

**MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 06 Mar. 2007**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
David Russell Dave Lewis Richard Barton Brian Simm Niall Thomson Andy Edwards Angela [REDACTED] Jamie [REDACTED] Rab Young Martin Steele Jeremy Thompson	
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**Agenda Items**

- 1. Meet the committee**
  - 2. Previous minutes, update on actions**
  - 3. JT first impressions and strategy**
  - 4. Funding**
  - 5. Branding**
  - 6. Opening**
  - 7. Signage**
  - 8. Trailbuilding**
  - 9. AOB**
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## 1. Meet the committee

JT met committee and received a little info about CVDG members.

JT explained role in CVDG project

- Special projects manager
- Full time on CV at the moment – started full time 04/03
- Hopes to take it to the next level
- Hoping to change views of FC towards CV and CVDG

## 2. Previous minutes and actions

- JT agreed to investigate grass seed on behalf of CVDG
- JT agreed to investigate permissions for opening

## 3. JT first impressions / strategy

Strategy

- Use project plan as strategy
- Don't go to FCS board with a 1.5m project
- Use 3 phases to break up project – more flexible and adaptive to change and able to react to user likes / dislikes
- 2007 plan is Orange, Red and some green trails along with car parking and signage
- cash flow will ramp up for each phase 250/500/1m per phase
- PID has to go through board with project plan as background. JT does not want to pitch too high with the project. FC also has no money.
- Councils have to come on board and contribute money
- Several partners = stronger partnership = better long term outlook
- FC has to contribute cash to instil confidence in other partners
- JT wants to build the project then obtain funding. Run funding over 2 years 1 month to take advantage of tax years
- Need to find out what CV means to other partners in CVP and other partners in general to gauge what everyone wants

AW was not counting on cash from partners and councils

JT advised PID can still go through without having funding in place

NT summarized situation from CVDG point of view

- Project plan has been approved by MW and AS
- If pp is broken down too far how do FCS board know what they are getting and how do CVDG relate this to the original project plan
- CVDG main concern is permission, not funding

AW explained that big funds are OK with CVDG and we are comfortable with big funding – money is not a problem and can be sought from several avenues. MT of CSFT endorses going for big funders to make use of economies of scale.

FC concerns are maint costs – infrastructure and people costs

JW expressed the need for solid construction to remove maintenance implications. Bigger contracts = better solutions and better value for money.

JT advised the PID is still a draft and nothing is yet cast in stone

NT suggested focussing on what is being built, not what it will cost

JT advised he was getting a sense of something bigger from the committee – CVDG would certainly like to see something on a bigger scale than what is currently planned

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JT suggested a 5% maint figure from 7stanes trails and advised that there is a 10-year warranty period on the trails – EU requirement.

JW highlighted the trail construction was designed for longevity and is showing very little signs of trail wear – 1man day of remediation for current trails at end of warranty period

JT is willing to put in a big picture project with some more background info – funding and maint are key factors for the board approval. JT to investigate and report back.

#### 4. Funding

- AW advised of a new fund from Forward Scotland – up to £500k but must be spent by Mar 2008.
- Also awaiting decision on £50k from WREN – 27/3
- £15k confirmed from Leader+
- await decision from HLF for £50k match funding – w/c 12/03

#### 5. Branding

Group agreed that branding is OK - Suggestions for improvement though

- The fish looks twee. Replace with a boat / boat abstract?
- The boot is too big
- Make the wheel more MTB – replace splodge with rocks?
- Missing a horseshoe to represent equestrian interests?
- Windsurfer / kayaker / boat to replace fish
- Make the curves look less like boomerangs

DR to feedback to AC for discussion

#### 6. opening

- 12<sup>th</sup> May confirmed date
- Demo day suggested as additional attraction
- Elaine / other businesses to attend – decided this could be controversial and be seen as favouritism to one operator – not going ahead
- Hog roast is a good idea – NT asked FC/CVP to underwrite costs – JT will take this on.
- Approach bike shops to sell goods – to be taken forward by all members

#### 7. Signage

This has been installed and is complete – thanks to RY for seeing this through

#### 8. Trailbuilding update

- Trailbuilding is now fortnightly
- DL/AE/KW to take forward tasks for trailbuilding schedule
- Current tasks include
  - Grass seeding
  - Rock blocking
  - Tree / wind blow clearing
- JW/JT to speak to Frank Jackson re trail remediation on Pipedream

9. AOB

- RY updated on Mountain Rescue Teams
  - Police call out MRT if deemed necessary
  - 3 MRT's cover our area – Strathclyde, Lomond and Ochil teams
  - RY to pursue forging links with MRT's / familiarisation of site
  
- AW would like to review equal opportunities and environmental policy at next meeting

**Details for Next Meeting**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
03/04/07	18:30	[REDACTED]