

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
20th February 2025 93rd MEETING

Present were Nick Cole, Jennifer Herd (in part), Mary Conacher, John Andrews, Mark Thomson, Karen Inkster, Sarah Walker, Joyce Carnegie, Colin Young, Calum Bachell (CG), Alistair MacLeod (CG) Dave Stubbs (CG).

1. Apologies received from Sandy Simpson & Councillor Hugh Anderson
2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations were noted.
3. Minute of meeting 21st November 2024. Deferred as meeting not quorate.
4. Matters Arising:
 - i. A9 dualing project. Meeting with Jacobs and Transport Scotland held as planned. Key access issues include proposals for NCN77 & the crossing of the Braan. S.208 orders will be required for core path and right of way diversions. An EIA is expected in spring 2025. The project is expected to be on site 2028-32.
 - ii. Canoeist's parking issue.. DS has written to resident who had been disputing their right to park at the end of the road.
 - iii. Gairdrum path. After requests from the ranger and from HA the path has now cleared the path.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report. Agreed to close items as agreed by the Sub-Group.
6. Water issues. MC reported that there had been recent changes to the Board of Directors at Paddle Scotland.
7. Forestry Sub-Group. Members reported positive feedback in relation to recent consultation responses and a positive meeting with Matt Young from Scottish Forestry. Members had also had met with Angus LAF to discuss their work.
8. Access Forum Secretariat. The Forum wants more information of the current costs of supporting the Forum and then suggests a workshop with PKC to agree changes.
9. Concern re active travel path alongside the new Kingsway (CTRL). JA had expressed concern about the proximity of the road to the new path. It was explained that the spec. exceeds current standards. Action NC to write expressing the concerns.
10. Signing of temporary path diversions. JA had expressed concern re recent cases. In relation major projects PKC's expectation is that the developer should submit a plan outlining temporary diversions and any closures and keep this under review. Signage should be clear and refer to all users, not just pedestrians.

11. Comrie Flood Scheme. CB reported that 3 core paths would be affected over 18 months. More details were circulated prior to the meeting. JC has been involved in the local consultation on account of a separate interest in Nurses Lane.

12. Any other business.

- i. CB has been in contact with Savills re temporary path diversions at Luncarty. Paths are shut whilst works are ongoing but open at the weekends.
- ii. MTh reported a spate of machinery thefts from P&K farms. All to be vigilant.

Date of next meetings:

May 15th (AGM) Pullar House, Perth
August 21st venue TBC
November 13th venue TBC