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Subject: RE: Carron Valley Update

David,

Thanks for your e mail. Please see my notes in bullet point format.

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Jeremy

Thanks for the update.

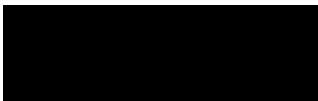
In order for this partnership to work everyone must be kept involved and informed. Some of your updates suggest things are happening in a different manner to the way CVDG understood they would be, following discussions at recent CVP meetings. In the interests of peace and harmony CVDG considered remaining silent but we feel there are a number of points that we must have some clarity on. Please see our comments in blue below

I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Regards

David Russell

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Subject RE: Carron Valley Update

Please see progress report below:-

Toilets - work started on the 3rd March and should be completed by the end of this week.

Assuming these works are completed by the end of this week the toilets *could* be operable within 14 days of FCS submitting an application for a Certificate of Completion to North Lanarkshire Council. Can you please confirm what date FCS anticipates submitting the application as a Certificate of Completion obviously needs to be issued by NLC in order to use/open the toilets.

- 28th March

Traffic counter - new induction loop fitted into tarmac apron, counter and software checked on site by engineer, data successfully downloaded for March.

Amended Clanranald lease to be formalised by end of March, car park to be made available for events through the normal permission process.

At the two recent CVP meetings there have been several conflicting statements on what this revised lease area is. For the avoidance of any further confusion can you please clarify what Clanranald's amended lease area comprises e.g: which sections of road, parking bays and / or car parks will the general public now have access to?

- Probably best for me to bring a plan to the next meeting on the 8th

Landscaping work ongoing to be completed by end of March.

Disabled parking bays completed by toilets.

Threshold signs ready to be made by our signs unit, final design attached.

The final design is not attached to your email. Can you please send this on and confirm if CVDG areas of concern outlined in our emails dated 18 Feb and 11 March were taken into consideration and if the final design reflects our suggested amendments.

- The final design is the one I circulated at the CV meeting in January but should include a disabled toilet icon on the ladder board. I will send you a pdf once the amendment has been made.

Portable deer larder arriving next week, power and plumbing to be connected once permissions have been obtained.

Full survey of recreation site from entrance to dam to be carried out this Thursday which will allow accurate plans using CAD software to be made for new developments such as electricity supply to toilets, and future

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recreation improvements.

We presume this is primarily to determine the precise line of Clanranalds revised lease area for incorporation within a formal lease. Can FCS make these plans available to the CVP and can you confirm if the plan is to run an electricity supply to toilets as part of the deer larder installation package? Andy Gallacher mentioned there were plans for a bike wash facility at the toilet - a move we would obviously welcome

- The survey is to get an accurate plan of existing infrastructure, and the proposed route for an electricity supply to the toilets.
- Bike wash facility is going ahead.

Full £15k Leader money claimed from Stirling Council for work completed.

Reference FCS Architects design drawing ref: Carron Valley proposed upgrade of car park and introduction of ponds issued on 29/12 in respect of the above works. The drawing indicated 5 wildlife ponds however, only one or possibly two of these has been completed, Can you please confirm if there have been any approved design changes to this scheme or is this works package part of the ongoing landscape works?

- The remaining ponds will be carried out when the ground conditions are drier and machinery is available.

Engineer tender gone out for the multi use trail, tender being opened by CSFT on the 25th March.

Once again CVDG request clarity on sub group issues. The CVP created a Technical Sub Group to administer all matters concerning the design and tendering of works however, neither the CVP nor the TSG have seen or approved the final tender documents that were issued to appoint the Consultant Engineer. CVDG are surprised at this and ask why there has been no TSG meeting or consultation to verify the selection of the tender list for Consultant Engineers? CVDG trust the proper process will be re-established when it comes to the appointment of the Consulting Engineer and either the TSG or the CVP will verify that appointment prior to the letter of award being issued.

- Noted

Shortlist for catering opportunity made up for consideration .

CVDG know there is a list of parties who have approached FCS over a period of 2+ years with various expressions of interest in respect of setting up a catering / business facility at Carron Valley. Can you please confirm if this is the "shortlist" to which you refer? CVDG would like to know what terms FCS used to draw up the main list, that was subsequently short-listed.

In CVDG experience an "expression of interest" is an invitation to submit to a pre qualification process which subsequently leads to a shortlist - see the example below for Ae Forest Cafe. Past and recent CVP minutes record that FCS had agreed to issue a formal invitation for "expressions of interest" for the catering opportunity. Can you please confirm which FCS process you are following here and at what stage we are in this process.

In addition CVDG are keen to ensure that the strategic view is not lost here. CVDG envisage the catering as one aspect of a business model that could provide excellent facilities, sustain local employment and boost the local economy. This would include opportunities such as a bike shop / bike hire / bike wash, equipment hire for watersports etc. It is important that we allow businesses to tender for the opportunity to provide catering, but CVDG would welcome businesses that are able to provide more than just a catering facility. To put this simply, we'd rather have a business on site that has vision and plans for the facility that can pick up the catering as it goes along, rather than having a good caterer that has no interest in developing other facilities.

- Intention is to advertise the expression of interest and notify parties that have already registered an interest to us.

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Jeremy

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