



Scottish Mountain Bike (MTB) Consortium

Chair

Role Description

The MTB Consortium

The Scottish Mountain Bike Consortium (MTB Consortium) is a forum comprising of the Scottish Government and other key agencies and organisations with a role relating to mountain biking in Scotland.

The MTB Consortium owns, and is responsible for delivering, the Strategy for Scottish Mountain Biking. Download the [2023-2025 MTB Strategy](#)

The core purpose of the MTB Consortium is to promote effective partnership working between Consortium members and other groups and organisations relating to mountain biking, associated recreation, sport, tourism and economic development. Specifically:

- i. To own and deliver the actions and aspirations contained within the Strategy for Scottish Mountain Biking;
- ii. To provide strategic direction to inform the current workplan of Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS);
- iii. To assist the flow of communication, joint working and cohesive action between Consortium members and stakeholders;
- iv. To communicate, through external and internal communication of key topics, successes and issues in Scottish mountain biking;
- v. To provide a forum for positive action and ensure deliver on any agreed action points;
- vi. To lead the strategic direction of mountain biking in Scotland and to Consortium partners progress towards the outcomes as contained within the Strategy for Scottish Mountain Biking.

The role is supported by Scottish Cycling, through the DMBinS staff team working primarily with the Head of DMBinS.

Role:

The role of the Chair is to:

- provide impartial leadership to the MTB Consortium and its work;
- work closely with the Head of DMBinS to agree agendas, advise on papers and comment on draft minutes;
- chair meetings and ensure that members are able to have a full and equal say on the issues being raised and discussed;
- encourage members, member bodies and their representatives to reach collective views on issues and how best to address them; and
- represent the MTB Consortium and DMBinS externally, for example: at key events, and in contacts with politicians and the media as required.

It is essential that the Chair can command the respect of all the main interests on the MTB Consortium members through a combination of their experience and interest in, and understanding of, mountain biking and related land and recreation management issues.

The Opportunity:

This is a great opportunity for someone with a passion for the outdoors and mountain biking. It has great potential for developing new skills, meeting new people and networks, and making a genuine difference to mountain biking in Scotland.

Time Commitment:

The MTB Consortium meets three times a year (2x ½ day virtual and 1x full day in person meetings) and conducts some of its work through working groups. The time commitment required for the role will be on average one day per month. All travel and accommodation expenses reasonably incurred by the Chair in the course of this work will be reimbursed. The Chair will have a term of 2 years and, through agreement by MTB Consortium members, may continue in the role without a recruitment process, but may not sit longer than 3 terms.

Expenses/Remuneration:

The post is non-remunerated although travel and meeting expenses will be reimbursed according to Scottish Cycling's policies and procedures.

Accountability:

The role is accountable to the funding members of the Consortium.

Person specification:

It is essential that the Chair can command the respect of all the main interests on the MTB Consortium members through a combination of his/her experience and interest in, and understanding of, mountain biking and related tourism, sport, participation, land, and recreation management opportunities and issues.

The ideal Chair would have:

- experience of chairing multi-interest forums or groups;
- a proven track record of encouraging consensus amongst differing interests;
- excellent communication and advocacy skills;
- the ability to summarise multi-faceted documents and discussions;
- a good understanding of the access provisions in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, and a strong commitment to making these work on the ground;
- a good understanding of the needs and interests of those taking part in outdoor recreation including mountain bikers, and of land managers;
- a good understanding of the work of biking interest groups and the relevant public bodies, and how best to engage with them and influence their work.

Terms and Conditions:

The Chair will be appointed for a minimum of two years.

Recruitment Process:

An Expression of Interest cover letter, outlining your motivation and interest in this position, along with a summary CV and should be submitted by the closing date Monday 27th November 2023.

Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland

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You may also contact Graeme McLean, Head of DMBinS, at the above email address if you wish to arrange an informal discussion, via email or phone, regarding this position.

Next Steps

Expression of Interest cover letter and a summary CV - Closing date - Monday 27th November 2023

Applicants will be considered by a sub group of MTB Consortium members by 8th December

Applicants may be required to attend either a face-to-face (at Glentress) or Teams/Zoom interview on week beg 8th January

It is hoped that the new chair will be able to attend the first meeting of the Consortium on 25th January at FLS Offices, Apex House, Edinburgh.

For more information on DMBinS visit – www.DMBinS.com

Please note:

This vacancy is not open to anyone who has been disqualified from holding a Directorship in a Limited Company.