

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Cultural & Built Heritage Thematic Working Group

09 May 2016 15:00hrs, Castle Douglas Town Hall

### Minutes

#### Attendees

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Andrew Nicholson   | DGC - Archaeologist                |
| Anna Campbell      | Local History Enthusiast           |
| Anne Ramsbottom    | DGC – Museums Curator West         |
| David Bartholomew  | Minister/Local History Enthusiast  |
| David Devereux     | Local History Enthusiast           |
| John Raven         | Historic Environment Scotland      |
| Mike Brown         | Local History Enthusiast           |
| McNabb Laurie (ML) | Galloway Glens Development Officer |
| Richard Polley     | National Trust for Scotland        |

#### 1. Welcome

ML welcomed all to the meeting, with everyone introducing themselves to all present.

#### 2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the April 2016 meeting were noted.

#### 3. Scheme Update

ML gave a brief update on the developments in the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership since the last meeting. This included:

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- Community engagement efforts had begun and were ongoing.
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- The branding had been agreed for the project – demonstrating the project’s independence from any particular partner.
- All work is towards the deadline of Summer 2017 when we aim to submit the Stage 2 application to Heritage Lottery Fund, with the attached suite of projects that will be undertaken.

#### 4. Cultural & Built Heritage – Agreeing the challenges

ML drew attendee’s attention to the previously circulated papers, summarising the challenges as identified at the last meeting of the Thematic Group. These were largely agreed to be an accurate overview of the challenges facing the Cultural & Built Heritage sector in the Galloway Glens project area, with the following points added throughout the meeting:

- Only a finite number of young people in the area to take up jobs on projects supported by the Galloway Glens – need to have realistic targets
- Under-population generally is a challenge – compared to historic population levels and even in recent history.
- There is a surfeit of community ‘infrastructure’ in the Galloway Glens area (i.e. church halls, village halls etc.) This is something that needs to be acknowledged in all projects undertaken, not just those in the ‘Cultural & Built Heritage’ sphere.
- Physical access to ‘Heritage Assets’ must be considered fully, including points such as dedicated car parking and signage. Visitors must be able to have the confidence to visit – as well as the attraction itself.

#### 5. Exploratory Work

As outlined in the circulated papers, ML went through the proposed list of exploratory work/studies that were going to be undertaken, with the following comments raised from a Cultural & Built Heritage perspective:

##### ***Landscape Character Review & Forestry study***

- It was argued that ‘Heritage’ aspects should be included in the landscape character review as the impact of man’s activity had resulted in the landscape character.

- Was there a possibility of including a Historic land use assessment as part of the study?
- It was hoped that the study would also consider the impact of ‘designed landscapes’ (i.e. country house gardens) and the stories behind these sites.
- Scotland’s Urban Past was mentioned as a potential source of information (replacing Scotland’s Rural past, the preceding project)
- The impact of farming & agriculture should be included as part of the review as this has affected the landscape.
- And the farming & agriculture should be assessed right up to modern day, 21<sup>st</sup> century practices, as there have been significant changes even just in the last 50 years. Therefore not simply the ‘historical’ activities.
- It was felt that this study had an opportunity to be an inspirational and interesting document – helping the Galloway Glens scheme as a whole with publicity and interest in the Scheme. There was the potential for ‘journalistic’ stories and features that were of interest to local history enthusiasts, as well as serving its prime purpose of assessing the landscape in the area.
- The Human interest stories should be considered as part of the study for this reason. For example, the area could be considered to have been defined by ‘resources’ – i.e. water, then wood, then wind.
- Discussion took place over whether ‘Forestry’ was part of an area’s heritage. Whether it was ‘popular’ or not, it was felt that forestry practices and planting did form part of an area’s heritage and should be acknowledged as such. Within this heading, there had been changes in forestry practices and approaches that could be better understood through a study of this type.
- Skills should include archaeological and historical archival research training.

