

Alasdair Wyllie Callander Discussion Forum

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Update from AlasdairWyllie, CCC Associate Member

Progress has been made with the administrative process for the new Bracklinn Bridge. The National Park has appointed a contractor, they have approved a design and they have submitted an application for planning permission to the Park planning office.

The bridge will be made of Corten steel, with fastenings of stainless steel and with a deck of non-slip GRP. The design life of the bridge is 120 years. No wood is incorporated in the structure. You may or may not like the design of the bridge from an aesthetic point of view, but it will do the job and it certainly should be durable.

It is anticipated that construction will start early In December, with programmed completion during January. The Callander Community Council has urged the National Park to bring the administrative process forward as much as possible, in the hope of avoiding having to shut down the site during the Christmas / New Year period.

There are 2 subjects in which the National Park is appealing to members of the public , via the CCC:-

1. The Park suggested that it would be possible to add one or more sundry structures at the bridge site, such as picnic tables or information signs. These would use the non-material variation route for planning consent, so full details and decisions do not have to be finalised just yet. Does anyone have any ideas on this?
2. It is hoped to produce a short history of the Bracklinn bridges, to be used for example in documents or in signage beside the bridge itself. Does anyone have any photographs of the old iron bridge that was swept away by a spate in 2006? If anyone can help with either of these subjects, perhaps you could pm me, or drop any information off at the Visitor Information Centre.

Finally, a reminder. The present bridge site is hazardous for everyone, and particularly for children and dogs. Please take care.