

Sarah Hutcheon

From: Katherine Leys
Sent: 12 May 2021 13:11
To: Jimmy Hyslop
Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh Gantt chart

Hi Jimmy,

Ok. I've texted Chris Donald as he hadn't replied with the Area view. He has just responded saying nothing has changed from their point of view.

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Dr Katherine Leys | Head of Biodiversity and Geodiversity

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In accordance with government instructions, I am working from home. I can be contacted by all the usual methods, except in person as the office is currently closed.

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Sent: 12 May 2021 13:03
To: Katherine Leys <Katherine.Leyes@nature.scot>
Subject: Eisg Brachaidh Gantt chart

Hi Kath,

The previous Gantt chart had a burst of BCF work in April/May/June and completing by 23rd July then nothing happening until February when the fence is closed off and deer culling over February/March. There was a lot of down time.

The updated one has BCF activity kicking off at the end of September, the fence closed off in January and deer culling over from August to the end of March. Everything is do-able before the end of March, weather permitting,

Jimmy

Jimmy Hyslop | Funding Officer

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Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>
Subject: EB Gantt chart

Hello Jimmy

Here is the updated project timeline as requested.

Regards



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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 15 June 2021 10:06
To: Jimmy Hyslop
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EB Gantt chart - four weeks on

Morning Jimmy hope all's well.

As regards the workstreams below, all are currently underway or completed.

- The birds and mammal work is underway as is the LVIA work and on schedule. We have completed the deer counts and HIA work and are awaiting the final reports/write up.
- Mapping work of the woodland cover is already done as is the access consultation although we have received new useful information from HRC access folk re strava records of users in the area which confirmed what we already know about pedestrian and kayak use.
- Baseline surveys and collation of information from NatureScot and others is ongoing although not vital to the EIA process.
- The scoping meeting with SF and stakeholders is on the 24th.

Best regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Outreach Adviser

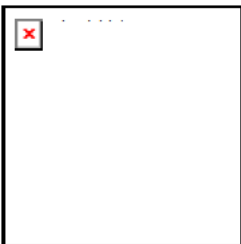
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Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Subject: EB Gantt chart - four weeks on

Hi [REDACTED],

Four weeks on from our meeting could you please give me a quick update on the strands below? Basically did they get started on time, are they on schedule, did they complete on time?

1	EIA information required		May					Jun	Update
			3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st	7th	
1.1	Scoping mtg and report								
1.2	Bird surveys								
1.3	Deer foot count and report								
1.4	re-map and habitat re assessment with impacts								
1.5	targetted HIA on critical sites								
1.6	LVIA assessment								
1.7	Otter protection plan								
1.8	Access consultation								
6.4	HIA and survey baseline								

Jimmy

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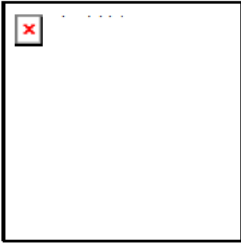
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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 20 July 2021 10:07
To: Jimmy Hyslop
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Timelines for Eisd Brachaidh

Morning Jimmy

I've enclosed our latest timeline for the Eisd Brachaidh project following the EIA scoping meeting and various conversations with Scottish Forestry now we are tied into their EIA timetable. We have just reviewed the timetable for the CALL project extrapolating from the EIA progress and consultation periods to the end of the fencing operation. I've taken into account two scenarios: a smooth running from here on in and secondly a realistic worst case scenario depending on how the SF timetable runs. Obviously everything has the covid caveat as is usual these days.

I'm afraid I am up in Assynt at the moment and it is not in the usual gantt chart format yet as I was struggling to show the two scenarios effectively but I can see to this next week if you wish. Happy as always to chat it through. The various surveys LVIA etc are well underway and we are taking on a consultant to bring together and write up the EIA in order to speed things up. The owner, [REDACTED], is getting Galbraith's to take through the cattle grid permit application for us.

Regards

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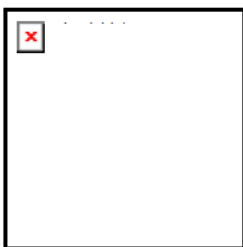
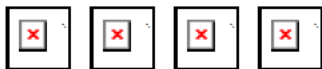
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Eisg Brachaidh - EIA timeline

