
From: Thompson, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy.thompson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 23 August 2007 09:01
To: niall
Subject: RE: CPV meeting at Hamilton FCS office 23rd August 2pm

Niall,

The FES position is as stated in the FES papers already made available.

Jeremy.

From: niall [mailto:niallt@[REDACTED]]
Sent: 22 August 2007 16:22
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Cc: Michael Wall
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Jeremy

I put it to you that FCS "noting" the respective Partners positions whilst continuing to be as uncooperative as possible is not helping to resolve the situation. I refer of course to my email below, which you have failed to respond to and also the continued refusal of either the Project Sponsor or the Project Champion to become in any way involved.

This has become exasperating: Richard and I have time booked off work but you seriously cannot expect us to waste another afternoon when you have nothing new or of news to bring to the table? I think it is now abundantly clear at least three of the Partners take a similar view. Of pressing importance is the need to explain to the CVP what the FESMB decided on June 10th and what this means for the project. I therefore ask you again to either state FCS position by return or confirm that you are in a position to set out FCS position clearly tomorrow

Niall

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Denis,

I can confirm that neither the project sponsor of the project champion are able to attend the meeting tomorrow.

I intend to go ahead with the meeting albeit with a shortened agenda.

I note your position as stated in your e mail.

Jeremy

From: O'Kane Denis [mailto:OKaneD@northlan.gov.uk]
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Jeremy/ Rena/ All,

In advance of the Partnership meeting this Thursday and in light of item 5 of Niall's recent e-mail below, and the planned attendance of senior officers from other partners, can I ask for confirmation of who will be in attendance on behalf of FCS?

North Lanarkshire and Stirling Councils believe that a clear and open statement of position and aims from all partners is required to allow development at Carron Valley and the partnership to go forward positively. This would be greatly aided by senior FCS attendance at Thursday's meeting.

If this is not possible, North Lanarkshire and Stirling Councils would propose the partnership meeting be postponed until a meeting between the Local Authorities and senior FCS officers could be arranged, to allow the various issues to be discussed which would inform the partnership and avoid a meeting which is unlikely to be able to progress matters at this point.

Jeremy/Rena, can I ask for confirmation by tomorrow lunchtime on which senior officer is intended to represent FCS and in the absence of this, request that this months meeting be postponed until a date to be arranged at a later date?

I apologise for the short notice of this e-mail, however North Lanarkshire and Stirling Council both feel this course of action is in the best interest of the partnership.

Regards

Denis

From: niall [mailto:niallt@██████████]
Sent: 19 August 2007 19:59
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Jeremy

I've looked at FCS proposed agenda and FCS version of the July minutes.

I have 4 points to add and I have to be quite blunt:

1. There is one item missing from FCS proposed agenda - the PID? For anyone that hasn't yet read the FESMB minutes I enclose the 'decision' handed down by FESMB some 10 long weeks ago. I see three PID's in these minutes - two are approved and neatly summarised within a few lines however, in respect of the third - Carron Valley, my antennae detects waffle. I do not see the word "approved" anywhere and I do not see the word rejected. In fact, I cannot understand from the transcript what it is your Board has actually decided Jeremy? The project appears to be in a state of suspended animation...

I responded to Kenny Murrays e mail some 3 weeks ago (also copied to yourself, Rena Tarwinska, Michael Wall and Alan Stevenson) to state CVDG position and to obtain confirmation of FESMB position yet I have nothing in response? The e mail remains unanswered by all FCS recipients and this is most unfortunate because CVDG has now had to return Leader+ funding as a direct consequence of FCS inaction. You'll have seen the e mails from Robert Hunter and Anne Michelle Ketteridge so, let's be clear - CVDG view this as deliberate time wasting - time wasting which only serves to bring FCS into further disrepute. I insist FCS provide the Partnership with a clear position on Thursday 23rd August.

2. I refer to FCS minutes item 2 "it was accepted that the two versions would be filed as a record of the meeting." Come on - let us not descend into complete farce... Even if we assume this to be so, the CVP cannot function if one party is recording minutes inaccurately and another has to issue their version of events to set the record straight. What we need is one version and I suggest the best way to achieve this is to appoint either of the 2 Councils to Chair the meetings and to provide the Minute Secretary.

3. FCS told CVDG that it was a pre condition of the Clanranald lease the toilet block was to be completed before development could take place. I see from item 8 that CR is applying for planning permission to change the cladding but they are due to start construction this month on an 'arch and entrance work.' This is outrageous because I have e mails from FCS stretching back over 3 years telling me the toilet block "will be completed" 05, 06 07. so I cannot reconcile these two issues and in any event: no progress has been made on the toilets in the last 3 months, Clanranald have resigned from the partnership and FCS and CVDG are now receiving written complaints regarding the public urinating in the car park etc, etc, etc. Can you confirm what action FCS are taking to resolve this matter in the time stated ("summer 2007") You can treat this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

4. It is clear we have impasse, it is clear that Rena and yourself are operating under a three line whip and that you have less information to hand regarding FCS decisions than some of the CVP members. For example you say you knew nothing of the Board decision on 25th July - even although it was in the public domain. In summary: the Partners are not idiots so please desist from treating us as such and please desist from wasting further Partnership time and money.

5. In view of 4, the Project Sponsor or preferably the Project Champion needs to appear in person to explain FCS position to the Partnership.

I'm sure the rest of my points can be covered under AOCB

Thanks

Niall

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

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Please find minutes from last meeting and agenda for this meeting attached.

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Jeremy

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