

Corporate Services Committee

31 August 2004

IRVINE, 31 August 2004 - At a Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Extract:-

10. Final Draft of the North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on proposed modifications to the Draft North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy resulting from the public consultation process.

The public consultation process on the Strategy commenced on 1 June 2004 and was completed on 16 July. A summary of the proposed amendments and additions to the Draft Strategy was set out in the Appendix to the report.

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The consultation process and the feedback from the Core Group highlighted the importance of ensuring that the Council has adequate resources to fulfill its obligations under the Land Reform legislation and to implement the Strategy.

Applications were lodged with Argyll and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire and Scottish Natural Heritage for funding towards the production and promotion of the Outdoor Access Strategy. Argyll and Islands Enterprise have subsequently advised that the application was unsuccessful and did not fit their current priorities. This, however, has not been the case in other Local Enterprise Companies' areas where Outdoor Access Strategies have been funded.

Due to the limited funds available for the implementation of the Strategy, it was proposed that funds should be maximised by sourcing and securing match funding for future projects. The main project for the current year will be the second phase of works at Lynn Glen, Dalry. The outcome of a bid lodged with Forward Scotland to the Community Environment Renewal Scheme in respect of this project is awaited.

The Committee agreed to

(a) approve the proposed changes to the Draft Strategy and adopt the Finalised North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy;

(b) authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) to publish, distribute and present the finalised document to the Outdoor Access Forum and all other interested parties, and to implement the Strategy;

(c) authorise the issue of funding for the Strategy to be raised with Argyll and Islands Enterprise at the next appropriate liaison meeting; and

(d) note the application to the Community Environmental Renewal Scheme for match funding for Phase II of the Lynn Glen Walk, Dalry.

This would indicate that NAC still had responsibility for the Lynn Glen walk in 2004. What was the outcome of their Strategy, and why do they no longer consider that it is their responsibility to maintain and retain this community asset for the betterment of the Community of Dalry and surrounding area?