### ***Skills, Training & Economic Opportunities Audit***

- The ‘core’ heritage skills of dry stone walling etc. were acknowledged as falling into this remit
- Discussion also took place over whether activities nowadays classed as ‘crafts’ should also form part of the Heritage skills audit, discovering what heritage skills are in the area, which are lacking and any sectors which might benefit from support investment to support shortages on a sustainable basis.

- Concern was raised about encouraging the development of skills that were not sustainable (i.e. for which there was insufficient demand) and this should be handled carefully in this respect.
- Engagement of teaching/education sector is important in this study – and should be part of any consultant's remit

### ***Migratory Fish Feasibility***

No comment

### ***Arctic Char reintroduction feasibility study***

No comment

### ***Loch Ken Fisheries Study***

No comment

### ***Heritage Interpretation Study***

- It was queried whether this would acknowledge abandoned settlements in the area – a topic which was comparatively under investigated
- Geophysics was mentioned as a useful tool for assessing the heritage assets on site – and also making 'heritage' accessible: Open days etc.
- Work had been done in the past by individuals to 'audit' all of the heritage assets in the area. It had proved a very difficult job but can be done.
- Historic Environment Data is available (through D&GC) which would be a good place to start.
- Industrial Archaeology should be included – lead mines etc. as these have never been assessed on a broader scale.
- Anne Barclay at the Wigtown Book festival was mentioned as a good source of information, as was Alison Burgess at the Ewart Library.
- Queries were raised about whether this study would be broad enough to include oral histories and whether these could be classed as 'heritage assets'.

- Heritage Interpretation Study (HIS) needs to reach out to local communities, engage and assess who is out there, what they might be interested in, think about how to engage other groups who might be currently less engaged with heritage, and assess how partnerships might be built across different communities. This needs to be carefully thought through and the right person or group needs to be brought on board to deliver this.
- The HIS also needs to consider HLA data.
- It is essential that the briefings for the HIS and Landscape Study are discussed in order to ensure that they adequately consider the historic environment and heritage.

### ***Natural Flood Management study***

- Flooding is a very emotive subject, given the recent problems over Christmas, any project must be handled tactfully and be a truly partnership approach, including the local communities.
- It was noted that the proposed Galloway Glens project area excluded the early tributaries of the river system and these were often prime areas for the trialling of natural flood management techniques. ML confirmed that the project area was not beyond amend at this stage and would be able to align with projects that were identified as part of the research.

### ***Evaluation Study***

- It was agreed that ideally this would include the simpler quantifiable data (e.g. number of visitor to the heritage sites in the area) but also look beyond this to try to measure some broader trends – e.g. migration of working age people from the Galloway Glens etc.

It was requested that the *Landscape Character Review* and *Heritage Interpretation Studies* be circulated around working group members for comment before commissioning if possible. **ACTION: ML**

## **6 Projects**

While acknowledging that things were still at an early stage, ML opened discussion out for any particular project ideas that could be noted, possibly of interest to the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership:

- It was felt that the Galloway Glens area was one of very few nationally without any type of railway. This was particularly interesting when you consider how much of the previous railway line remains open and intact.
- Discussion also noted that if the railway lines were intact then they could be adapted into a walking/cycle route (for significantly less cost than reinstating the railway)
- The covenanter's trail in the west of Dumfries and Galloway was mentioned and it was noted that it ran towards the Galloway Glens area – could this be developed locally?
- The Viking Horde was acknowledged by all as having massive potential – not only in the display of the items themselves (with potential bigger costs etc.) but also related projects, such as interpretation at the site of the find, and the potential for other discoveries. This was a complex issue with a number of parties involved, but must form some part of the Galloway Glens scheme. It was hoped that the project, being considered on a national basis at the moment, would be able to progress shortly.

It was felt that the Expression of Interest form may be a bit off putting to someone with only a very rough idea of a project. ML took this on board and would consider re-drafting accordingly or highlighting the non-mandatory nature of the fields on the form.

