

Notice of meeting and agenda

Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum

10:00 am Friday 11 March 2016

Flotterstone Inn, Milton Bridge, Penicuik

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Deputations

- 3.1 (If any)

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum of 20 March 2015 (circulated) – for approval as a correct record

5. Regional Park Issues

- 5.1 Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill - Progress Update – Jenny Hargreaves, Senior Natural Heritage Officer
- 5.2 Pentland Path Project – Presentation by Charlie Cumming, Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust
- 5.3. Competitive Cycling Events – Presentation by Bob MacFarlane, Development Officer, Scottish Cycling
- 5.4 Local Working Group Review (Bonaly, Harlaw, Threipmuir) – Presentation by Victor Partridge, Natural Heritage Officer
- 5.5 Visitor Survey 2014 – Presentation by Katja Smidt / Ariane Walz, Potsdam University
- 5.6 Ecosystems Approach Study – Presentation by Neville Makan SNH / Peter Phillips Collingwood Environmental Planning
- 5.7 Operational Update – Jenny Hargreaves, Senior Natural Heritage Officer

6. Dates of Next Meetings

Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee – Friday 15 April 2016 at 10.00 am.

Kirsty-Louise Campbell

Interim Head of Strategy and Insight

Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum

The Consultative Forum comprises members of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee, together with representatives of: Farming (Robert Barr (NFU); Pentland Produce (Alex Moir); Landowning (Alastair Salvesen); Ministry of Defence Estates (Maj. (Ret.) K Torp-Petersen); Scottish Wildlife Trust (Ken Knowles); Friends of the Pentlands (John Stirling); Harperrig Management Group (Graham Hamilton); Walkers (Euan Scroggie); British Horse Society (Constance Newbold); Scottish Hill Runners (Dr John Blair Fish); Mountain Biking (vacant); Disabled Users (Debbie Wilson (Thistle Foundation)); Scottish Angling Society (vacant); Water Sports (vacant); Orienteering (Janet Clark); Sport Scotland (Claire Peters); Historic Scotland (Archaeology) (Deirdre Cameron); Economic/Rural Development (Scottish Executive) (Jim Mason); Edinburgh and Lothians Tourist Board (Sinead Feltoe); Balerno Village Trust (Allan Laing);

Community Councils - Balerno CC (Hugh Watt); Colinton Amenity Association (Bruce Rae); Currie CC; Fairmilehead CC (Alison Elfick); Juniper Green CC (Rob Melville); Carllops CC; Damhead Community Council (Natalie Frankish); Penicuik CC; West Linton CC; East Calder CC (Alan Wright); Kirknewton Community Council (Caroline Gerrard); West Calder and Harburn CC (John Smith).

Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee Members

The City of Edinburgh Council: Councillors Bill Henderson (Convener); Dominic Heslop (Vice-Chair), and David Walker; Midlothian Council: Councillors Lisa Beattie; Jim Bryant, and Russell Imrie; West Lothian Council: Councillor Frank Tonner, and (Non-voting members):- Scottish Water: Alan Fail; Scottish Natural Heritage: Janice Winning; East Lothian Council (to be nominated), and a representative of each of the NFU (Scotland) and Scottish Land Estates (to be nominated).

Information about the Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum

The Consultative Forum is made up of representative interests of landowners, farmers and recreational user groups involved with the Regional Park, plus public bodies and other interests including Community Councils. The purpose of the Consultative Forum is to offer advice and opinion on the operation of the Regional Park. Their views are communicated to the Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee which comprises elected members from the constituent local authorities, and other public bodies, and as are responsible for the funding and governance of the Regional Park. The Consultative Forum meets at least twice each year at a venue within the Regional Park area. The Joint Committee members attend meetings of the Consultative Forum.

Further information

If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Blair Ritchie, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council, Waverley Court, Business Centre 2:1, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG Tel 0131 529 4085, e-mail blair.ritchie@edinburgh.gov.uk

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