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Brent,

In light of the announcement below and given the reason for CSFT's departure (It would appear that FCS board wish their organisation to be the lead partner in managing contract work at CV, less than 12 months after inviting CSFT to the CVP to fulfil this role), can you respond to the partners with a proposed solution of how FCS will lead a project to utilise the £18k NLC funding?

I note the deadline for decisions on this spend is now only 2 days away.

Regards

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Mike

CVDBG attended the meeting on 21st September, CSFT abstained.

As I recollect: "the PID has been chopped and changed so many times it's a mess" (Hugh Insley) Also, you are aware that Niall Thomson wrote to FCS on several occasions asking for

clarification on FESMB decision. That information was not forthcoming (at least to the body of the CVP) however CSFT were copied in, on Nialls e mails. Both Jeremy and Brent have subsequently confirmed "The PID is dead"

In short, the situation was far from clear and I certainly have no recollection of Brent confirming that "CSFT could no longer perform the role of project manager at Carron Valley" at the recent CV meeting or I would not have sent you the e mail below.

For the benefit of the remaining partners can you please now confirm what FCS and CSFT have agreed and what specific roles CSFT **are able to perform** within the partnership going forward.

Thanks

David Russell
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Carron Valley Development Group
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On 11/20/07, Mike Batley <Mike.Batley@csft.co.uk> wrote:

David

Thanks for getting back to me.

I am sorry you had not appreciated the position CSFT are now in before my e-mail. We had thought it had been made clear in both the PID response from the FCS Board, but also in Brent Meakin's remarks at the recent CV meeting, that CSFT no longer could perform the role of project manager at Carron Valley .

This decision is important in terms of the role we can play within the CV group. CSFT has a remit to deliver the Central Scotland Forest by acting in both an influencing role, but also through project delivery. We currently have many other projects in development and as such will not now be able to devote as much time to this project going forwards.

I hope this clarifies matters for you, though please do get back to me if you needs be.

Regards

Mike

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Mike,

Thanks for your email. The timing of this announcement is extremely unfortunate given the board decision was passed down in August and CSFT have been asked to clarify their position several times since.

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The contract works proposed are minor and much of the work on tender documents etc is already complete, so can FCS/CSFT reach an agreement to expedite the current piece of work?

I'd also ask that you clarify your position on the other elements of CSFT's involvement e.g. will CSFT still assist with funding bids?

I look forward to hearing from you.

David Russell

Chairman

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

From: Mike Batley [mailto: Mike.Batley@csft.co.uk]

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David

I am responding to your suggestion that the construction sub-committee should be brought back together to progress the above stage of work.

I need to confirm that CSFT is no longer able to perform a formal role in managing contract work at Carron Valley. This was the agreed position with FCS following the PID process - you may recall the reference to this in the PID response - and indeed, Gillian advised me that Brent pretty well confirmed this position at the recent meeting. So on this basis we wouldn't be able to actively support the project implementation through the sub-committee due to our need to recover our Contract staff time through in-house project delivery.

Hopefully the work that was done on model documents with Jamie will still prove to be valuable and if there is any documentation you don't have access to, then please let me know. Also if there are any outstanding questions about any aspect of this, then again, get back to myself or Graeme / Mark (the staff here that Jamie dealt with on the contract management side).

Best regards

13/10/2008

Mike

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>>> "David Russell" <nicolai.uk@ [REDACTED] 14/11/2007 19:19 >>>

Good evening,

Following the CVP meeting on Friday, CVDG held a meeting to discuss several pressing issues. The most important of these is the urgent requirement to utilise the £18k NLC and £35k WREN awards.

Since the WREN funding was awarded for a cycle trail, CVDG considered using this to extend the current MTB route at Cannonball, whilst using the £18k NLC money to improve access to the Dam head in preparation for an HLF funded loch side heritage trail.

However, CVDG reflected on remarks made in the press by Rena that "*any developments at this location need to fit in with our aims for a more inclusive recreation experience*". The inference drawn from this is that CVDG is not inclusive and has no interest in developing wider recreation. CVDG are on record stating this is not the case and delivered a plan outlining c. £500k investment in wider recreation and facilities. In short, we share the collective desire to see improvements in wider recreation at CV, starting with a recreation trail along the loch side.

In order to dispel such inferences and once again demonstrate our commitment to wider recreation at CV we are willing to divert further bike trail funding to deliver improved facilities for those "*seeking a family day out in Carron Valley*".

It should be noted, however, that the original intention was to use the £50k HLF award to finance this piece of trail, but a stronger application and a maintenance guarantee from FC are still required. CVDG feel the HLF bid must still be submitted, "Retro fitting" the heritage aspect to the proposed works and using the remainder of the money to extend the loch side recreation trail.

CVDG recommend that CSFT, along with the CVP construction sub-committee, appoint an engineer and begin the tender process for constructing a recreation trail along the loch side using the NLC-sponsored brief created by Paul Masson earlier this year.

I trust that the various parties including the construction sub-committee will now move into action to deliver this project without delay.

If you require any further information please drop me a line.

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Chairman

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