the day to raise this issue but the problem has only recently become acute and it would be appreciated locally if you could direct the NP to reconsider their exclusion of this private road from the provisions of the new byelaws. I am copying this e-mail to Bridget Jones as she encouraged me to write to you to express our concerns about the unintended consequences of what was originally a sensible decision.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

From: Fiona Logan

Sent: 24 June 2014 09:10

To: [REDACTED]; Gordon Watson; Scott Nisbet

Cc: Jane Filshill; Bobbie Byleveldt; Bridget Jones

Subject: Joint Meeting with National Parks and FE

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Hi All,

Please find a record of yesterday's meeting and some key actions. I trust this broadly reflects the conversation we had.

Grant, can you please forward to Graeme, whose email I don't have.

Many thanks again for coming.

Fiona

Joint Meeting with National Parks and FE

#### Loch Lomond and The Trossachs NP Update

FE - Lots of positives including a re-set of the internal thinking with [REDACTED] coming in and now an example would be that we are in a position to think of DML as an ENFOR visitor centre as compared to where we have been, which wasn't ideal. Also with WHW and SNH relationship worked well. East Loch Lomond has worked. Reflection that it is a bit bitty and could be more joined up still, and better planned but on a positive journey. Also acknowledged that success of East Loch Lomond have produced tangible benefits for FE so Gordon is in support of the wider park visitor management focused work.

Future - good potential to deliver on a wider shared agenda

LLTTNPA - discussed that we have a good operational relationship with initiatives but that at a strategic relationship involves much more senior management strategic shared outcome setting. Also discussed central area of the Park and this opportunity could be better realised and could we get more strategic and set a small number of shared outcomes which there are win wins for both sides. What is the optimal timing for these strategic interactions? Should we also consider more special Partnership Plans and can we build this in.

Actions - We look at the wider park visitor management consultation and capital investment plans (NPPP VE 1) as a shared project rather than a National Park Authority project in which FE is simply a consultee. GW to think about FE role and...

SN/BJ/GW/GD to set up a workshop to agree and re-set this as a joint project at all levels - sites, byelaws, engagement Gordon to be on project board or other ( or other ongoing embedding in action) - GW Can we reflect wording better for the strategic plan - GD with input from SN

Actions - Genuine strategic conversations about targets for productive forestry and what we are trying to achieve with the 40% FE land within the National Park. Through strategic and operational planning cycle for Gordon, Gordon and Scott to drive shared outcome/target setting. Not us responding to FE on pre-set targets and vice versa.

Work together to work on wording for current planning cycle but also to build relationship through Park people getting involved in rolling forest design plans - SN/GD Agree the schedules and planning sessions in advance - GD/SN

**Camping management meeting note:**

**SNH and LLTNPA : 9 July 2014 Battleby**

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Bridget Jones LLTNPA

Gordon Watson LLTNPA

**Context for LLTNPA camping and visitor management approaches**

Support given for the NPA's narrative on why camping management is needed in the NP with key points being:

- Strategic context, ministerial and senior civil servant direction and fit with PPP alongside the current position of use and abuse in the park..
- National Parks are different.
- Relationship between capacity, acceptable levels of use and demand and associated environmental and experiential impacts (others looking to enjoy the area).
- Relationship between provision and control of numbers, importance of a plan for camping provision that matches/compliments any controls introduced.
- This is about improving opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of our loch shores not limiting them, ensure opportunities for cross section of society are retained.
- Includes camping and motorhomes and close links to fishing management.

**Proposed measures**

- Importance of a flexible approach that allows for local solutions to be applied to specific areas.
- Zone mapping to reflect issues to be managed and be workable on the ground.
- How any proposal fits with other regulatory approaches such as clearways, alcohol byelaws.
- Consideration of any displacement issues in particular P&KC area, and how NPA will help support those effected eg sharing experience, liaison etc.
- Cross referencing of any proposals with SOAC and ensuring joined up messaging (liaise with ██████████ and ██████████).

