

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

**MINUTE OF THE 64th MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH AT 6PM
17th AUGUST 2017. (65th meeting).**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Pritchard, PKC (Minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Michael Barnacle, Bob Ellis, Peter Pearson, Karen Inkster.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING ON 18TH MAY

The minutes were approved, proposed by MC, seconded by HA.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The following items were deferred for a future meeting:

- Waymarking over trunk roads.
- Networking with other Access Fora
- Obstructions Process. JA and DS have discussed possible changes. Remit process map back to Sub Group and Andy Clegg to agree (**Action DS**).
- Pitcastle. DS to follow up with DB and confirm when signs are up (**Action DS**).
- Bankfoot footpath signs. HB had asked DS about this at February meeting in relation to equestrian access. **Action DS**
- Portmoak Newsletter article re dogs and livestock still to be circulated. **Action MSS/MB.**
- The new angler's car park at Kinclaven. **Action MC** to speak to the owner (SMN) about access for paddlers.
- Publicising closed or hazardous paths. Members report this is still hard to find on the PKC website. DS to investigate improvements. **Action DS/JP**

Tillyrie/Athron Hill (see 5 below).

Core paths amendments (See 6 below).

5. EXEMPTIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS REPORT

- 5(i) There are two exemptions (Scottish Autocycle Enduro at Glendevon Forest on 22 & 23.7.17 and McRae Gravel Challenge at Craigvinean Forest on 22 & 23.9.17).
- 5(ii) Obstructions Report noted. Issues to be removed as recommended by Sub-group agreed. In relation to issue 01057 Athron Hill - MT provided further information with regard to site for

sale and planned forest planting on land he rents. A deer gate exists but not on the core path (MTHT/153) suggests a possible CPP amendment and. It was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged with MT, neighbouring landowner, JP and members of the E&O subgroup. **Action JP.**

6. CORE PATHS AMENDMENTS

Core Paths Amendments. Further to committee approval a further 12 week public consultation is ongoing to finish 30 September. Objections have been received regarding two proposed deletions (COUP/104 and KTNS/120) which will now not be taken forward. JP is compiling a list of possible future CCP amendments. It was agreed that this list would be provided for future Forum meetings. **Action JP/DS.**

7. A9 DUALLING

SS is seeking Forum/Council support for riparian access road at Dalmarrich Beat north of Tay Crossing which would also serve NMUs (non motorised users). Forum agreed to write a letter of support following clarification of the issue. **Action JP to send a location map to SS who will summarise the issue. Action JP/SS/ NC.**

JA pointed out that it would be more efficient, economic and sensible if any core path amendments could be confirmed at the same time as the road orders. JA to clarify issue further by e-mail to NC. Forum to write to ScotGov - draft to be agreed by JA & CMB. **Action JA/NC.**

8. WATER ISSUES REPORT

- 8 MC reported the gate at Burnmouth Stanley is now locked due to level of littering. SCA have keys to padlock and pay £500 pa for car parking.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

DS had e-mailed a query regarding core paths/public access past berry fields and conditions imposed by supermarket buyers (TESCO). SS confirmed that TESCO do place restrictions (only store that does) and that this might spread to crops in general. MT confirmed this to be the case and that a whole field can be written off if dog fouling is found. RPID considers fallow fields as a 'crop' so farmers have concerns about public access particularly dogs and horses taking access, also biodiversity strips conflict with access (within responsible access rights LRA). No Forum action required, suggest NFUS raise issues with NAF.

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 10(i) NC suggested Perth Access Group may be approached to see if they can attend meetings. **Action NC and DS to discuss.**
- 10(ii) JA asked if Terms of Reference could be put up on the website and minutes could be added more quickly. JP undertook to investigate **Action JP/DS.**
- 10(ii) HA pointed out that farm machinery thefts are increasing which may lead to more requests for CP deletions/diversions. JP agreed but hoped that farmers would place vehicle barriers while not obstructing NMU access if required.

10 (iii) JP updated Forum on the CMRI/126 path order report expected to go to committee in Sept.

11. DATES, VENUE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 16th November (2 High Street).

Further dates to be arranged. **Action DS**