

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CIVIC LOUNGE, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH AT 6 PM 15th November 2018 (70th meeting).

PRESENT

Nick Cole (Chair), Mary Conacher, Karen Inkster, Sue James, Hugh Anderson, Councillor Mike Barnacle, Peter Pearson, Mike Strachan, Jennifer Herd, Annie Benson, Sandy Simpson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Stubbs, PKC (Minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

John Andrews.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CONVENOR AND VICE CONVENOR ELECTIONS

Re-Elected Nick Cole (Convenor) and Peter Pearson (vice convenor).

4. MINUTE OF INQUORATE MEETINGS ON 15TH FEBRUARY, 24TH MAY AND 2ND AUGUST 2018

Approved, subject to clarification of location of Netherton Bridge, Bridge of Cally, in the August Minute.

5. MATTERS ARISING

KI was to ask Jane Pritchard about access for riders at Little Glen Shee. Notices re arranged access were to be installed by land manager and to date they have not.

6. EXEMPTIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS REPORT

- 6(i) There have been no new applications for exemption orders received though enquires were made re. Spartan Race, and outlander tv filming. As in previous years the Light Nights event in Perth January/February 2019 will go ahead without an exemption. Daytime access to the park will be restricted for operational reasons.
- 6(ii) The Solheim Cup (ladies Ryder Cup) is coming to Gleneagles next year and a s.11 application is expected.
- 6(iii) Issue 18 (cams 1770). JH noted concerns of riders who cannot access the Bogton Braes path at Comrie.
- 6(iv) JH and DS to liaise about arranging volunteers to clear gorse along RoW at Pole Hill. Gates for link path to summit (issue 14, cams 1759) remain to be fitted.

- 6(v) DS to revert to land managers at Dunnan and Finnart (Rannoch) and Upper Obney re. long running obstructions.
- 6(vi) SS to re-arrange dates for the site visit to Dunira.
- 6(iii) Obstructions Report noted. Resolved issues to be removed from the List as recommended by the Sub-Group.

7. PANHOLES LEVEL CROSSING RoW and CORE PATH DIVERSION ORDER.

NC will submit a formal objection to the Diversion Order on behalf of the Forum.

8. NATIONAL ACCESS FORUM

No update. DS will continue to circulate papers about the work of the NAF.

9. WATER ISSUES. (VERBAL REPORT MC)

MC thanked PKC for getting the padlock at Craighall Gorge unlocked.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 11(i) Members asked about the Perth Futures consultation (cycle paths) the Green Routes (walking and cycling friendly roads). MB provided details. DS to circulate the link to the consultation.
- 11(ii) KI provided an update on the mediation service the Ramblers/SRoWS are working on.
- 11(iii) MC outlined concerns about low ground shooting close to houses. MS suggested seeking advice from the British Association of Shooting and Conservation.
- 11(iv) SS asked about a core path which was not diverted as part of the recent review. SS to contact Jane Pritchard about inclusion within the next review.
- 11(v) JH had attended the recent BHS conference and will circulate feedback in due course.
- 11(iv) MB asked about opportunities to improve access within designated sites. It was agreed this was generally no easier than elsewhere.