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From: Tarwinska, Rena [mailto:rena.tarwinska@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 21 December 2005 16:16
To: niall
Subject: RE: 05 roundup

Niall

1-3) Noted & OK

4) I'll check

5) Yes, crack on & get counters. I thought we might be doing you guys a favour, but delighted if you get them.

6) I emailed Rab this morning about the various invoices & he seems content. Copy of Bisset invoice posted Mon night.

Rest of email: I hear what you say...

Rena

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From: niall [mailto:niallt@████████████████████]
Sent: 21 December 2005 11:49
To: Tarwinska, Rena
Subject: RE: Thanks for photos

A pleasure....

Just to roundup 05:

The Group had a meeting last night to finalise as many of the outstanding issues that have been bumping along for some time therefore, to summarise:

1.Grieves remedials: Will definitely be finished today. They have also left trailside stone for the group to assist with maintenance. I've asked Andy about the whereabouts of the petrol barrow Michael alluded to in 04. If you can get that for us we'll start as we mean to continue:-)

2.Signage: These will now be delivered to us this Thurs / Fri and we will fit either Christmas Eve or Boxing Day

3.Trail map - all this week:

- i.)Richard will e mail you a link pointing you to a page on the CVDG website. This will have all the Funders logos on it.
- ii.)Likewise, he will e mail you a Tracklogs file with all the coordinates for the trail names and features
- iii.)Dave Russell will e mail confirmation / explanation of the inspiration for the names.
- iv.)Likewise, our proposal for the name of the centre which we would like you to approve asap please.
- v.)Dave will also e mail the 'mtb spiel' that you requested - we drew up the bare bones of this up last night and Dave will flesh it out.
- vi.)We also think we need an action shot of someone riding in the place. We will try to get this organised and trust you agree this is desirable.

4.Launch: We propose first week In March therefore the trail map, websites, interpretation etc need to be in place by that date. Can you confirm you are covering the interpretation and remaining signage in a shorter time frame as Leader+ are badgering us about getting their name in lights on the board etc, and can you also

confirm, that you can work to the March timetable for the other items?

5.Counters: Again, spoken to Andy who seemed to indicate the you/ the FC have a desire to do this. Regardless, Marty Steele and I attended the SCAN fair in Perth recently and researched this in some detail. As you know, The only way to prove actual usage is to implement a counter programme on each of the 4 trails. We've got a good handle on the best / most economic kit. In researching this, and especially given all the hype re visitor numbers, we were astonished to discover there is no 'confirmed' bike counter data for the 7S (or at least none in the public domain)

6.Bissett: Could somebody please fax me a copy of this invoice for Rab -

5. Route forward: Dave communicated the details of your telecon with him yesterday and he's going to call you for clarification on a few points. I don't really want to cut across this however, I do need to make a few important points to echo the sentiments of the discussion last night:

On the strength of the meetings you had with various members of the Group at Carron some weeks ago, Angela [REDACTED] has already been in discussions with various Funders and news of the brakes being put on everything until the outcome of a proposed meeting in Feb / Mar effectively puts all this in reverse. For reasons which will be obvious to you, this further delay would mean writing off any trail enhancement in 2006.

I understand the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the ramifications and cost implications for financially supporting& sustaining maintenance of an enlarged trail network at Carron and other potential sites. This is fully understandable however, CVDG have much to contribute to this process? CVDG are not interested in copying what the 7S & the other centres have done however, there are quite obviously lessons to be learned.

Our vision was to create a model centre for all, one which lessened the financial burden on the FC. With respect Rena, we've had to fight tooth and claw over 2+ years to get us the modest development we have on the ground now and to earn the respect of the numerous public bodies with whom we've come into contact. Again, I simply have to repeat that this has been against a backdrop of what I consider to be the outrageously unfair prejudices of the very people who should be throwing their weight behind it. You really cannot expect the committee of CVDG to turn the great level of support we've built up with volunteers and others on and off like a tap? Also, given the completely unwarranted comments on how CVDG may not support other future Recreational Development at Carron (in the TRC report) forcing us to take a 12 month sabbatical is hardly making it easy for us to allay such fears. Ultimately, this is all very counterproductive.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Niall

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To: niall
Subject: Thanks for photos

See attached - Merry Xmas!

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