

## PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

### **MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH AT 6PM 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (67<sup>th</sup> meeting).**

#### PRESENT

Nick Cole (Chair), Hugh Anderson, John Andrews, Mary Conacher, Jennifer Herd, Sue James, Peter Pearson, Sandy Simpson, Mike Strachan, Mark Thomson, Karen Inkster

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Stubbs, PKC (Minutes).

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Michael Barnacle & Bob Ellis.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

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

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

- Pitcastle. DS has asked DB to confirm new signs are up. NC has written re attendance. No replies. See below re membership issues.
- DS has circulated info re SNH *sheepwise* campaign
- Athron Hill. Obstruction resolved. **Action MT** to send DS map re new layout. Deer gate installed by PKCT may now be surplus to requirements. Re use elsewhere?
- A9 dualling. Current proposals look more positive for public access and fishing clients.
- A9 Dualling. NC wrote to Scots Government re. bundling core path amendments with the roads orders. Reply makes clear this is not possible. PKC will need to incorporate changes into later review of CPP.
- Angler's car park at Kinclaven. MC has approached the owner (SMN) about access for paddlers without success. **Action MC/MS** to try again.
- CILPK attendance at meetings. DS provided details of BB attendance to NC who wrote to BB. in line with the Forum's Terms of Reference.
- At November Meeting JA had asked if Terms of Reference could go online. Done. And for minutes to be put up online more quickly. **Action DS** ongoing.
- MT had reported that a farmer had been charged in relation to an altercation arising from a sheep worrying incident. The charges have now been dropped.

The following items were deferred for a future meeting:

- Waymarking over trunk roads. **Action DS**
- Networking with other Access For a. **Action NC**
- Obstructions Process. JA and DS have discussed possible changes. Remit process map back to Sub Group and Andy Clegg to agree (**Action DS/JA**).

- Bankfoot footpath signs. HB had asked DS about this at February meeting in relation to equestrian access. **Action DS**

## 5. EXEMPTIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS REPORT

- 5(i) There have been no new applications for exemption orders received. To note. Light Nights event staged at Riverside Park as per 2017. Day time closures in the interests of public safety. No s.11 order made and no issues reported.
- 5(ii) Obstructions Report noted. Issues to be removed from Forum's list as recommended by sub-group and in addition no.17, cams code 01694, which has also been resolved.
- 5(iii) Loch Leven. **Action NC** to write to estate re. signage about restrictions due to low ground shooting. Advice to follow best practice and include signage at all access points. DS and JA to contribute.
- 5(iv) **Action DS** to pursue longstanding obstructions at Carnbo 01292 and 01293 following recent more positive legal advice.
- 5(v) To note Park Village open and unobstructed. Follow counsel advice obtained in preparation for court action RoW has been rescinded and entry deleted from Register. Any future obstructions will be addressed in relation to LR(S)A 2003 etc.
- 5(vi) **Action DS** still to clarify reasons for not pursuing 01756 Kinross House with reference to legal advice.
- 5(vii) Kinclaven 01608 site visit took place as planned 21/11/17.
- 5(viii) **Action DS** still to pursue longstanding obstructions at Upper Obney 01135. Input required from BHS advice re biosecurity cattle/sheep and horses. SS suggested there may be issues to consider between farmer's own horses and riders going through.

## 6. NATIONAL ACCESS FORUM

- 6(i) NC attended. North Chesthill was on agenda, including reference to ongoing research into deer disturbance.

## 7. MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

- 7(i) NC wrote to DB to inform him that due to non-attendance he would be asked to stand down at AGM.
- 7(ii) NC wrote to BB to highlight recent non-attendance.
- 7(iii) MT will stand down at the AGM due to a greater role at NFU. He will endeavour to identify a replacement. The Forum needs more land manager representation.

## 8. WATER ISSUES REPORT

8(i) See above. No further update.

## 9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

9(i) **Action DS** to book venue. Connect Centre at Blair or Birnam Arts. Speakers if available re A9, from NFU or Atholl Estates.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

10(i) None

## 11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

11(i) HA asked if there was an opportunity to improve access to river in the context of current masterplan for the Luncarty housing development. **Action JP/DS** to find out.

11(ii) Simon McGiverny, Dunira Estate had asked for Forum input in relation to public access issues on the estate. **Action SS** to arrange a site visit. Members to be invited to attend.

11(iii) DS reported that PKC 18/19 budget for Greenspace inc. access was still to be finalised. Significant cuts would impact on our capacity to do access work.

11(iv) SS expressed a concern about £ spent on new gate on path at Loanleven given the relatively low use of the path.

11(v) KI reported the Scotways had small grants available for groups. More details: <https://www.scotways.com/news/511-scotways-small-grant-scheme>

11(v) SS asked if there were plans to review SOAC. There aren't. This is in relation to a number of dog related issues. **Action DS** to find out how commercial dog walkers are licenced.

11(vi) HA reported pathworks along the Dundee Rd nr. Barnhill. **Action DS** to find out who is building what and why?

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

Member's Meeting. 6pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. 2 High Street.

Member's Meeting. 6pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 2 High Street.

Member's Meeting. 6pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. 2 High Street.