Date	Action	Comments
14 May	Notice of SF's request for an EIA sent to stakeholders	
28 May	Email request stakeholders complete doodle poll for best scoping meeting date	
2 June	Scoping meeting documents sent to consultees	
3 June	Email reminder to complete doodle poll	
18 June	Confirm agenda for scoping meeting	
	Send agenda to SF for Scoping meeting	
24 June	Scoping Meeting	
25 June	Review of issues raised at Scoping Meeting	
25 June - 8th July	Draft scoping report produced by WT	
9 th July	Final scoping report approved by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	
By 9 July (2 weeks)	Final scoping report circulated to stakeholders.	Response deadline 23 July
July	In tandem contact Public Contracts Scotland and agree if Fencing needs to be re-tendered. Retender if necessary.	
23 rd July	Closing date for response to scoping report, confirm any responses with SF – SF's 35 days start.	2 days?
10 th August best case to 31 st August worst case	SF give scoping opinion which forms the basis of the EIA Report (maximum 35 days)	May be quicker as issues are already known and requested by SF in their determination letter. Best case 2 weeks worst 35 days
July to Sept	WT and EIA consultant writes EIA Report	Best case assumes that as the info is to hand and surveys completed, and we know as per SF determination what the issues are then the EIA compilation shouldn't be a hard ask. Worst case if the process drags by another month for example then all the following timings are shunted on by a month
Best case 1 st Sept worst case 15 th Sept	WT submits EIA Report & formal application for EIA consent to SF	The exact date depends on how write up goes and how long SF take to get response to us. Depends on how fast the scoping report

		is agreed and SF opinion received.
Best case 8 th Sept Worst case 29 Sept	SF say they are satisfied that the EIA Report addresses issues raised at scoping meeting	Dependant on SF
	WT/SF consults on EIA* (42 days)	
Best case 20 Oct Worst case 10 Nov	EIA report consultation period ends	Fixed timetable
Best case 22 October Worst case 12 Nov	SF makes decision re EB EIA consent (refuse or grant w conditions)	SF dependant
	SF publicises its decision in local newspaper, Gazette EIA projects page	
Best case 26 Oct Worst case 17 Nov	Contract confirmed and Fencing supplies bought	Dependent on fencing materials being available
Best case 5 Nov Worst case 6 Dec	Fencing materials delivered and heli dropped	Weather caveat. Covid caveat. Dependent on helicopter availability.
Best case 28 Feb Worst case 25 Mar or later if weather/covid intervenes.	End of Fencing operations	Ditto. Worst case assumes smooth running of fencing op. If weather or mishaps intervene it could be later
	Start deer cull at start of stag season and carry through	
Best case 1 March Worst case 27 March or later if weather/covid intervenes.	Close east end of fence	Worst case assumes smooth running of fencing op as above
14-18 Mar 2022	Hold woodland HIA training 2 days, 6 trainees	Fencing independent
7- 25 Mar 2022	Enrichment planting	Fencing independent (use tubes if necessary)

*As part of consultation, the WT is required to submit a public notice to the local newspaper, [The Gazette](#), and [EIA Projects page](#) of SF website. The WT should pay for this – see [Environmental Impact](#)

[Assessment of Forestry Projects](#) for details of what should be included. WTS should also make copies of the application available in public places such as the local library, post office etc. SF will help us decide suitable locations. SF will also give details of the application to the appropriate consultees and statutory bodies as well as the local authority with an interest in the application. They are required to give us their comments within 30 days.

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From: Jimmy Hyslop
Sent: 13 August 2021 14:20
To: Katherine Leys
Subject: RE: BCF Eisg Brachaidh

Hi Kath,
Just to let you know that no one has made contact with me since then,
Jimmy

From: Jimmy Hyslop
Sent: 04 August 2021 10:36
To: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk; Katherine Leys <katherine.leys@nature.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk
Subject: RE: BCF Eisg Brachaidh

Hi [REDACTED],
No problem. Kath is on leave until 18 August,
Jimmy

From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk
Sent: 04 August 2021 10:20
To: Jimmy Hyslop <jimmy.hyslop@nature.scot>; Katherine Leys <katherine.leys@nature.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk
Subject: BCF Eisg Brachaidh

Hi Both
Just had a request from the NHLF/CALL partnership team who would like to make contact with you directly regarding the Eisg Brachaidh funding offer from BCF. Our other main funding route is through the CALLP scheme. We have no objections so have given them your contact details. I'm afraid I don't know who the contact will come from but likely someone in NHLF.
Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Outreach Adviser

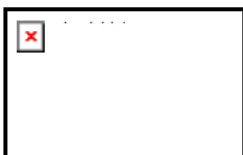
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From: Anne Murray_Golspie
Sent: 23 August 2021 11:02
To: Jimmy Hyslop
Subject: RE: Reallocation of cases

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Jimmy,

Thank you very much. I would very much welcome a discussion just as soon as I have got my head around each case and have some sensible questions to ask!

