

Mike Neely

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Sent: 03 June 2010 14:15
Attach: Juniper on Bennachie.doc
Subject: RE: FC LETTERS
Mike

See below

Jackie

PS I will leave tools at centre and I also I attach an article for the newsletter...my home email is isang83928@aol.com - so if you send the newsletter on Sat 12 June draft I will look at over that weekend...note I am away Mon 7 June, Wed 9 - Fri 11 June...but around at weekend of 12/13 June..I can be contacted on my mobile tel 077 99 658 209

Dear Calum

As you are aware the Bailies are concerned about the lack of maintenance and repair of some of the paths on Bennachie and are keen that a programme of repair be undertaken as soon as possible as already discussed, when you kindly attend our recent meeting.

So that we can be kept up to date with progress ; I am emailing to ask if you could would be able to provide us with a n update of progress every 2 months before our meetings. Our next meetings are ; 22 June; 24 August, 23 Sept, 26 October and 14 Dec 2010 .

A brief email to me/Jackie Cumberbirch before each meeting will suffice outlining what has been achieved to date and and what is due to be achieved would be ideal.

Look forward to hearing from you

Mike

Dear Mr Hodge

I am writing to you on behalf of the Bailies of Bennachie. The Bailies of Bennachie is a conservation charity whose main objectives are:

- a. Preserving the amenity of the hill of Bennachie
- b. To help maintain and improve the footpaths and rights of way on Bennachie and to encourage the creation and preservation of features of natural and cultural history on the hill
- c. To study and record the natural and cultural history of the hill
- d. To encourage and stimulate public interest in and care for Bennachie its beauty, history, character and surroundings and to discourage litter and vandalism.

Over the years we have worked well with Buchan Forest District and now Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest District and we would like to continue to do so. However, we are aware that Forestry Commission Scotland are facing cut backs; we want to be assured that Bennachie is being properly looked after as we are aware that staff are not getting replaced.

As Bailies of Bennachie, we would like to invite you to visit the hill with both forestry staff and yourself when you next visit the district so that we can show you how important and special this hill is to the people of both the north east and Scotland! Please let me know if you would be willing to be shown the

hill and area.

Your sincerely

Mike

Mike Neely
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cc. John Thomson and Calum Murray

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Sent: 07 June 2010 12:12
Subject: RE: PATH MAINTENACE ON BENNACHIE

Mike

More than happy to get you an update on work in progress on Bennachie. What I will do is ask Neil Theodoreson our Communities Ranger covering Bennachie to put these dates in his diary and gather an update of info just before each meeting.

Regards

Calum

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Dear Calum

As you are aware the Bailies are concerned about the lack of maintenance and repair of some of the paths on Bennachie and are keen that a programme of repair be undertaken as soon as possible, as already discussed when you kindly attended our recent meeting.

In order that we can be kept up to date with progress I am emailing to ask if you would be able to provide us with an update of progress before our 2 monthly meetings. Our next meetings are: 22 June, 24 August, 23 Sept, 26 October and 14 December 2010.

A brief email to me or Jackie Cumberbirch before each meeting would suffice outlining what has been carried out to date and what work is planned would be ideal.

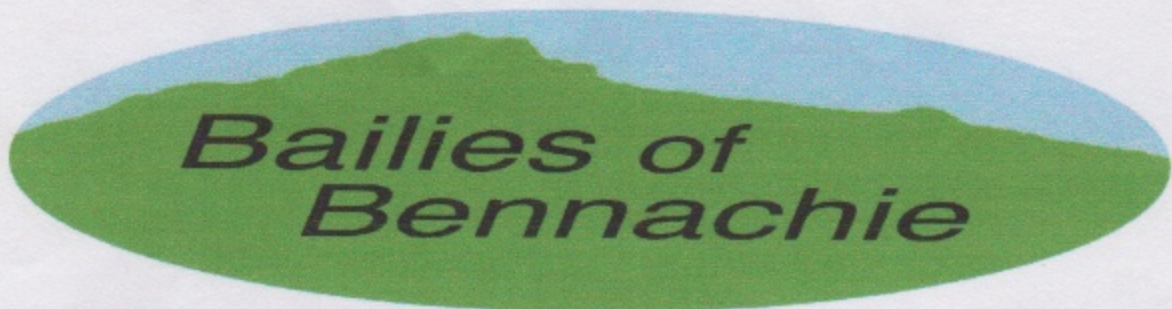
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Mike Neely (Clerk to bailies Council)

Bailies of Bennachie, Registered Charity SC013298

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Dear Calum

First can I congratulate you on your new post as Communities, Recreation and Tourism Manager Forestry Commission Scotland Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest District Community.

The Bailies of Bennachie were formed in 1973 and has over 5000 members that care about Bennachie and its environment. The Bailies of Bennachie Council (with approximately 15 members) represents the views of the members. Last summer the Bailies Council became aware that sections of the paths on Bennachie were beginning to deteriorate and were in need of attention to prevent further damage. The severe weather this winter has also caused additional damage and other problems to occur and the need for repairs to the paths has become more urgent. The Bailies Council is also aware that the new way marking on Bennachie is causing considerable confusion on the hill.

As you are new to the post, the Bailies Council would like to invite you to a special Bailies meeting on Wednesday 28 April 2010, at the Bennachie Centre at 7pm. This meeting would be an opportunity for you to meet the Bailies Council and you would also be able to outline the Forestry Commission repair and maintenance schedule for the hill and discuss the way marker issues etc. We also hope to invite Bruce Taylor to this meeting as representative of what was Pitoddrie estate as he is a partner in the path projects so that both sides are aware of what is going on the hill.

I look forward to your reply.

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Yours sincerely

Michael Neely (Clerk to Bailies of Bennachie Council)