## **7 Group Chairman**

It was noted that no Chairman had been appointed for the Cultural & Built Heritage Group – who would in turn sit on the Galloway Glens Partnership Board, providing a link between the Board and the working groups. There would be no administrative burden to being the chairman, only the need to attend the partnership board meetings.

At the last meeting, it had been suggested that it would ideally be someone who lived within the area and was able to speak passionately for the Cultural & Built Heritage opportunities.

There were no volunteers from amongst present and ML would leave this position open at present. If, after the meeting anyone wanted to speak further about this then they should contact ML.

## **8 Date & Time of next meeting**



This would be confirmed shortly

## **9 AOB & Close**

ML confirmed that he was keen to attend as many meetings or events as possible to publicise the Galloway Glens scheme and welcomed any suggested groups to approach.

It was also noted that additional members of the working group were always being sought so any suggestions were welcome.

ML thanked all for their attendance.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Community, Economy & Volunteering Thematic Working Group**

**11 May 2016 12:30hrs, Kirkcudbright Council Offices, Daar Road.**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendees**

|                  |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Christine Clarke | Third Sector D&G                     |
| Clair Mcfarlan   | Solway Firth Partnership             |
| Elizabeth Tindal | Freelance Ranger                     |
| John Blaikie     | Outdoor Access Forum                 |
| Karen Morley     | DGC – Countryside Services           |
| Lyndy Renwick    | Forestry Commission Scotland (Chair) |
| Marie McNulty    | GSA Biosphere                        |
| McNabb Laurie    | Galloway Glens Development Officer   |
| Tom Henry        | DGC – Countryside Services           |

#### **1. Welcome**

ML welcomed all to the meeting, with everyone introducing themselves to all present.

Lyndy Renwick was the group's designated chairman, therefore also sitting on the partnership board, but had agreed for McNabb Laurie to chair this meeting on her behalf.

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#### **4. Community, Economy and Volunteering Sector – Agreeing the challenges**

Attendees discussed the meeting papers that had been circulated beforehand, adding the following points for consideration:

- The integration of Health & Social Care was currently underway and the Galloway Glens scheme must stay aware of the changes that will result in the project area – potential for new challenges to emerge.
- The age profile of volunteers was discussed, with perhaps not such a clear picture as had been summarised beforehand. Young people (under 25 years) were active volunteers with approximately 2,000 people in D&G aged 12-25 undertaking volunteering for the Saltire Awards.
- Any volunteering projects as part of the Galloway Glens scheme should incorporate accreditation from the options available. The formality of the accreditation varies from examples such as the Saltire Award to the simpler certificates awarded by Third Sector D&G. This all helps to quantify the volunteering efforts.
- As part of the annual Volunteers Week event, and Third Sector D&G Volunteers Award ceremony. There could also be localised/individual organisation awards.
- It was also clarified that PVG certification was different to the security check that it had replaced – now only required when necessary.
- The challenge of finding volunteers was mentioned – examples given of short, ad hoc volunteering jobs being sometimes as hard as regular longer volunteering periods.
- Corporate Social Responsibility (‘CSR’) was discussed as an opportunity for sourcing volunteers. It was suggested that the Galloway Glens project explore whether there was a Scottish equivalent to the English organisation, ‘Business in the Community’ working in the CSR field.

