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Niall

I don't wish to displace Rena in her liaison role but can answer your strategic question regarding 'who' leads. It is my intention that the District will take the lead as co-ordinator, with CVP acting as an advisory management group having CVDG at its core. We will need a project manager and CSFT have the capability.

The 'longer timescale' that I envisage is phased over c 3 - 5 years. Your revised timetable had most of the work in two years (07/08 and 08/09) which I feel to be optimistic. I do not want to be more prescriptive at this stage because it really depends on funding and what we can realistically manage, which will emerge from more detailed discussions.

The 'curtailed red' is in fact the Tomtain circuit, with the Little Bin circuit not included.

I cannot pre-empt the mtb Strategy by commenting on the status ascribed by FCS to Carron Valley in terms of category but I think it is clear that we can go ahead and plan a fair amount of what you were proposing.

We still have the FES project control process to go through (internally with our management board) so I am keen to keep moving given the response that Alan gave.

Rena will exchange dates for a planning meeting. Mike Batley is aware of the position and would hope to attend on behalf of CSFT.

Regards

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Michael

Similarly, Richard and I found the meeting to be most positive and we thank you both for taking the time to attend the presentation.

We've delayed responding because CVDG held it's agm last night and the contents of your e mail (and the route forward) were obviously discussed at some length. As you know, there have been several false dawns in respect of mtb development at Carron Valley and so the group were anxious that I ask you to be more specific in respect of definitions "longer timescale" and "curtailed red." The latter was of particular concern.

It would also be most helpful if you could clearly define the modus operandi which you envisage and I refer specifically to the CVP framework and in relation to where CSFT might fit in. The words "special case" were mentioned by Alan at the meeting so, in essence, which partner is leading this 'project' and what status has MTB development at Carron Valley now been ascribed by FCS and by Alan in particular (in relation to his imminent mtb strategy - Regional, Community?)

We are not asking FCS to give copper bottomed guarantees however, we do wish to establish some fundamental issues in order to remove the ambiguity that has dogged the relationship in the past. I'm sure you will understand and agree the importance of this.

As regards the proposed meeting, we are keen to see this take place as soon as possible and I have also asked Angela [REDACTED] to attend. As you may know, Angela has been CVDG fundraising coordinator to date and she has now replaced Rab Young as Treasurer thus combining the 2 roles. Richard and myself will remain as Vice Chairman and Chairman for another year however, there have been other changes to strengthen and augment the committee and I will forward these to you under separate cover together with our annual report.

I look forward to hearing from you

Regards

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Niall

I would like to thank you and Richard Barton for the presentation and

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discussions at our meeting with Alan Stevenson on 7th. In my view the outcome was very positive and we have authority to plan a project to implement the bulk of what you are proposing over a longer timescale, albeit with a curtailed red trail and perhaps some other minor changes. I am particularly pleased over the suggestions regarding better quality (wooden) buildings.

Just to be clear, we have to work up a detailed project plan/s for approval by the CVP that will then need to be signed off by FES Management Board, with Alan as 'Champion'.

To start this process I suggest holding a meeting in December to which I would invite our fundraising officer (Nicky Whitaker) from Inverness. I will leave this to Rena to arrange next week if possible.

It may be appropriate to invite CSFT along - I'll speak with them next week I hope.

Regards

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