**Impacts on access rights**

- National Parks have their own legal framework and this allows for a different approach to managing recreational pressures where/when required.

**Next steps;**

- BJ to pass draft maps and draft wording as soon as ready (next 2/3 weeks) to ██████████
- ██████████ to set up next meeting mid August to review draft proposals prior to NP strategy Group (20<sup>th</sup> Aug).

- BJ to contact [REDACTED] re SOAC links and any future considerations.
- Both to ensure joined up approach to comms and campaign management
- IR to report back to IJ that things are back on track
- GW to report back to FL that things are back on track.

**Meeting with [REDACTED] Woodland Trust 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 attended by G Watson**

**From:** Gordon Watson

**Sent:** 11 July 2014 12:29

**To:** Bridget Jones; Charlotte Wallace; [REDACTED]; Anna MacLean

**Subject:** [REDACTED] - Woodland Trust

Excellent meeting with [REDACTED] today.

- Happy to work with us on feasibility for the [REDACTED] site
- Her estate manager is [REDACTED] who is on leave for another week – she will brief him
- I asked [REDACTED] to clarify what their ongoing operational need for the site would be for the future and how this would sit with any potential camping use
- [REDACTED] will be point of contact for the feasibility and [REDACTED] is coming back to me with contact details once she has briefed him
- Explained that we were looking at different operational models – they would not be interested in running a campsite
- Explained the big picture and the consultation timetable and promised to brief her before consultation
- Agreed that if we have any further Trossachs CC meetings we should attend jointly

Think that covers it!

**Gordon Watson**

**Director of Operations**

## Meeting with the Ramblers Association 28/08/2014 attended by GW

**From:** Gordon Watson

**Sent:** 28 August 2014 14:25

**To:** Bridget Jones; Charlotte Wallace; Anna MacLean; Fiona Logan

**Cc:** Jane Filshill

**Subject:** Your Park Meeting with the Ramblers

Excellent meeting!

██████████ retiring at the end of September. Unlikely to have a replacement in post till new year so an acting position will have to be arranged.

██████████ made very complimentary remarks that he felt we as a National Park were now doing many of the things that those who campaigned for National Parks aspired to see happen. Praise indeed!

We ended up having a wide ranging discussion. In relation to Your Park the main points were

- Still reluctant to see byelaws as the precedent they are fearful of is that private landowners can apply to have byelaws themselves if they feel they have problem sites. They support our overall approach, but byelaws will still be a debate
- Would like to discuss a role in the campaign side of promoting responsible camping and exploring how what we do could be translated into a more effective national campaign on responsible camping
- Agreed to set up a meeting involving our Convener/Board Members and Ramblers Convener, ██████████ and President, ██████████. Try to time this for midway through the consultation, late October, early Nov. (Jane to set up?)
- ██████████ is meeting ██████████ next week. Wants to raise the lack of Forestry Commission action on using forest estate to make provision for camping, bothies etc

### Other Actions

- Keen to have a role in any collaborative project about health and getting young urban Scots into the outdoors. Suggest local Ramblers members become involved at an appropriate stage
- Trying to set up a national paths fund to encourage legacies etc to create a fund to supplement LDR and upland path provision.
- Is collaborating with ██████████ Stirling University to explore the economic impacts of long distance paths.

**Gordon Watson**

**Director of Operations**



**Meeting with [REDACTED] attended by FL and GW**

**From:** Gordon Watson

**Sent:** 08 September 2014 16:11

**To:** Charlotte Wallace; Fiona Logan; Jaki Carnegie; Bridget Jones

**Cc:** Kirsty Callaghan; Jane Filshill; Bobbie Byleveldt

**Subject:** RE: Progress report - Your Park

Charlie

The meeting with [REDACTED] was quite early in the summer, Fiona and I at Balmaha. Bobbie should be able to find it in the diary. An update briefing isn't critical before the 6<sup>th</sup>, but we will see if we can arrange something.

