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Sent: 15 March 2007 12:45
To: niall; Thompson, Jeremy; Richard.Barton@[REDACTED]co.uk
Cc: webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk; [REDACTED]group@carronvalley.org.uk
Subject: RE: Carron Valley

Thanks Nial,

I think you answered most of my question. No volunteer time has been included in the costings.

Jeremy.

From: niall [mailto:niallt@[REDACTED]]
Sent: 09 March 2007 18:44
To: Thompson, Jeremy; Richard.Barton@[REDACTED]co.uk
Cc: webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk; [REDACTED]group@carronvalley.org.uk
Subject: RE: Carron Valley

You can't afford us!

Seriously though - I'm not quite sure what you are asking? CVDG are all volunteers and our time has been given freely. Within reason that will continue to be the case, but we can't give copper bottomed guarantees as to what, precisely, we can commit as individuals. Suffice to say, CVDG members are well connected and we have made a lot happen with the goodwill of friends, family and associates.

I believe we have a handle on approximate hours spent on the project both professionally and in practical terms but there are no sums included for CVDG time within the projected costs you have been given. Much of the hard work was done first time around so there is a robust template: design, tendering procedure, construction methodology, contract, project management. The FC relationship at that time made this more hand to mouth and certainly more stressful than was necessary but these contracts were run as tightly as a gnats chuff and will stand comparison with anything, anywhere. In short I don't believe there is too much that needs changing but there is always room for improvement and we welcome discussion with yourselves and CSFT on any of these issues.

Probably doesn't answer your question - the phones on over the w/e if you want to talk

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

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Sent: 09 March 2007 16:31
To: niall; Thompson, Jeremy; Richard.Barton@██████████.co.uk
Cc: webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk; ██████████
Subject: RE: Carron Valley

Yes that is correct, did you have any allowance of volunteer time from CVDG?

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

From: niall [mailto:niallt@██████████]
Sent: 09 March 2007 16:15
To: Thompson, Jeremy; Richard.Barton@██████████.co.uk
Cc: webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk; ██████████
Subject: RE: Carron Valley

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Yup - should be easy as I assume you are referring to items such as stone and signage.

Have a good w/e

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

From: Thompson, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy.thompson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 March 2007 16:01
To: Richard.Barton@██████████.co.uk; Thompson, Jeremy
Cc: niall; webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk; ██████████
Subject: RE: Carron Valley

Thanks for the positive steer. I will seek advice on the grass mix to use.

The main reason for wishing to get more detail on the breakdown of the trail costs is that I need to separate the cash expenditure from the in kind costs. Hopefully this can be done quite easily.

Jeremy

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

From: Richard.Barton@██████████.co.uk

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Sent: 09 March 2007 13:58

To: Thompson, Jeremy

Cc: niall; webmaster@carronvalley.org.uk; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Carron Valley

Hi Jeremy,

Thanks for the e-mail, I thought Tuesday night was good as it allowed you to meet the rest of the committee and see for yourself that the drive, commitment and enthusiasm is very strong throughout the whole group. We don't normally run beyond 10pm but the content of the conversation was rather relevant and provoked a lot of discussion.

That would be ideal if FCS took on the sizzling pig, this would be a great help as it would free up some time for CVDG to make sure the rest of the day goes smoothly. As Niall pointed out this is much more about the riders rather than a grand opening but even so, there is much to do. Also, thanks for double checking the paperwork requirement for the event, it's good news to hear it's not required.

I agree about the grass seed and natural seeding however, as you are aware, CV has some areas where the trail margins are softer than most other centres therefore we would prefer to start the seeding process sooner rather than let mother nature take it's course. This way we will get the re growth in a single season and this will help bind / harden up the trail edges to make them resilient more quickly. As to the type of grass seed, please let us know the indigenous species and we will make sure we get the correct mix.

We have a breakdown of all the costs but I don't have it to hand, I'd need to chat with Niall and Jamie about it but I'm sure we can get this all covered off. I think it might be best to have Jamie and Niall along for the chat as both were heavily involved with the costings and know more about it than I do, however I don't see a problem with getting a meeting sorted out
- obviously evening would suit us better but a time can be arranged to suit.

Thanks,

Richard Barton

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07/10/2008

"niall" <niallt@[REDACTED]>

Subject

Carron Valley

08/03/07 14:43

Hi Richard,

I am chasing up the action points I had from the meeting on Tuesday.

I am supporting the hog roast and have contacted the other partners to confirm our support and ensure theirs. I suggest that we consider FCS taking this on direct with the sizzling pig guy, thereby negating your financial liability. What are your thoughts?

Andy Gallacher already has the repairs to the trail in hand, I have sent Jamie an e mail to update him.

The permission is not a problem for the 12 May, I reckon that it is not necessary but will get back to you if this changes.

Unable to help on the grass seed front, view from the FCS is that we would much prefer to let the native vegetation seed in naturally. I do not know of any other trails where seeding has been carried out! Maybe best to save the money for other things?

I have passed on Rab's comments to Rena regarding access for the emergency services.

I have arranged a meeting with Mary and Angie to discuss funding opportunities on the 20th March.

It was great to meet the committee and I look forward to getting things moving.

It would be useful to meet up to get a more detailed breakdown on some of the costs for the various sections of trail. Do you have any more detail by section into how the total construction figure is arrived at.

Yours

Jeremy

07/10/2008

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