
From: Finlayson, Carol [mailto:carol.finlayson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 26 October 2007 09:46
To: niall
Subject: CARRON VALLEY RECREATION PROJECT - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Mr Thomson

You contacted me last month regarding your unhappiness with the way that a FOI request made by you had been handled and I undertook to have an internal review carried out.

This review was carried out by Mr Allan Dungavel who co-ordinates FOI issues for the Forestry Commission at a GB level and I have now received his report, a copy of which is attached.

You will see that Mr Dungavel considers that FCS staff generally acted appropriately and within the terms of the relevant legislation. He has suggested, however, that I offer CVDG the opportunity to submit a further single request which sets out the key information you are seeking without the need for unduly onerous information gathering on the part of FCS. I think that this is a practical and helpful suggestion and I am therefore asking if CVDG wish to take up this offer.

I am, of course, aware that CVDG and other members of the Partnership recently had a meeting with FCS staff and Cathie Craigie MSP, and I would hope that we can now all move forward in a more constructive way. As you know, a new person (Brent Meakin) is in the lead for FCS and I understand that the Partnership arrangements are now being reviewed. Hopefully this will provide the opportunity for the project to be progressed in a true spirit of partnerships and joint working. And in the spirit of openness, I have asked local staff to look into the possibility of publishing more background relating to the Partnership and the project, which should reduce the need for interested parties to submit information requests.

Yours sincerely

Bob McIntosh

Director Scotland

Carol M Finlayson
Senior Personal Secretary to Dr Bob McIntosh

Forestry Commission Scotland
Silvan House
231 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7AT

T: 0131 314 6365

F: 0131 314 6152

E: carol.finlayson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

W: www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland

+++++ The Forestry Commission's computer systems may be monitored and communications carried out on them recorded, to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes. +++++

The original of this email was scanned for viruses by the Government Secure Intranet (GSI) virus scanning service supplied exclusively by Cable & Wireless in partnership with MessageLabs.

On leaving the GSI this email was certified virus-free