Look forward to speaking to you.

Anne

Anne C Murray | Funding Officer

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From: Jimmy Hyslop <Jimmy.Hyslop@nature.scot>
Sent: 23 August 2021 10:57
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: Reallocation of cases

Hi Anne,
You lucky, lucky person. I have altered Fusion accordingly.

I will notify my contacts to tell them of the change and copy you in. Happy to discuss both or either of the cases to date.

Jimmy

From: Ariane Johnston <Ariane.Johnston@nature.scot>
Sent: 16 August 2021 11:16
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Cc: Jimmy Hyslop <Jimmy.Hyslop@nature.scot>
Subject: Reallocation of cases

Dear Anne

Hello and welcome. I understand that you have been allocated the following cases by Nicholas and Gillian has asked me to send you links to the files, so here they are:

[501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project \(qA167368\)](#)

[REDACTED]

I have transferred these case to you on business planning and Jimmy, as the previous 'owner', will reassign the requisitions to you on Fusion. (Thanks Jimmy!)

In due course, as the new owner, you will need to edit the PO to change the Requester, or the 'receipt due email alerts' will continue to be sent to the original requester and it will not appear in your 'My Receipts'. See Fusion guidance:

[FUSION - Procurement - Guidance - Grant funding officers only \(A2956940\)](#)

I'm on leave next week but around today/tomorrow if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Ariane

Ariane Johnston | Funding Co-ordinator (Funding Team) – Mondays and Tuesdays

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Sent: 23 August 2021 10:42
To: Anne Murray_Golspie
Subject: FYI: Requisition 2006853 Entered by Donald (Jimmy) Hyslop Was Reassigned to You

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Requisition 2006853 Entered by Donald (Jimmy) Hyslop Was Reassigned to You

Details

Assignee	Anne Murray	Requisitioning BU	SNH BU
From	Donald Hyslop	Entered By	Anne (Anne) Murray
Assigned Date	23-Aug-2021 9:41 AM	Requisition Amount	198,340.67 GBP
Task Number	453815	Description	501341 - BCF - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project
		Justification	

Recommended Actions

Review the requisition details to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date. Edit the requisition as needed.

Requisition Lines

Line	Description	Suggested Supplier	Requester
1	501341 - BCF - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project - claim 1	THE WOODLAND TRUST SCOTLAND	Donald (Jimmy) Hyslop
2	501341 - BCF - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project - claim 2	THE WOODLAND TRUST SCOTLAND	Donald (Jimmy) Hyslop

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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 25 August 2021 09:18
To: Anne Murray Golspie
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Welcome Anne, likewise, look forward to working with you.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Sent: 25 August 2021 08:54
To: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Dear All,

Just a note to say that I am looking forward to working with you all on this project and to receiving the update for the last four weeks.

Best regards,

Anne

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From: Jimmy Hyslop <Jimmy.Hyslop@nature.scot>

Sent: 23 August 2021 11:55

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>

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<Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>

Subject: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisd Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi [REDACTED] and all,

I have completed my p/t Funding Officer assignment and returned to my full time post. Just back from a week's leave and I am happy to announce that the new Funding Officer is Anne Murray from our Golspie office. She will be your contact for all grants queries from now on. Could you please give her an update on the progress against the Gantt chart for the last four weeks?

Jimmy

Jimmy Hyslop | Operations Officer – Central Scotland Projects & Partnerships

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Sent: 30 August 2021 12:20
To: Anne Murray_Golspie
Subject: FYI: Document (Buyer Change Order) NS78845 Changed
Attachments: PO_300000002274806_NS78845_4.pdf

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Document (Buyer Change Order) NS78845 Changed

Details

Assignee	SNH Corporate Carol McGoldrick Anne C Murray Donald Hyslop	Sold-to Legal Entity	Scottish Natural Heritage
From	Carol McGoldrick	Order	NS78845
Assigned Date	30-Aug-2021 12:20 PM	Procurement BU	SNH BU
Expiration Date	29-Sep-2021 12:20 PM	Buyer	SNH (Corporate
Task Number	456765	Justification	

Change Order Details

Change Order	4	New Order Amount	198,340.67 GBP
Description	change of requester to Anne C Murray cmcg 30/8/21		
Initiating Party	Buyer		
Creation Date	30-Aug-2021 12:18 PM		

Order Details

Supplier	THE WOODLAND TRUST SCOTLAND	Description	
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Ship-to Location	Golspie	Requisitioning BU	SNH BU
Supplier Order		Requisition	Multiple
		Requester	Anne C (Anne) Murray
		Cost Center	1023

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E-mail is our preferred mode of communication.