- Other volunteering schemes were mentioned, including the Duke of Edinburgh awards and Project Scotland, which offers up to 30 hours volunteering per week for 3 months for young people 18-30. CC offered to bring more details to next meeting
- Rural transport issues were not felt to have been identified sufficiently this far. Strong examples in D&G were mentioned, including Creetown with the scooter rental.
- It was known that Glenkens Transport Initiative had explored taking over the school bus contract to make better use of their vehicles but this was not thought to have progressed.
- Regarding community buildings and the retention of these, it was felt that sometimes an emotional attachment to a facility outweighed the business case for its retention. It was important that all projects forming part of the Galloway Glens scheme be tested for sustainability and financial viability.
- Johnston School in Kirkcudbright was mentioned as an underused asset at present.
- Innovative use of current buildings was a challenge – making the agreed surfeit of community buildings in the area viable. E.g. making the village hall toilet accessible when hall was closed.
- Discussion took place about the importance of what might be considered relatively mundane project aspects – particularly parking and toilets.
- It was noted that all village halls in the Stewartry were in community ownership.
- Considering economic challenges, it was noted that sometimes people keen to stay in the area were not interested in pursuing the formal academic qualifications
- Access to training opportunities remained a challenge. E.g. if you live in the Glenkens then you only have one bus you can catch to get to Dumfries and the Barony college is a further change from there.
- Circulate the Stewartry Profile around members for statistical information **ACTION**
- Circulate the engagement plan around all Thematic Group members **ACTION**
- It was stressed that the word ‘consultation’ was now off-putting to many – the Galloway Glens scheme should look for ‘ideas’.

## 5. Exploratory Work

ML referred attendees to the circulated papers, highlighting the proposed studies that were going to take place. Attendees raised the following points from a Community, Economy and Volunteering perspective:

### ***Landscape Character Review & Forestry study***

- Work to capture the oral history of foresters had been undertaken by Anne Connick – could be useful
- Include GIS photomontages to allow people to engage with the study itself and the results.
- A ‘sense of place’ was considered as a concept – understanding and then making use of what was found that makes the Galloway Glens special
- By including examples and stories of what happened in the past, the Landscape Character Study will be a useful document with or without resulting projects.
- Modern technology was mentioned as a tool through the undertaking of the study and resultant projects- including apps on smartphones that allow you to see how the landscape looks now compared to 100 years ago, 3D possibility etc.

### ***Skills, Training & Economic Opportunities Audit***

- Training locations should be a factor in this discussion, with the aforementioned transport issues being significant in the Galloway Glens area
- Include a Business audit? – what heritage skills are they struggling to recruit/retain?
- Rangering and interpretation roles were considered to be ‘heritage’ skills – and therefore should be included?
- Textile heritage skills were also discussed and consideration should be given to including what we would consider ‘craft’ or ‘art’ skills.

### ***Migratory Fish Feasibility & Arctic Char reintroduction feasibility study***

No comment – although noted the Tourism potential that could result from these projects was noted.

### ***Loch Ken Fisheries Study***

- It was noted that this study focussed on the fish population of Loch Ken, which was applauded for information purposes but it was suggested that this should be broadened further to include a study of access and use of Loch Ken. This could inform any subsequent projects that are undertaken addressing access in the area.
- Some attendees felt Loch Ken did still appear 'private' when driving by and whether the study could be broadened to consider this point.

### ***Heritage Interpretation Study***

- A 'Capturing voices' project would allow volunteers to get involved in the undertaking of the study or any subsequent projects.
- Wider than just the heritage interpretation, but how can we join up the heritage offering in the area.

### ***Natural Flood Management Study & Evaluation Study***

No comment

Through the meeting, ML gathered thoughts on the suggested studies and sought any suggestions of additional studies to be considered at this stage as we prepare for the eventual list of projects.

Suggestions included:

- **An Access Audit:** Reviewing access throughout the Galloway Glens project area – encompassing travel by foot, horse, bike and canoe.
- **Interpretation Strategy:** What interpretation facilities are in the area, is there scope for standardising the theme of interpretation used across the Galloway glens, could existing interpretation be consolidated, interpretation gaps at present and what opportunities are there for Interpretation going forward that really celebrate the uniqueness of the area.

These two suggestions would be discussed further outside the meeting – and would obviously depend on the availability of funding and whether this work had been done before etc.

