

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6PM 22nd APRIL 2021 (79th MEETING)

PRESENT:

Nick Cole, Keith Robertson (in part), Sandy Simpson, John Andrews, Karen Inkster, Mary Conacher, Annie Benson, Jennifer Herd, Dave Shepherd (in part), Anne Macintyre, Hugh Anderson (in part).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Stubbs, Susan Whyte.

1. Apologies. Alison Hood, Councillor Michael Barnacle, Andrew Thompson.
2. Declarations of Interest. None.
3. Minute of meeting 18th February 2021. Approved subject to clarification about SS's plans to redevelop his steading at 7.i. Minutes proposed HA. Seconded KI.
4. Matters Arising
 - i. Dunira (4.i February mins. Site visit deferred again due to covid.
 - ii. Cross Tay Link Road. See 7.i. below.
5. Public Sector Equality Duty (Verbal update Keith Robertson)
 - i. Public bodies must undertake equality impact assessments (EIA) in relation to plans, policies and proposals. This requirement would apply to the Cross Tay Link Road (CTRL). **Action DS** to provide a copy and to invite CTRL rep to the next meeting.
 - ii. SS suggested the matter could be taken up through the Forum's new PKC rep. once appointed.
 - iii. **Action DS** to make enquires about the requirement for an EIA in relation to the proposed West Kinfauns development.
6. Exemptions and Obstructions Report
 - i. The April Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- ii. Issues to be closed on recommendation of the Sub-Group subject to the notes set out below.
- iii. Issue 50 (Castle Farm, Methven) SS asked members to note that the original signs have been removed and replaced. This wider issue is still ongoing.
- iv. Issue 51 Dalcrue). JA has spoken to the tenant farmer about a possible solution but PKC need to pick this up again with him and the estate. Further input from the Sub-Group may be helpful.
- v. Issues 52 and 54 (Orwell) should be merged on the report as both relate to core paths which have been ploughed up and to the same land manager.
- vi. Issues 41 and 42 (Carnbo) need to be picked up again. S.19 action was prepared and arranged prior to lockdown.
- vii. Issue 67 (Stanley - Luncarty path). See 7ii below. JA has been in separate correspondence with Jane Pritchard re. the existing obstructions.
- viii. Issue 69. (Braco) s.19 action deferred. Forum to be updated once decisions are taken.
- ix. Issue 70 (Stuart Towers). JA/KI have done all they can. He matter to be referred back to PKC. NC has raised the issue with the National Access Forum in relation to cattle on core paths but their view is that this is an issue to be resolved locally.
- x. Issue 12 (Ballyoukan) JH reports BHS are pursuing this with the Forest manager.
- xi. Issue 3 (Guildtown). HA reports this is just a short cut through the carpark. JA reports it is now open and the issue could be closed.
- xii. Issue 14. Old Scone Park. Action DS to speak to HA about events space and extent of access rights, and then revert to the land manager.
- xiii. Issue 58 (Dungarthill). KI had provided details of further closed and locked gates. DS had undertaken a positive site meeting with the land manager and provide a further update in due course.
- xiv. AB reported on a previously reported issue at Dunan, Rannoch to be picked up again and added to the list next time.
- xv. KR asked whether an EIA had been carried out in relation to the obstructions policy. DS to circulate the 2011 report which refers.

7. Current Consultation Updates

i. **Cross Tay Road Link** (JH, JA, KR, MS)

NC. An objection had been lodged. SS suggests emphasising the equality angle in any forum media statement.

ii. **Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route.** (JH, JA)

NC has contacted PKCT with outline observations subject to a fuller response in due course. JA reported that BHS has submitted comments too. **Action DS** to circulate.

iii. **Forestry Consultations** (JH, JA, HA, AB, MS, KI)

MS leading. Discussions are under way. Problem is about lack of early information provided to access organisations. Ongoing. NC will send on proposals to the NAF thereafter.

iv. **West Kinfauns, Perth.** Proposal of application Notice (JA, HA, KR)

No progress.

v. **RSPB Loch Leven** changes to path network (AMc, AB, KR)

See AMc's report. Changes are noted and generally welcomed. Action DS to clarify appropriate mechanism for making amendments. The Forum will be formally consulted.

8. Possible Path Diversions (verbal update DS)

i. METH/114 Castle Farms Methven. No update. NC offered to speak to the community council. **Action DS** to arrange.

ii. Glenalmond College RoW. DS. HA. JA. NC. Site meeting deferred due to covid.

9. SOAN Mediation Training (subject to availability) NC. AMc. SS HA. KI. JH would all be interested in attending. DS to make enquires.

10. National Access Forum (verbal update NC) No update.

11. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC)

- i. Foss Rd clearway. Restrictions are limiting options to get on and off the water. Parking available at the sailing club but paddlers would have to join. Other landowners may be able to offer parking. **Action MC** to enquire as to ownership through MS.
- ii. SW reported that 7 new visitor rangers had been recruited by PKC. **Action SW** to speak to PKC's Roddy Ross about access and parking for the Tummel and revert to MC.

12. Correspondence

- i. NC had written to the courier re wild camping and a copy had been circulated. He had also written to Roddy Ross to explain the Forum's role.

13. Any Other Competent Business

- i. It is MC's birthday. Members wished her a Happy Birthday!
- ii. Hugh Anderson reminded members to use his @yahoo.co.uk email address.
- iii. SS is meeting senior PKC officers to discuss the problem at Castle Farm - see above.

14. Next meeting is 5th August. Online or in person dependent on covid rules at that time.