

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE NORTH INCH COMMUNITY CAMPUS, PERTH AT 6PM 14th February 2020 (75th MEETING)

PRESENT

Nick Cole, Andrew Thomson, John Andrews, Alison Hood, Anne Macintyre, Annie Benson, Mary Conacher, Hugh Anderson, Sandy Simpson, Mike Barnacle, Karen Inkster.

(in part), John Andrews (in part), Jennifer Herd, Alison Hood.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Stubbs (minutes), Calum Bachell.

1. Apologies: Jennifer Herd.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of meeting 21st November 2019. Proposed SS. 2nded MC & agreed.

4. Matters Arising

- i. Item 4 (May 19). NC has arranged a meeting with the planning officers. MB is prepared to raise any outstanding matters with the Member Officer Working Group thereafter.
- ii. Item 5 (Nov 19) A site meeting at Dunira is still to be arranged. SS reported that a new gamekeeper is in now post. SS and HA to follow up.
- iii. Item 13ii (Nov 19). SS planned tree felling is no longer going to take place.

5. Greenspace Ranger Update.

- i. Calum Bachell provided a verbal update on his work in the Strathearn area which includes investigating obstructions to access and supporting paths groups in Crieff, St Fillans and Auchterarder.

6. Exemptions and Obstructions Report

- i. The February Obstructions report was presented, and it was agreed that the issues listed could be closed on the recommendation of the sub-group subject to an update re issue 01910.

7. Consultation to the Forum. No update.

8. National Access Forum

- i. The Joint LAF/NAF meeting will be held 20th March. NC will attend. Issues to be raised include livestock on paths (JP to brief NC), the mediation measures proposed as an intermediate step before enforcement action and wild camping – in respect of which NC reported 700 contacts with LLTNP officials with 8 people prosecuted so far.

9. Water issues. No update.

10. Hermitage Path, Dunkeld.

- i. The path from the Inver Car Park to Ossian's Hall is still closed due to the landslip and blockaded at the bridge over the Braan. Forum to ask Forest and Land Scotland under what powers it has been closed and PKC to revisit it as an obstruction.

11. 2020 AGM

- i. Agreed to be held at the North Inch Community Campus. The Forum is carrying a vacancy for another land manager. All to consider possible nominations.
- ii. If Bob Bennett is not able to attend future meetings there may be a requirement to identify a suitable replacement.

12. Correspondence. None.

13. Any Other Competent Business

KI. Scotways/Ramblers Scotland plan a networking day in September. Details to follow.

CB. PKC are hosting a training and networking day for paths groups on 27th February.

MB. i. The Annual Report on the work of the Forum was presented at Committee. A proposal for local area forums suggested but not taken forward.

- ii. There are 3 Kinross-shire obstructions which he will report to DS.

- iii. There is a proposal to replace the upper bridge at Rumbling Bridge Gorge. This should be linked to access improvements at the Crook of Devon end of the path where steps could be replaced with a ramp.

SS. Following a recent incident SS informed the Forum he will close the gates at the road end of his core path. There is a nearby alternative leading to the farm which has already been signposted in preference to the core path by the Council.