This is a revised Purchase Order – please refer to your records or contact us for the confirmation of changes
Revised Date : 30-AUG-2021

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Anne C (Anne) Murray

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Line	Description/Notes						
	Item No	Qty	UOM	Need By	Unit Price	VAT Code	Net Value
1	501341 - BCF - Woodland Trust - Eisd Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project - claim 1						
	:	25000	EACH	30-NOV-2021	1.00	OS	25,000.00
2	501341 - BCF - Woodland Trust - Eisd Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project - claim 2						
	:	23340.67	EACH	30-NOV-2021	1.00	OS	23,340.67
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	:	100000	EACH	31-DEC-2021	1.00	OS	100,000.00
4	501341 - BCF - Woodland Trust - Eisd Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project - claim 2						
	:	50000	EACH	25-MAR-2022	1.00	OS	50,000.00
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Sarah Hutcheon

From: Anne Murray_Golspie
Sent: 02 September 2021 15:58
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Katherine Leys
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi [REDACTED]
Thanks very much – I am looking forward to working with you all and to getting the update on my return.
Best wishes,
Anne

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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 02 September 2021 15:09
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[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; Katherine Leys
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Thanks Anne

Good to hear from you and welcome to the team 😊

[REDACTED] and I will work together to provide an update and get this to you for when you are back from leave. I hope that this is okay.

Best wishes

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Sent: 02 September 2021 08:15

To: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; Katherine Leys <Katherine.Ley@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eìsg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi [REDACTED]

That would be great – thank you. I think the arrangement was that an update of progress against the gantt chart would be sent every four weeks. The last update was sent to Jimmy on 20 July so an update on what has happened since then is required. Thereafter, we can revert to the four-weekly cycle.

Many thanks,

Anne

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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 01 September 2021 16:45
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; Katherine Leys <Katherine.Ley@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eìsg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your email. [REDACTED] is away just now. I apologise he must of run out of time before heading off. I will speak to [REDACTED] and bring you up to speed on project progress before 13th September, for when you get back from leave.

Kind Regards,

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>

Sent: 01 September 2021 15:40

To: [REDACTED] <>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>; [REDACTED] <>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>; Katherine Leys <Katherine.Ley@nature.scot>

Subject: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Dear [REDACTED],

Just a note to follow up on the email Jimmy sent on 23 August requesting an update on the Eisd Brachaidh Restoration Project. I am out of the office from 6 – 10 September, but I am keen to get up to speed with progress on the project. If possible, it would be great to have the update awaiting me on my return to the office on 13 September.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Kind regards,

Anne

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Sarah Hutcheon

From: Nicholas Meny
Sent: 14 September 2021 09:33
To: Anne Murray_Golspie
Subject: RE: For Info Only

Hi Anne, Eisg Brachaidh came up in the recent BCF budgeting meeting and we agreed that it will be very much a case of use it or lose it for this grant this financial year. You should therefore send a reminder saying that it is very important that they send you an update as we will not be able to carry the project over into the 2022/23 financial year. Given that we are already in mid-September, it is urgent that they provide an update so that we can assess whether or not the project can still go ahead. You should cc Kath and myself.

Thanks
Nicholas

From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Sent: 13 September 2021 19:54
To: Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>
Subject: FW: For Info Only

Hi Nicholas,

Sending this while I remember. I haven't received any update from Eisg Brachaidh. I would appreciate your guidance on how to resolve this. I suspect that I should also inform Kath (as advised by Jimmy).

Many thanks,

Anne

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie
Sent: 03 September 2021 12:54
To: Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>
Subject: For Info Only

Hi Nicholas,

Attached is the recent email correspondence as discussed this morning. No action needed.

Cheers,

Anne

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie
Sent: 14 September 2021 15:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Katherine Leys; Nicholas Meny
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks very much – I look forward to receiving it.

Kind regards,

Anne

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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 14 September 2021 15:16
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; Katherine Leys <Katherine.Leyes@nature.scot>; Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Anne

Thanks for your email.

[REDACTED] is away from the office at the moment, but [REDACTED] and I are in touch with each other and will get an update to you in the next day or two.

Please accept my apologies for the delay, and be assured that we will get this information to you.

Best wishes

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>

Sent: 14 September 2021 15:08

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>; Katherine Leys <Katherine.Ley@nature.scot>; Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>

Subject: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Dear [REDACTED],

Further to the email sent by Jimmy on 23 August, my email to you on 1 September and my subsequent email correspondence with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I have not yet received an update on the Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project. My understanding is that updates are to be sent every 4 weeks and as far as I am aware, the last update which Jimmy received was on 20 July 2021. I understand that you have been away and no doubt others have also been out of the office, but this matter is now urgent.

