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Sent: 24 January 2007 10:30
To: webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk
Cc: Charlie Allan; Denis O'Kane; Geoff Brown for Sc Water; Mike Batley; niall; Robert Hunter
Subject: RE: CVDG thoughts on current position

Richard

I note that you are angry at the pace of progress. This is of course your opinion and you are entitled to it.

Please note

- FCS consider the proposals for improved access at CV to be achievable
- the programme for 07 is green & multi-user trail, with a length of red. All to be approved by mid Feb.
- the project plan for the total package will be used as the wider picture for seeking funding for 07
- the branding presentation is postponed till Feb because Alan Chalmers cannot attend 25/1.

I look forward to the CVP meeting tomorrow.

Rena

From: Richard Barton [mailto:webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk]
Sent: 20 January 2007 15:04
To: rena.tarwinska@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: Charlie Allan; Denis O'Kane; Geoff Brown for Sc Water; Mike Batley; Robert Hunter
Subject: CVDG thoughts on current position
Importance: High

Hi Rena,

Niall forwarded this to the Group last night. I have to be frank and say that we are utterly disappointed and to point out that CVDG no longer find FCS interminable delaying, on a whole range of fronts, acceptable. This is supposed to be a partnership?

At the last CVP meeting held in December, you informed those present that FCS would submit what was essentially CVDG Project Plan to your Management Board for approval at their January meeting. At that time I also raised the question as to why it had been altered without any further discussion within the Partnership and also stated my concerns regarding the short timeframe until the submission date. These questions were amongst a string of points that were made quite forcibly and yet they went completely unrecorded in your minutes. Even by the widest definition of the phrase, this is most certainly not what we would call partnering and we find this sort of tactic completely unacceptable.

You informed the CVP that Jeremy Thompson would be picking up the Project Plan as one of his first tasks when he started January 3rd. To find out at this late stage, and moreover after having to send 2 pointed emails to force the issue, that the PID will not be submitted in January is inexcusable. You have in your possession a highly developed PP so once again, FCS create delay where none is necessary.

In terms of development, 2006 was generally accepted as being what you yourself termed a "fallow year." Given the long history of this project, let us at least call it by what it actually was: another year written off. We all spent the best part of last year negotiating the minutia of the so called Concordat or CVP. This partnership was supposed to herald a new way forward and was to be the vehicle for physical development. We'd no sooner put this to bed and the £10k threshold / Management Board

issues were sprung from nowhere. The CVP was supposed to be a means of moving forward at District level. Branding is another example: This was first discussed in earnest more than 12 months ago. Both of CVDG suggestions were seemingly unacceptable to FCS however in all this time FCS have been unable to come back to the table either pre or post CVP and put down even the vaguest semblance of ideas for discussion. The branding, which I gather you yourself saw some months ago was supposed to be placed before the Partnership in December, then January - and so it goes on.

Aside from the fact that progress on almost any given front is excruciatingly slow, CVDG committee members have to use up leave to attend these meetings. It is therefore completely unacceptable to have the same issues aired month on month with no movement. Myself and Niall are using our holiday entitlement to make sure we attend these meetings to help move the project along...if the meetings are simply going to involve the FCS representative turning up to tell us of more delays then there is no need for monthly meetings...Niall and I can then use our holiday entitlement to actually take a holiday. In 2006 I managed 10 days actual holiday, the other 13 days of my holiday entitlement were spent on CV work

At the meeting with Alan Stevenson and Michael Wall in November, Michael informed Niall Thomson and myself: "When we decide to do something, you can be sure it will be done properly" Sadly, that statement is not a reflection of FCS behavior over the last 4 years. The question that arises time and time again within CVDG is: Are FCS deliberately trying to thwart development at CV? If not, then the current impasse needs to be rectified immediately and a new direction needs to be taken by FCS - one that sees FCS actually working alongside the other partners.

Rena, it may not be you personally however, any neutral observer would be inescapably drawn to the conclusion these delays were all quite deliberate. The other partners have entered this partnership agreement with a clear objective of what the aims are however it is CVDG view that FCS are prepared to wilfully delay and obstruct even modest progress towards these objectives.

I regret that matters have come to this but CVDG patience is not bottomless and these issues need to be aired to the partnership as a whole

Thanks,

Richard.

From: Tarwinska, Rena [mailto:rena.tarwinska@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 19 January 2007 13:45

To: niall

Subject: RE: Qs, Qs

Niall

1) Now to hand so will bring on Mon

2) I'm giving Jeremy a chance to get his head round the CV project, and offer his ideas, so it won't be this month. The Man Board meet every month though.

3) Yes, agenda to follow

4) unfortunately not, it will be at the Feb meeting

5) can't attend Mon but wanted to, will be there 25.1

6) as 2, and I'll include on agenda

Thanks

Rena

From: niall [mailto:niallt@██████████]

Sent: 18 January 2007 15:50
To: Tarwinska, Rena; webmaster@stirlingbikeclub.org.uk
Cc: Richard.Barton@[REDACTED]co.uk
Subject: RE: Meet 22.1?

Both
Early Monday morning at CSFT works best for me but can also do late p.m if need be.

Rena
1) If you can get the map work for the CSFT meet we could put that to bed as it should only take a few minutes to resolve any remaining issues
2) Is there an answer on RB question on the subject of the PID - time is ticking away and I thought this thing had to be in next week?
3) Can I also check with you that the next CVP meeting is next Thursday 2p.m and if there is an agenda available?
4) Will the proposed branding be available for the CVP meeting as previously indicated?
5) Is Jeremy Thompson to be introduced at any of these meetings?
6) Robert H was asking me if the subject of a bldg / café was to be incorporated within the PID - obviously I could neither confirm nor deny as we haven't had the opportunity to debate the issue per my comments above. If not I suggest inclusion as an agenda item at forthcoming meeting - CVDG might have something positive we could help with on this

Questions, questions....

Niall

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Subject: Meet 22.1?

Richard

Thanks for figs. I've spoken to Mike B & he & I can meet Mon 22.1 any time to discuss who does what ref funding etc. He suggested CSFT offices at Shotts to try & make the travel easier for you guys but if Hamilton (or anywhere else) is better just say.

Failing Mon, I can do Tues 2pm onwards, after a meeting I have in our FC office in Corstorphine.

We can meet late afternoon, or early am, whatever's best for you.

Thanks

Rena

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Barton [mailto:webmaster@stirlingbikeclub.org.uk]

Sent: 17 January 2007 23:06

To: rena.tarwinska@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Counter Figures

Importance: High

Hi Rena,

Please find attached the counter figures...since the trail development started at the end of September and the harvesting also closed off the trails until Christmas the figures are obviously down...up until the end of September the figures were slowly climbing again, obviously for projections of user numbers to help with the case for the central committee it might be useful to base the figures on these dates rather than the November and beginning of December figures.

With that in mind, I see Mike Batley e-mailed regarding a meeting before the Committee meeting to discuss the way forward...we are still waiting for a date for this meeting so I was wondering if you could provide an update on this please? Mike sent the e-mail with a list of possible dates, obviously the first few have now gone but I was wondering if the later dates would be suitable?

Obviously with the committee meeting going to discuss CVDG's project plan it would be useful to see what is being submitted - I mentioned this at the last partnership meeting and you agreed we'd have sight of the proposal before it was submitted, again just wondering when we will be able to see this please?

Thanks,

Richard.

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