

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
15th May 2025 94th MEETING

Present: Nick Cole, Jennifer Herd, Mary Conacher, John Andrews, Mark Thomson, Sarah Walker, Colin Young, Councillor Hugh Anderson, Councillor John Duff, Lesley Fraser (in part – for AGM), Calum Bachell (CG), Alistair MacLeod (CG) Dave Stubbs (CG).

1. Apologies received from Sandy Simpson, Joyce Carnegie & Karen Inkster.
2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations were noted.
3. Minute of meeting 21st November 2024 proposed MTh & 2nd MC and agreed. Minutes of the meeting 20th February proposed CY & 2nd JA and agreed.
4. Matters Arising – none.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report. Agreed to close items as agreed by the Sub-Group. **Action** Patrick Higgins to include a summary table with future reports as suggested by JA.
6. Water issues. Paddle Scotland has engaged in further discussion with the landowner of the car park at the end of the Linn Road in Stanley. Canoeists have the use of it under a lease, but the owner is seeking changes.
7. Forestry Sub-Group. Responding to forestry consultations is time consuming. JA no longer has the time for this. JH thanked JA for his contribution. For further discussion at a future meeting – the resourcing of the sub-group to enable it to continue this 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. **Action CB** to draft changes to the Forum's Terms of Reference and arrange a workshop.
9. Path Diversions.
 - 9.i. CB and DS provided a verbal update re temporary diversions planned and in place at Scone, Inveralmond, Luncarty, Comrie (for the flood scheme) and at Taymouth Castle. **Action CB** to circulate a link to the planning documents relating to Comrie.
 - 9.ii. **Action DS** site meeting still to be arranged with roads dept prior to confirming permanent diversions arising from the CTRL.
 - 9.iii. **Action NC** to contact CB re possible solutions at Meigle.

10. Annual General Meeting and Elections.

10.i. NC outlined the work of the Forum over the previous year. Highlights include the ongoing work of the forestry Sub Group, joint working with Angus Local Access Forum.

10.ii. The problem of resourcing the work of local access forums had been highlighted with the National Access Forum.

10.iii. JA highlighted a problem of repeat offenders whereby land managers may repeatedly obstruct or deter access but any enforcement action has to start from scratch.

In terms of the membership of the Forum no new nominations had been received at the time of the meeting. John Andrews, Nick Cole and Sarah Walker indicated a willingness to continue in their roles and were duly elected.

Action NC to confirm with KI if she also wishes to continue.

Other possible new members have been identified and need to be followed up. **Action DS** to approach the Centre for Inclusive Living P&K to see if they would like to put forward another rep. And to follow up with a recently appointed estate factor to see if they would be interested in taking up a land manager place. CY reported that he was aware of a forester who had recently retired. **Action CY** to follow up to see if they would be interested in putting themselves forward too.

11. Date of next meeting:

6pm November 13th Pullar House.