As you know, we will not be in a position to carry any funding over into the 2022/23 financial year. As we are already in mid-September, it is important that you provide the update so that we can assess whether the project can still go ahead.

Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Kind regards,

Anne

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Sarah Hutcheon

From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2021 10:57
To: Anne Murray Golspie
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF
Attachments: Timeline - Gantt chart - EIA- updated 140921.xlsx
Importance: High

Hi Anne

As promised, here is the latest update on Eisg Brachaidh project activity. I am so sorry for the delay in getting this to you. I have also attached a revised GANTT chart to this message, which I hope you will find useful.

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- Unfortunately, the match funding that we had hoped to secure from NHLF through the CALLP project has been withdrawn. The CALLP project is closing soon and requires certainty of spend within a limited timeframe.

The project team could not guarantee that the funding would be spent to their requirements.

I hope that this update is helpful. It would seem appropriate for the team to provide the next update in early October when we receive the EIA scoping response from Scottish Forestry. Would this be acceptable?

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Best wishes

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Risk Factors

COVID, Bad weather...field visits required

COVID restrictions, Bad weather...field visits required

Ongoing

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COVID restrictions dependent.
ditto

ditto

ditto

move down from the hill

COVID restrictions dependent on where the successful bidder is based. If local going to be a limited effect.

ongoing HIA
survey

ongoing

Sarah Hutcheon

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Subject: FW: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF
Attachments: Timeline - Gantt chart - EIA- updated 140921.xlsx

Importance: High

Dear Kath and Nicholas,

Please find attached the update which I have just received from the Eisg Brachaidh project. I would very much welcome your advice and comments about where we go from here. It seems that there have been further delays (and a loss of match funding) but I am not yet clear of the impact that will have on the viability of the project and what stance NatureScot would want to take. Would it be sensible to wait for the next update (beginning of October) before making any decisions?

For your information, when I spoke to Jimmy about this case he said that he would be happy to be consulted once the update came in, so I have also sent it to him for his comments. I will forward the reply from Jimmy to you when I get it.

Many thanks,

Anne

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Sent: 15 September 2021 10:57
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
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From: Jimmy Hyslop
Sent: 15 September 2021 12:50
To: Anne Murray_Golspie
Subject: RE: Eisd Brachaidh update for BCF

Hi Anne,
Good to talk to you.

They have really left two significant issues hanging

- The withdrawal of the LP match funding, which they must have known about long before this. What is their plan for making up the £145k deficit in the income?
- We have said that we would only fund this if it could be delivered in its entirety, by the end of March. The timeline is now showing a confirmed fencing contract sometime in January (interestingly no weekly breakdown on the Gantt chart beyond December) rather than the previous "Best case 26 Oct, Worst case 17 Nov" so a 2 month delay, with the final activity going into April at least.

Good luck with this,

Jimmy

From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2021 12:01
To: Jimmy Hyslop <Jimmy.Hyslop@nature.scot>
Subject: FW: Eisd Brachaidh update for BCF
Importance: High

Hi Jimmy,

When we spoke about the Eisd Brachaidh project, you said that you were happy to be consulted on any updates. I am hoping that is still the case if you have a minute! I have just received the attached update from the Woodland Trust and would very much value your thoughts. It looks like there are further significant delays and also a loss of match funding from CALLP.

I will also forward it to Nicholas and Kath for their consideration and comment.

Many thanks,

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Sarah Hutcheon

From: Katherine Leys
Sent: 16 September 2021 16:06
To: Nicholas Meny; Anne Murray_Golspie
Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Hi Nicholas and Anne,

Yes, I am getting to be *very* doubtful now about their ability to complete this year so it would definitely help to start expressing our serious concerns by you asking about the match funding and also asking about the timescales. I know they have invested significantly in the preparation work since the award but they did come in to the fund last year on the basis that it was ready to go, so I think we have been more than fair. We don't have a future fund defined yet that we could roll this into so there might be a practical issue about moving it to another funding stream but I think the crunch time is getting close.

Thanks for continuing to push with this.

Kath

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From: Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>

Sent: 16 September 2021 14:52

To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>; Katherine Leys <Katherine.Ley@nature.scot>

Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Hi Anne, thank you for being so proactive with this case. Probably fair to say we all share Jimmy's doubts.

I agree that the best thing to do just now is question them over the funding shortfall and also put to them that by their own timeline it does not appear that they can deliver the project this financial year.

