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To: Niall Thomson

Subject: RE: mtb devel at Carron

Niall

Good to hear that the various orgs are communicating. Just make sure they understand the reasons behind the lack of investment in mtb. Although partnership working is key to getting funding for a decent-sized bid, the reason FC cannot yet commit to leading/supporting any funding bid for MTB itself is because of our pending national mbiking strategy.

Thus any (workshop leading to) partnership agreement is a means to development of the area for recreation. This may or may not include signif mtb trails on FC land depending on how/whether Carron fits into the future FC Scotland mtb strat. As I have already told you & Dave, chances are Carron will be a chosen site for FC investment in mtb. But we don't know for sure yet.

In the meantime, we are all working to get local mtb trails at Carron.

Thanks for keeping me informed.

Rena