## **6 Projects**

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- Johnston School could act as a good Dark Sky visitor centre, and also a 'launch point' for a visitor to the Galloway Glens area.
- Sound or video recording of the current inhabitants as a time capsule for future generations

## **7 Date & Time of next meeting**

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## **8 AOB & Close**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Landscape, Wildlife & Land Management Thematic Working Group

11 May 2016 09:30hrs, Kirkcudbright Council Offices, Daar Road.

### Minutes

#### Attendees

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|-----------------|--|
| Adrian Pringle  | DGC - Landscape Architect                  |
| Callum Sinclair | Scottish Natural Heritage                  |
| Chris Rollie    | RSPB                                       |
| Emily Taylor    | Crichton Carbon Centre                     |
| Jamie Ribbens   | Galloway Fisheries Trust                   |
| Karen Morley    | DGC – Countryside Services                 |
| Lucie Stewart   | SEPA                                       |
| McNabb Laurie   | Galloway Glens Development Officer (Chair) |
| Oscar Yerburgh  | Barwhillanty Estates                       |
| Peter Norman    | DGC - Biodiversity Officer                 |
| Wendy Fenton    | GSA Biosphere                              |

#### 1. Welcome

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It was noted that Emily Taylor was the Chairman of the working group, also sitting on the Galloway Glens Partnership Board, providing a link between the Board and the group. Emily was happy for McNabb Laurie to chair this meeting on her behalf.

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#### 4. Agreeing the challenges

Attendees approved the content of the circulated papers outlining the challenges facing these sectors, with discussion noting the following points

- This project, and any profile/publicity, may make an opportunity to engage landowners on land management opportunities generally, there have been some significant issues in recent years e.g. larch removal
- Projects should be ambitious but also realistic. Market forces are a vital part of land management and changes proposed to, for example, forestry, must be aware of the broader perspective of being viable economically and also acknowledge national aims – e.g. increase forestry planting.
- Forestry was a massive economic driver in the area and this should be acknowledged when considering projects to take place.
- A possible opportunity was discussed for training of local SRDP accredited farm assessors. A skills gap exists at the moment in this area, with current practitioners often having a strong business side but not a good environmental knowledge.
- Discussion took place over the ‘access’ question which was agreed to be very broad and a resultant project might best be targeted ‘viewpoints’ or sites agreed to be the most important locally.
- The Heritage skills audit could include ‘dark sky’ training – possibly resulting in ‘Galloway Glens’ guides, akin to rangers
- Forestry focus was adjudged by some to be not on expansion as it might have been 30 years ago, but was now looking at ‘restructure’.
- It should be acknowledged that the Galloway Glens was not going to change national policy but was an opportunity for demonstration projects and illustrating best practice.

## 5. Exploratory Work

ML referred attendees to the circulated papers, highlighting the proposed studies that were going to take place. Attendees raised the following points from a landscape, wildlife and land management perspective:

### ***Landscape Character Review & Forestry study***

- This would benefit from genuine engagement with the local community through its drafting. It was suggested that social media be used to gather opinions – favourite ‘views’ etc.
- Ironside Farrow was mentioned as a practice that had done some very interesting landscape assessment in Dumfries.
- Opportunity for input during Spring Fling? Seeking visitor’s opinions on what makes the landscape special
- In 1998 SNH did a landscape assessment of the UK as a whole. It is being renewed now but to only the basic level of detail. This study should complement that.
- In the 1930s schoolchildren in the area were involved in a ‘Land Utilisation Survey’. Following this format could be interesting for comparison purposes.
- The human interest stories are important – “what do you treasure about your landscape”
- It was recommended that Anna Johnson, DGS Scenic Areas Officer, be involved.
- Other topics mentioned included interesting geological features such as glacial erratics: e.g. Wolfstone, Bruce’s Stone etc. and the ‘mythology’ around these.