Kath knows the project and the technical aspects better than me but I believe that we are very close to the point of saying that we are pulling this project and that they will either have to resubmit it to a future challenge fund or we could (as Gillian floated) consider rolling it forward into a future challenge fund without assessment as it has already gone through that process. At least by making these two immediate queries, we will have given them every opportunity this year.

Many thanks
Nicholas

From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>

Sent: 15 September 2021 16:08

To: Katherine Leys <Katherine.Leys@nature.scot>; Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>

Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Dear Kath and Nicholas,

Further to my email this morning on Eisg Brachaidh, I have now had a helpful conversation with Jimmy. You will not be surprised to know that he has some very serious doubts as to whether this project can go ahead within the timescales we have agreed with Woodland Trust.

The two key issues are:

1. The withdrawal of the LP match funding (which they must have known about for some time) and how they plan to make up the shortfall of £145k in income.
2. We have said that we would only fund this if it could be delivered in its entirety by the end of March 2022. The timeline is now showing that the fencing contract will be confirmed sometime in January rather than the previous "best case of 26 October and worst case of 17 November, so a two month delay, with final activity going into April at least.

Jimmy has suggested that in the first instance that I should go back to them to establish how they intend meeting the financial shortfall. I am very happy to do that if you think that is the best way forward.

Many thanks,

Anne

From: Anne Murray_Golspie

Sent: 15 September 2021 12:08

To: Katherine Leys <katherine.leys@nature.scot>; Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>

Subject: FW: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Importance: High

Dear Kath and Nicholas,

Please find attached the update which I have just received from the Eisg Brachaidh project. I would very much welcome your advice and comments about where we go from here. It seems that there have been further delays (and a loss of match funding) but I am not yet clear of the impact that will have on the viability of the project and what stance NatureScot would want to take. Would it be sensible to wait for the next update (beginning of October) before making any decisions?

For your information, when I spoke to Jimmy about this case he said that he would be happy to be consulted once the update came in, so I have also sent it to him for his comments. I will forward the reply from Jimmy to you when I get it.

Many thanks,

Anne

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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Sent: 15 September 2021 10:57

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From: [REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
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Sarah Hutcheon

From: Katherine Leys
Sent: 23 September 2021 14:12
To: Anne Murray_Golspie
Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh

Hi Anne,

I've been involved in meetings in them so far so am happy to continue. At the end of the day if we are going to pull the plug on this it will be me (or Nicholas) not you that has to do it!

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Sent: 23 September 2021 14:10

To: Katherine Leys <Katherine.Leyes@nature.scot>; Nicholas Meny <Nicholas.Meny@nature.scot>

Subject: Eisg Brachaidh

Dear Both,

I think that you were copied in to the email reply from [REDACTED] in response to my request for an urgent update on Eisg Brachaidh. It doesn't look like we are going to get any written response and [REDACTED] is suggesting that we meet after they have the outcome of the scoping study (due on 30 September). Given that [REDACTED] is now out of the office until the 27 September, that might be the most sensible way forward. I would propose that we get something set up for w/c 4 October. Does that sound sensible? I am assuming (and very much hoping!) that one, or both of you, would be involved.

I would very much welcome your thoughts on this.

Many thanks,

Anne

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie
Sent: 29 September 2021 09:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Hi [REDACTED],

I can confirm that the meeting will take place at 4pm on Tuesday 5 October. I will send out a Teams invite in due course.

Best regards,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 27 September 2021 10:31
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Hi Anne

Thanks for getting in touch, and hope you are well. My holiday as lovely thank you, but already seems a long time ago!

I have checked diaries, and the only time that all of the team can make it next week is 4-5pm on Tuesday. I hope this works for you.

From our side, it would be good to invite [REDACTED], and myself.

Many thanks for organising this.

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Sent: 27 September 2021 10:21
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk)>
Subject: RE: Eisg Brachaidh update for BCF

Hi [REDACTED],

I hope you had a good break. I would like to arrange a Teams meeting to discuss the project w/c 4th October – preferably towards the beginning of the week (maybe Tuesday or Wednesday) and just wanted to check with you who should be involved from your side in the meeting. Can you let me know asap please? I assume that it will be myself and Kath Leys from NatureScot.

Many thanks,

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From: Anne Murray_Golspie
Sent: 11 October 2021 08:39
To: Graeme Taylor; Tamara Lawton
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Graeme,

To be honest, the detail on what might be completed was pretty vague – mainly because of the uncertainty of the EIA timescales. They were definitely thinking about trying to get some of the fencing completed (but not all). At one point the question was asked about whether all of the materials could be bought and dropped onto the hillside by helicopter. Kath was very clear that that would most likely constitute payment in advance of need and would not be allowed.