Supported our plans to do something.

Wanted to attend some of our community meetings where possible

Aware of fisheries issues

**Meeting with [REDACTED]: attended by LM and GW**

**From:** Gordon Watson

**Sent:** 08 September 2014 16:11

**To:** Charlotte Wallace; Fiona Logan; Jaki Carnegie; Bridget Jones

**Cc:** Kirsty Callaghan; Jane Filshill; Bobbie Byleveldt

**Subject:** RE: Progress report - Your Park

Linda and I met [REDACTED] also early summer (again check diary)

Wanted to see something in place for Luss and west Loch Lomond as soon as possible

Wanted to see the Park consult this year and submit something to the Minister by the end of the year

Did not want to see timetable affected by referendum and saw issue as non political

Supported byelaws

[REDACTED] ended up not being available for Linda's phone call so will need to consider setting something up post referendum and pre-Board.

**Gordon Watson**

**Director of Operations**

**Meeting with [REDACTED] Estate and [REDACTED] campsite attended on 08/09/2014 by BJ**

Meeting note for meeting 8 September 2014, [REDACTED] (owner) and [REDACTED] (tenant and operates the camp site)

**[REDACTED] Camp Site**

Very interesting discussion with some unique issues due to proximity to the [REDACTED] Inn and the trunk road ie problems with drunk people from [REDACTED] accessing camp site and causing problems with noise, behaviour etc. Also problems with people accessing the sites facilities from surrounding area including trunk road laybys, informal pull offs and in the past driving into his site.

**Main points:**

- Keen to see a buffer around camping area and main access tracks/roads to prevent supposed wild campers using his facilities.
- Would like to see informal parking managed.
- Feels that he gets little police help or ranger help when required ie if issues occur. Reports many incidents of antisocial drink fuelled behaviours causing him and residents of the site concerns.
- Supportive of more control and management.
- Not interested in motorhome provision, does not see this as a problem or area to provide for.
- Happy to be used as a case study, he has developed the site over 18 years from basic camping site for WHW walkers.

**[REDACTED]**  
**Main points:**

- Supportive of a controlled and managed approach.
- Keen to see Falls of Falloch as day visitor site only. Will secure gates and fence to protect pool area from mis-use as per photos.
- Happy for us to use photos.
- No interest in providing for camping on the estate, happy with [REDACTED] as doing this.
- Estates main focus on deer management and hydro, accepts access but not keen to promote concerns over impacts on deer. Considering joining the hill phones scheme.
- Going to do some improvements to A82 long layby and path link at [REDACTED] (hill access point). Layby not TS adopted.
- Happy to help out as required.

Bridget

**Bridget Jones**  
**Head of Visitor Management**

Forestry Commission Scotland and Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park  
Authority: Liaison Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

Present:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

LLTNPA  
Gordon Watson

Apologies:  
Fiona Logan

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the LL&TNP 'Our Park' project. Gordon Watson introduced the topic describing its key objectives of extending the camping bylaws under the National Parks Act, the provision of proper facilities and the further improvement of public awareness of what is responsible behaviour.

The LL&T Park Board wishes to take the example of the success achieved at East Loch Lomond and extend the arrangements that are already in place there across more of the park.

The Park Authority have undertaken surveys and an analysis of the issues and identified the new areas where they wish to have bylaws applied.

The Park is now undertaking a series of meetings designed to meet with all of the key stakeholders prior to the launch of a consultation exercise. The launch will not take place until October following sign off from the Park Board.

The main areas on the National Forest Estate (NFE) that LL&TNP see possible developments are Loch Ard and the Trossachs (including the forest drive) – any of the NFE in Argyll Forest Park has been left out at this time.

The target is to have the arrangements for each site in place by March 2016.

