

David Russell

From: Brinkins John [BrinkinsJ@northlan.gov.uk]
Sent: 11 January 2008 10:04
To: David Russell; Robert Hunter
Cc: Brown Todd
Subject: RE: forward development.

Guys,

Don't agree with Brent's interpretation of the outcome of the Hugh Insley meeting on timescale. My view was that he was to get his feet under the table and then revise the agreement along the lines of examples already in place elsewhere in FCS? Perhaps he's thinking of another meeting?

Sorry, only got as far as the first few paragraphs and realised I don't think this is what we're looking for, unless of course FCS are giving full responsibility over to the Partnership, and even then I thought the idea was to make it more open and manageable - not more restrictive in favour of FCS, i.e. annual reviews and separate agreements for all trail work? Could not even understand the last section!!!!!!!!!!!!!! - Joke!

This looks more like an agreement for a local community group to do a wee bit of work in a wood for a play area or walking path or something, not a long term, high investment development of an extensive area for multi-use?

Maybe what's needed is a look at the previous CVP agreement and make suggested changes there, (to make it less biased to FCS as Hugh suggested) as I think the view by most folk is that wasn't that far off the mark?

Surely, the agreements applicable to other trails in Scotland would be better examples, or are they possibly not 'partnership' operations?

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From: David Russell [mailto:nicolai.uk@[REDACTED]]
Sent: 10 January 2008 23:35
To: Brinkins John; 'Robert Hunter'
Subject: FW: forward development.

John / Robert,

I'm not quite sure what to say. This clearly needs some focus at the next meeting as the FC look to be buying time or moving the goalposts again and you'll note he has not answered my original question. It also seems to

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go against what his CEO said on 21/9. Surely it cannot be so difficult to find a "fairer" agreement than ours and I don't believe they are all bespoke – they must have 000's of these partnerships on the go.

It does, however, give us the opportunity to put in writing our thoughts on the existing agreement in time for the meeting on the 24th.

Speak soon,

David Russell
Chairman
Carron Valley Development Group
Tel: [REDACTED]

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

From: Meakin, Brent [mailto:brent.meakin@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 10 January 2008 13:22

To: David Russell

Subject: RE: forward development.

David,

I appreciate your concerns over the passage of time but my understanding from our meetings was that we had agreed a deferment for me to produce this document in the new year, i.e. January 2008. With this understanding I have not progressed this issue but focussed time on the other works we have agreed. It is inevitable therefore that time will pass without this progressing I hope you understand that this is not out of neglect but a realism about available time picking priority issues first. I did not look in to the other partnerships in any detail as the existing CV partners at the meeting in September 2007 and in the feed back after were keen to keep and develop what we already had, which I agree is a good starting point. The ones that people looked out for me and the folks I spoke to in FE did not have anything that really helped in this case as their agreements were all quite specific to their circumstances. The attached was something from Wales that highlights what I mean in that it does have some useful clauses, has been used as the basis for a number of community funded projects but is perhaps not further forward than working on what we have.

Brent

From: David Russell [mailto:nicolai.uk@[REDACTED]]

Sent: 09 January 2008 21:14

To: 'Meakin, Brent'

Subject: RE: forward development.

Importance: High

Hi Brent,

Thanks for your email - I hope you had a good break and enjoyed the festive period.

I look forward to your summary of the district and wider FCS position on CV and the partnership in due course. This will prove useful as we will be attending the National Mountain Biking conference on 29th January.

I understand that redrafting this agreement adds another pressure to your already busy schedule but I am concerned that this has been on the cards for almost 5 months now with no outputs to date. In order to ease the burden a little and in the spirit of moving forward may I suggest that you forward some of the readily available examples of fairer partnership agreements, as referred to by Hugh at the meeting on 21/9/07, to the partnership so that we may use these as a basis for a redrafted CVP. I see this as having two benefits – it spreads the workload amongst the partners and removes the need for FCS to try to understand what the CVP will see as a fair document.

I hope you find these suggestions useful and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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

From: Meakin, Brent [mailto:brent.meakin@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 January 2008 17:59
To: David Russell
Subject: RE: forward development.

David,

The e-mail arrived on 20th but I was away from the office from the 19th and on leave until the 7th January 2008, so picked got to it yesterday. Quite happy to summarise how I see the district and therefore FCS involvement in the partnership. My plan was to do this as part of the rewrite of the partnership agreement, something I am hoping to start to draft before the next partnership meeting later this month.

Brent

From: David Russell [mailto:nicolai.uk@[REDACTED]]
Sent: 08 January 2008 21:35
To: 'Meakin Brent'
Subject: RE: forward development.
Importance: High

Hi Brent,

Not sure if you got this before the Christmas break?

Regards,

David Russell
Chairman
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Tel: [REDACTED]

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

From: David Russell [mailto:nicolai.uk@[REDACTED]]
Sent: 20 December 2007 21:14
To: 'Meakin Brent'
Subject: forward development.

Hi Brent,

It was useful to catch up this morning. Can you summarise FC position on new development following our conversation this morning? I know we'll be discussing it in January but CVDG need to know where they stand with FC in the partnership in order to plan for 2008.

Thanks

David Russell
Chairman
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Tel: [REDACTED]

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