Sorry that I am not able to give any more detail but the timescale for the EIA determination is preventing them making any firm decisions. As I understand it, everything will have to be re-tendered and there may also be issues around the availability of fencing. I don't think anybody who was at the meeting would be at all surprised if no work is actually completed.

I will of course keep you both updated as I receive updates.

Kind regards,

Anne

From: Graeme Taylor <Graeme.Taylor@nature.scot>
Sent: 09 October 2021 17:04
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>; Tamara Lawton <Tamara.Lawton@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Anne,

Thanks for the update, nothing is ever easy! Was there any indication what work might be done by end of March if we get a fair wind? I'd be hoping that we do get into a situation where we have some on-the-ground work completed but without other parts (fencing done but no deer control for example!). I am presuming work would be preparatory only?

Regards,

Graeme

From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Sent: 06 October 2021 16:55
To: Tamara Lawton <Tamara.Lawton@nature.scot>
Cc: Graeme Taylor <Graeme.Taylor@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Tamara and Graeme,

I just wanted to give you a quick update on the meeting held with WTS on the Eìsg Brachaidh project yesterday. In short, it is now clear that there is no chance of the project being completed by the end of March 2022. Kath Leys confirmed that there is no opportunity to roll any funding over into the next financial year. We do not yet know what the new NRF fund is going to consist of, so there is absolutely no guarantee that there will even be an opportunity for them to apply to NS for future funding (in another competitive process) for this project. However, we have said that we will pay for whatever work is completed up to the end of March. We made it clear that we will not pay for materials etc purchased in what we consider to be advance of need.

Everyone present acknowledged that it will require a degree of good fortune and no further delays to be able to even get work underway within this financial year, however, we have left the door open just in case. Kath has urged WTS to have a think about a date when they need to make a final decision about whether to proceed with anything this year or accept that none of the BCF money can be drawn down.

WTS have stated that they continue to be fully committed to the project and that they intend applying for different sources of funds from elsewhere. They have committed to updating me on progress (or lack of it) at the beginning of each month as a minimum and certainly to inform me of any significant developments.

Hope this helps. I will keep you updated.

Best regards,

Anne

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Sent: 01 October 2021 11:39

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Cc: Graeme Taylor <Graeme.Taylor@nature.scot>

Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eìsg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Anne, thanks for this. I was also contacted yesterday by [REDACTED] from WTS. They would like to speak to me and Sinclair next week about some of the technical aspects of the EIA scoping determination from Scottish Forestry, but I do not know what specifically. I'll let you know if anything relevant comes out of that.

Cheers, have a good weekend yourself ☺,

Tamara

From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>

Sent: 01 October 2021 11:31

To: Tamara Lawton <Tamara.Lawton@nature.scot>; Graeme Taylor <Graeme.Taylor@nature.scot>

Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eìsg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Tamara and Graham,

I just wanted to let you know that Kath Leys and I are meeting with the Woodland Trust Scotland team late on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the EB project and, in particular, the further slippage. I will update you of any significant outcomes in due course.

Have a great weekend,

Anne

From: Tamara Lawton <Tamara.Lawton@nature.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2021 17:06
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Cc: Graeme Taylor <Graeme.Taylor@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Thanks Anne, it would be good to be kept up to date with any changes, just so that we can respond if we get any local enquiries. We deal with EB and local landowners a lot so having the latest position on the grant is really useful!

Cheers,
Tamara

From: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2021 16:43
To: Tamara Lawton <Tamara.Lawton@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Tamara,

Thanks for your email. Yes, all good so far! I actually had an update from the Woodland trust earlier today. Did Jimmy normally send them to you too? There is further slippage on the EIA and on the fencing works (about two months, I think). It doesn't look as though the project will now be able to complete before the deadline on end of March 2022. They are also no longer going to receive the match funding (£145k) from CALLP and there is no indication of how the shortfall will be met.

I am currently seeking advice from Kath (and Nicholas Meny, my manager) on what action we need to take. I am not sure what the normal NatureScot processes and protocols are for involving Area Teams but I would be very happy to have your thoughts too if you wish/think appropriate. If not, I will update you in due course.

Thanks,

Anne

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To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Anne, hope the new role is going well so far! Happy to help with any background info you might need for the Eisg Brachaidh project. ☺

Cheers,
Tamara

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Sent: 25 August 2021 08:42

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Cc: Katherine Leys <Katherine.Lays@nature.scot>

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Dear All,

Very much looking forward to working with you all. Please do get in touch if there is anything I need to do, or be aware of, as I get to grips with my new role.