### ***Skills, Training & Economic Opportunities Audit***

- It was noted that recent Peatland Restoration works had required the import of expertise from outside the area. Often these are very specialist activities but could be considered a ‘heritage’ skill
- Indicators of a training shortfall could be more informal and slightly more unorthodox – e.g. accident admissions at hospital due to certain activities etc.
- ‘Skills rings’ were mentioned as a historical way that skills were shared amongst a co-operative of people or farms etc. These should be considered when assessing ‘economic opportunities’
- It was suggested that Nature conservation skills should be considered ‘heritage’ skills as they impact the natural landscape and therefore heritage

- Sulwath Connections undertook lime mortar training – it would be interesting to know where the students ended up
- Forestry Strategy of putting timber into buildings – has resulted in a boost to work in this area. This could be a sector that would benefit from some dedicated training – classed as ‘modified timber’ skills

### ***Migratory Fish Feasibility & Arctic Char reintroduction feasibility study***

- The migratory fish study will focus on the potential for work at Tongland, considering Salmon smolt and Eel migration out of the system.
- Licensing issues must be acknowledged through the study
- Scottish Power is obviously a key partner in the migratory fish project and the brief will have to be agreed with Scottish Power.
- It is proposed that the study looks at possible operational and physical options to improve fish escapement if the desk top study considers there is a significant problem
- 7-20 years Eel migration return period
- No work could be considered on any project on this topic without these studies giving a clear endorsement
- The Char project will consider whether Loch Grannoch water quality and spawning/nursery burn are suitable for char to be introduced back into the loch, having died out previously due to acidification.

### ***Loch Ken Fisheries Study***

- It should be stressed that the study is on the broader issue of Loch Ken and the fishery population as a whole. There will be mention of Crayfish in the study but this study is to look at the broader fishery question.
- This was agreed to be an important document as the Galloway Glens as a whole starts to consider opportunities and projects to increase the usage of Loch Ken.

### ***Heritage Interpretation Study***

- The remit of the study must be realistic and when assessing the current heritage assets, other factors should be considered including land ownership etc.

### ***Natural Flood Management Study***

- Tweed valley was cited as a potential example of Natural Flood Management techniques in action – also the Nith pilot project.
- Not everywhere in the Galloway Glens project area is appropriate for NFM projects, noting the highly managed nature of the downstream area.
- It was noted that Natural Flood Management depends on a number of often local factors – ground water flows, topography etc.
- It was stressed that Natural Flood Management was not the ‘magic bullet’ for an area faced with flooding, and at best it can work with engineering solutions.
- It was best described as ‘reconnecting the river with its floodplain’
- As with the fish studies, it was agreed that no project could be pursued without this study and a potential outcome could be that there was no scope for natural flood management work.
- When it comes to any resultant projects, landowner engagement was key.
- This is a very polarising, emotive subject and so must be handled with tact. It was stressed that expectations must be managed on this subject. Attendees looked forward to seeing the study outcomes.

### ***Evaluation Study***

- This was felt to be very important and it was suggested that it should include an element of volunteer involvement in gathering of data
- Solway Firth Partnership has done some work in this area recently and should be contacted for information.
- The Biosphere may also have some guidance on baseline data they use, identified gaps etc.

ML sought any other input about studies not on the proposed list. It was suggested that a useful piece of work would be to ***assess Black Grouse populations*** in the Galloway Glens area, possibly leading to projects

supported through the Galloway Glens Scheme. Discussion took place around the table on this point and would continue after the meeting. Availability of funding would depend obviously on the cost of the aforementioned studies and it was noted that an element of this work might have been done by a number of different partners already, with the final challenge being to pull the information together into one place. This would be discussed further outside the meeting.

## **6 Projects**

While acknowledging that things were still at an early stage, ML opened discussion out for any particular project ideas that could be noted, possibly of interest to the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership:

- An opportunity had recently been identified for DEFRA funding towards a Peatlands project. ET and KM were exploring this further, although there was a very short deadline. This focussed on identifying barriers to peatland restoration and bringing peatland into better condition.
- Environmental improvement works – might be as simple as installation of a theme of benches across the Galloway Glens area – acknowledging the importance of the timber industry, designed by schools, giving a ‘sense of place’.
- Loch Ken railway bridge was also mentioned as a potentially under used asset which would open up Loch Ken for access.

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## **8 AOB & Close**

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