

## **PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM**

### **MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH AT 6PM 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (72<sup>nd</sup> MEETING)**

#### **PRESENT**

Nick Cole, Mary Conacher, Sue James, Annie Benson, Jennifer Herd, Councillor Mike Barnacle, John Andrews, Peter Pearson (in part).

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Andrew Thomson, Dave Stubbs (minutes).

#### 1. Apologies

Hugh Anderson, Karen Inkster.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

#### 3. Minute of meeting 21/02/19

Carried over until 29<sup>th</sup> August as meeting inquorate.

#### 4. Matters Arising

- i. Solheim Cup. Exemption Order. Following consultation with the Forum and others the Order was duly made 18<sup>th</sup> March. To note the RoW over the neighbouring Auchterarder Golf Course will not now be part of the exemption. See Attached for reference. The event itself is 13-15<sup>th</sup> September.
- ii. Information about path closures on PKC website. NC had suggested pages could be more effectively indexed. DS to provide a contact in the web team to for NC to discuss this direct.
- iii. Panholes Diversion Order. JA expressed concerns about procedures followed: the use of permitted development rights, the temporary diversion and the fact that the development was allowed to proceed whilst objections remained. He has asked about the timescale for the public inquiry process. In terms of the generality of how public access is addressed through Development Management NC is in correspondence with Anne Condliffe. MB has a role with PKC on a member/officer group and offered his help to address the concerns raised. MB and NC to discuss.
- iv. Dunira. SS has still to arrange a site visit.

- v. River Ericht Path. JH to speak to NC about any possible role for BRAN. Post meeting note. Ranger AMc has arranged to meeting landowner to discuss possible path improvements for riders.
- vi. Lambing time press release. Not actioned but SNH materials promoted via PKC social media.

#### 5. AGM and Elections.

- i. This followed the member's meeting.

#### 6. Exemptions and Obstructions Report

- i. The February Report was provided in error. No issues can be closed as the meeting inquorate.
- ii. Concern was expressed by members about the lack of progress on several long standing obstructions to access. Future action on these as follows:
  - a. West Pilmore LFGN/113. PKC to revisit issue and consider use of s.19 powers to keep core path open.
  - b. Railway Path at Kinross FSWY/134. Address as previously planned as a pedestrian only path for the time being. Stiles would be required for field boundaries on two owner's ground.
  - c. Carnbo FSWY/156-MTHT/117. Install stiles as planned under s.19 powers.
  - d. Finnart. PKC to revert to owner who has not responded to previous correspondence.
  - e. Pole Hill ITUR/124-ITUR/150. PKC to make arrangements to undertake path clearance with volunteers and install s/c gate, using s.19 powers if required.
  - f. Upper Obney AVGN/7. PKC to revert to owner re. equestrian access and consider use of s.19 powers to replace one stile with s/c gate to open up equestrian access through the glen.

#### 7. National Access Forum

- i. NC has taken up his position as the Local Access Forum's representative on the National Access Forum.

#### 8. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC)

- i. On the Ericht the owner had locked a gate to prevent flytipping but in doing so restricted vehicular access for river users. On request a combination had been provided to canoeists.

#### 9. Correspondence

- i. none

#### 10. Any Other Competent Business

- ii. Following discussion about multi use paths see attached Paths for All Guidance on this subject.