

## PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

### **MINUTE OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> MEETING HELD IN ROOM 12-13 PULLAR HOUSE< PERTH 6PM ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.**

#### PRESENT

Nick Cole (Chair), Hugh Anderson, John Andrews, Heather Baker, Mary Conacher, Councillor Bob Ellis, Jennifer Herd, Sue James, Sandy Simpson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Stubbs, PKC (Minutes).

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Donny Broad, Mark Thomson, Councillor Michael Barnacle, Mike Strachan Peter Pearson

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2016

- (i) Mary Conacher was not present and gave apologies
- (ii) Hugh Anderson did not receive minutes. **Action: DS** to send on a hard copy.
- (iii) subject to the above the minutes were agreed.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute support. We tried again but failed.

Waymarking over trunk roads deferred for a future meeting.

Networking with other Access Fora deferred for a future meeting.

Tillyrie/Athron Hill deferred for a future meeting.

Obstructions Process. Remit possible changes to sub group and Andy Clegg.

Preamble to report now refers to RoW as agreed.

Pitcastle. DS to follow up with DB and confirm when signs are up.

Wallace Park gate. Deferred.

Walnut Grove. Correspondence exchanged. NC has outlined Forum position to JP.

Core paths amendments. JA comments. Process agreed. Meeting held.

Publicising closed or hazardous paths. Links included in previous minutes. Request that navigation to these webpages be improved.

The Bleaton Hallet bridge has now been replaced. Access and parking for paddlers is ok.

Portmoak Newsletter re dogs and livestock still to be circulated.

BHS equestrian access leaflet circulated with previous minutes.

Funding for paths groups. Deferred. DS to report at Paths Group Networking Day 10<sup>th</sup> March. New Royal Highland Education trust contact is Ms Ritchie at Montalt or Neil Butler at Stewart Towers.

## 5. EXEMPTIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS REPORT

- 5(i) Exemptions. Verbal update DS. 40,000 attendees to Norie Miller illuminations. Site closed outwith opening times. No exemption order and no issues.
- 5(ii) Obstructions with particular reference to cases to be passed to Environment Service Senior Management Team as per report.
  - a. PKC to re-consult Forum before SMT report is finalised. **Action: JP.**
  - b. PKC to reconsider closed issue at Ardvreck School in the light of legal advice re Morrison's Academy.
  - c. Crieff Park Village. NC has provided advice to residents.

## 6. CORE PATHS UPDATE

- 6(i) Core Paths Implementation Report. Contents noted.
  - a. Extra signs @ Dunkeld – original completion date should read December 2016.
  - b. HB asked about PKC position on Bankfoot signs. **Action: DS** to find out.
- 6(ii) Core Paths Amendments. One objection (Inchture) remains outstanding. The assistance of the Forum is noted, and thanked.
- 6(iii) Publicising closed and hazardous paths. See above.

## 7. WATER ISSUES REPORT

- 7(i) MC reported that the Luncarty steps are built and in use. DS reported fresh issues on the thistlebrig path at Stanley. There is a new fisher's car park at Kinclaven. **Action: MC** to speak to the owner (SMN) about access for paddlers.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## 9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 9(i) BE report community interest in acquiring North Wood between Blair and Stanley. Good progress Strathmore Cycle Paths Feasibility and BRAN paths group. NB. Networking

Day on 10<sup>th</sup> March. BE will be retiring from Council role in May but may consider continuing on Forum if community place is available.

- 9(ii) Frances Berry retires from PKC at the end of March. The Forum record their thanks for her hard work over many years.

#### 10. DATES, VENUE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May (2 High Street)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May (AK Bell Library) AGM

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August (2 High Street)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November (2 High Street).