

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
21st November 2024 91st MEETING

Present were Nick Cole, Jennifer Herd, Mary Conacher, John Andrews, Councillor Hugh Anderson, Mark Thomson, Karen Inkster, Sandy Simpson, Sarah Walker, Calum Bachell (CG), Alistair MacLeod (CG)

1. Apologies received from Joyce Carnegie, Councillor John Duff, Colin Young, Dave Stubbs (CG)

2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations were noted.

3. Introductory note from MC that Eddie Palmer (SCA) unfortunately passed away. MB said a few words after having attended his funeral, and having met so many that had been affected by his loss.

4. Minute of meeting 16th May 2024.

Add MT to apologies. KI wants her displeasure at the time taken to address certain obstructions to be recorded on previous minutes. MB proposer, HA seconder

5. Matters Arising:

A9 dualling project. Meeting with Council representatives & members of the LAF requested

Issues at Luncarty – DS was to contact resident/land manager re parking

Cramflats – new signage to go in and both paths to remain open

Members to review biographies on the web page to check accuracy

Gairdrum – HA met with land manager to agree a route forward, but Land Manager has not acted entirely as agreed. Chris to sort out signage

6. Exemptions and Obstructions Report

No disagreement on any of the cases proposed to be closed

Constructive meeting previous week

7. Scone Estate – clarity requested on the extent of the land that would be exempt from access

Disagreement on the extent between PKC & the estate – how to take forward

NC – can there be a meeting with PKC/estate/LAF(HA)

8. Review of backlog of obstruction cases:

Council officers to sit down and agree route forward on long-standing cases

Further s.19 works to take place next year

Putting together a case for additional budget/officers for a review of the core paths plan and additional support for obstructions to access

NAF forum talks about funding for access

CB to ask AC to set up a meeting between ER and LAF

00337 – KI friend to DS

02228 – MT to DS

9. Forestry Sub-Group (verbal update JA)

Inundated with proposals

Many with good proposal including gates & buffer zones

Positive feedback from many suggestions to private forestry

However, some not responding to feedback (including FLS)

Hugh Anderson to join forestry sub-group

NC/MS attended meeting with Angus Access Forum

MS to write a report on how best to comment on proposals

10. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC).

12 miles of road down Loch Tummel without any/very limited parking/access to the water. Clearway. MC suggests to develop a car park for all to use (campers & paddlers).

11. Forum secretariat:

Offer of £700 still stands

Set up a workshop – may be better as part of or after a meeting with Elaine Ritchie

Estimate of how much time PKC officers spend on secretariat duties

12. Current path diversions:

Taymouth castle – ongoing works necessitate path closures & diversions still

Comrie flood defence works

Blairgowrie Westpark s208

Shaky Bridge & East side of Glen Lednock

Stanley expected – may already have happened

13. Other current issues:

Pole Hill

DS will speak to land manager

Glen Lyon – Greenspace not getting involved and do not have powers to enforce – it is a roads issue.

Loch Tummel parking situation

Core paths over level crossings:

We have responded to the Scottish Government's request to review core paths over private level crossings in Perth & Kinross. We do not believe it would be expedient to make any changes and that the issue is a legislative one to be resolved by ScotGov, not local authorities.

14. Date of next meeting Thur 20th Feb 2025. Venue tbc.