Best regards,

Anne

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To: Jimmy Hyslop <Jimmy.Hyslop@nature.scot>; Tamara Lawton <Tamara.Lawton@nature.scot>; Sinclair Coghill <Sinclair.Coghill@nature.scot>

Cc: Katherine Leys <Katherine.Lays@nature.scot>; Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>

Subject: RE: 501341 - BCF - 2020-2021 - Woodland Trust - Eisg Brachaidh Biodiversity Restoration Project

Hi Jimmy,

Thanks for all your help in recent times with the EB scheme, your input to our local discussions has been really helpful. I hope we'll manage to progress this with Anne in the near future.

Regards,

Graeme

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Hi Tamara and all,

I hope that all is well up with you there.

I have completed my p/t Funding Officer assignment and returned to my full time post. Just back from a week's leave and I am happy to announce that the new Funding Officer is Anne Murray from our Golspie office. She will be your contact for all grants queries from now on.

Jimmy

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Sent: 24 November 2021 11:53
To: Anne Murray Golspie
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 501341 - Eisd Brachaidh

Hi Anne

Thanks for getting in touch.

We had a meeting last week, and I am pulling together our thoughts following this. I won't get a full reply out to you before you go on leave, but will make sure I have it with you for when you return.

It is looking increasingly unlikely that we will be able to begin the EIA process until the New Year, so we are reviewing the impact that this will have on our ability to draw down the BCF funding.

Best wishes and good luck with your house move

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Subject: RE: 501341 - Eisd Brachaidh

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies for not replying to your email sooner. My leave actually had to be cancelled due to a delayed house move. Instead, I am away from this Thursday for two weeks. Would it be possible to get a very brief update before then?

Many thanks,

Anne

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@woodlandtrust.org.uk>
Sent: 04 November 2021 16:21
To: Anne Murray_Golspie <Anne.murray_golspie@nature.scot>
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Subject: RE: 501341 - Eisd Brachaidh
Importance: High

Hi Anne

Thanks for getting in touch, and I hope this email finds you well.

At the moment, we are awaiting feedback from our preferred EIA contractor before we can proceed. [REDACTED] has been chasing this, and I will update you more fully once we have heard from them regarding timescales and availability for the work.

I hope you have a lovely holiday, and I'll be in touch again when you return. We will hopefully know more by then.

Best wishes

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Subject: 501341 - Eisg Brachaidh

Hi [REDACTED],

I totally appreciate that we are only at the 2nd of November but as I am on leave for a couple of weeks from Thursday 5th, it would be really great to get a quick update on any progress on the Eisg Brachaidh project since we met on the 5th of October. Given holidays, I understand that there may be limited or no progress but it would be good to have that confirmed.

Many thanks,

Anne

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Cc: Tamara Lawton; Sinclair Coghill; [REDACTED]; Nicholas Meny; Jimmy Hyslop
Subject: RE: 501341 - Eisg Brachaidh

Hi [REDACTED] cc others,

It is still in development but we are all running at it very hard. Our current expectation is that there will be a window for competitive grant funding opening in the middle of December for projects up to £250k and delivering over 2 years. There will be an opportunity for larger projects to apply later in the year. Again the NRF2 fund will be mostly capital based like NRF1 was.

Are you able to confirm your plans for advising the community and stakeholders that the Eisg Brachaidh project won't be happening? Given everything, it would be disappointing to see 'NatureScot pulled our funding' messages coming out. Thanks.

Kath

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Thank you Kath for your understanding. We still remain committed to the Eisg Brachaidh project and will continue as you say on the project development meantime. Is there any clarity yet on what the application windows for the NRF2 might be or is it still early in development?

Regards

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With best wishes

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Kind regards,

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Hi Chris, Donald and Graeme cc Cat,

For info (see chain below), Woodland Trust Scotland emailed today to confirm that they will not be proceeding with the BCF2 Eisg Brachaidh grant. We have been in touch with them regularly over the past 2 years but had to advise recently that in the light of the closing down of BCF for the new NRF2, we wouldn't be able to offer additional carry forward for a BCF2 projects than had not actually accepted the grant offer or begun at all. If they had actually started to deliver the work we would probably have been able to carry it forward but unfortunately they have been engaged in a long and protracted preparation phase which they won't be able to complete and make a substantive spend before the start of winter and the end of the FY.

I would hope that this would generate as much negative publicity as the original grant to fund did. Woodland Trust have separately acknowledged how helpful and supportive we have been, so hopefully this won't turn into a 'NatureScot pulled our funding' story as technically they had never agreed to accept it! I have advised them to continue their preparations as it might be possible to fund it through NRF2.

Kath

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