The project and its objective to extend bylaws on a comprehensive basis across the agreed area of the Park, rather than on a smaller scale with repeated applications, has the support of [REDACTED] and the Minister.

In discussion following the presentation the following points were made:-

FCS recognised the issues and were also keen to secure solutions which covered all situations as the current understanding of the meaning of wild camping was poor and that car boot camping and motorhome issues were growing across all of Scotland - including on the NFE and within FCS facilities.

A discussion was had about why just the Park and why LL&TNP were not looking to press for an amendment to the Land Reform Act whilst it was under review. Gordon Watson indicated that this was recognised and probably would be better but there was not time and the Land

Reform Legislation Review Group did not cover access matters. It was agreed that there was a process to review the access aspects but National Access Forum support would be needed. FCS agreed that they would continue to seek support for this with that group.

The fact that Argyll Forest Park was not included was identified as a problem with sites such as Ardentinny and Loch Eck displaying some problems now. Concern was expressed about displacement which was already, to some degree, happening with some signs emerging due to the existing bylaws. The Park has held some discussions with Argyll and Bute and Perth and Kinross Councils but this did not result in any required change to the proposals.

Gordon Watson had some outline plans for how a standard camping site might be established and managed with a third or private sector solution being favoured. All were aware of the possibility of limited viability for private sector buy in and scale was seen as essential to any sort of success.

Discussion around resources to provide camping facilities recognised the need for funding to achieve this and all parties noted that FCS did not have funds for this and would struggle to contribute in the absence of further resources being provided from Scottish Government. This was accepted and we agreed that the initiative provided a good basis for a Park-led bid to Ministers for implementation funding.

As the meeting closed it was agreed that FCS would wish to support the Park through their consultation. It was understood that the project could not be implemented in the absence of proper resources to fund camping facilities and staff to manage and engage with users. FCS confirmed they would raise concerns via NAF regarding the need for wider review of car boot camping and antisocial behaviour and instigation of new measures to deal with it. A possible suggestion for this could be a blanket ban on camping within 400m of a public road or recognised formal recreation facility car park. It was agreed that without this wider consideration, FCS may need to look at what could be achieved through the FC bylaws.

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3 October 2014

## Meeting with the Local Access Forum attended by CW 29/09/14

Hi all,

Just a quick note to say that the LLT Access Forum went well this evening. Some good questions about the project, relating to:

- how the group could help us by being advocates as the project moves forwards
- how can they find out more info post meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>
- [REDACTED] is a member and asked whether the group would indicate that it was broadly in support of the project aims – which it is.
- [REDACTED] asked specifically if Byelaws were still being considered
- [REDACTED] raised the importance of helping the public understand what wild camping actually is.
- No showstoppers, although [REDACTED] may have concerns around Byelaw proposals.
- I welcomed their input as the project moved forwards, either as a collective or from individual interests.

A good meeting. Lori could you update the tracker please?

Thanks

Charlie

**Charlotte Wallace**  
**Visitor Policy and Engagement Manager**

E mail contact from Transport Scotland

From: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Sent:** 10 October 2014 14:42

**To:** Fiona Logan

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** LLTNP - Email to Fiona Logan on Potential Sites - 10 October 2014

Dear Fiona

Thank you for the presentation in Edinburgh on 22 September on the emerging Park consultation exercise on bye-laws and proposed 'managed' camp sites. [REDACTED] and I have spoken to our Comms colleagues on any related-media issues and, as discussed, my own team is happy to start discussions on any specific locations or areas in the vicinity of the trunk road that the Park wishes to raise in terms of the emerging bye-laws and sites.

With that in mind, I've copied this email to [REDACTED] in my team who is the Area Manager for the A82 (A&B Council area); A83, A84 and A85. When you or colleagues have specific locations that you wish to discuss, can you please email [REDACTED] directly and copy [REDACTED] and myself, who will be happy to provide input on this and other LLTNP/TS initiatives as appropriate?

Best regards

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