

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CIVIC LOUNGE, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH AT 6PM 24th May 2018 (68th meeting).

PRESENT

Nick Cole (Chair), Hugh Anderson, John Andrews, Mary Conacher, Mike Strachan, Karen Inkster

IN ATTENDANCE

Annie Benson, Dave Stubbs, PKC (Minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

Sandy Simpson, Peter Pearson, Sue James & Jennifer Herd.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

Approval deferred until August. Meeting not quorate.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- JA had asked for minutes to be put up online more quickly. **Action DS.**
- 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 2017 meeting in relation to equestrian access. **Action DS** to find out more. This is AGVN/116 at Balmacolly. "Footpath" signs are historical and riders can ignore. If this presents further problems PKC would consider replacement.
- Kinross Estate (Feb. ref. 5(iii)) **Action NC** to write to estate re. signage about restrictions due to low ground shooting and DS/JA to contribute. Estate also have tree works pending. MS will liaise with PKC before approving felling licence.
- Kinross House (Feb. ref. 5(vi)) . DS has clarified reasons for not pursuing issue 01756 but Forum does not accept. **Action.** Remit back to Sub Group.
- Upper Obney (Feb. ref. 5(iv)) Input required from BHS (KI). DS to update at August meeting.
- Access to the River at Luncarty (Feb. ref. 11(i)) There should be an opportunity to comment on detailed plans for the housing development in due course.
- SS had asked how commercial dog walkers are licensed. They are not, but should adhere to SOAC. DS to circulate Trading Standards Guidance for commercial dog walkers wishing to join the Better Business Partnership.

5. EXEMPTIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS REPORT

- 5(i) There have been no new applications for exemption orders received. To note. Current filming of Outlander is proceeding without exemption orders. Proposed Spartan Race 15-16th September

will make extensive use of Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park but public access will be maintained so, again, no requirement for an exemption order.

- 5(ii) Obstructions Report noted. Resolved issues cannot be removed as meeting was not quorate.

6. OTHER CURRENT ISSUES

- 6(i) Dunira site visit. **Action SS/DS/NC** still arrange
6(ii) Closed Path at the Hermitage, Dunkeld. JA & NC to take the matter up with Matt Young, Forest Enterprise. Opportunities may arise out of A9 dualling project to bi-pass landslide.
6(iii) Drumlean Judgement. **Action DS** to circulate.

7. WATER ISSUES REPORT

- 7(i) MC reported on meeting held with fishing proprietor et al at Stanley. Paddlers now have access to carpark through agreement (& fee paid by SCA). There is a recognition that the ongoing irresponsible access problems at Stanley are not caused by paddlers.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

- 8(i) AGM took place as planned 26th April. Bob Ellis, Mark Thomson & Donny Broad stood down. Annie Benson was elected in Bob Ellis' place. These changes will be ratified at Council Committee in September. The Forum requires additional land managers to replace those who have stood down.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9(i) The correspondence between the Forum and Keith Brown MSP with reference to diversion orders for the A9 has been circulated to members.

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 10(i) General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Members contact details are made available on the Forum website. Members are requested to indicate if they wish their details to stay up or be redacted. **Action DS** to circulate an email and update the website as appropriate.
10(ii) KI reported that Scotways and the Ramblers Association are undertaking joint research into the role of Access Forums.

11. DATES, VENUE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Member's Meeting. 6pm Thursday 15th November. 2 High Street.