

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6PM 27th AUGUST 2020 (76th MEETING)

PRESENT

Nick Cole, Sandy Simpson, John Andrews, Annie Benson, Karen Inkster, Jennifer Herd, Anne Macintyre Mary Conacher.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Stubbs (minutes), Susan Whyte, Jane Pritchard

1. Apologies: Alison Hood, Mike Strachan, Bob Bennet, Andrew Thompson, Hugh Anderson
2. Declarations of Interest: SS in relation to core path METH/114.
3. Minute of meeting 14th February 2020. Approved.
4. Matters Arising
 - i. Item 4 (May 19) NC meeting with PKC Planning & Andy Clegg (PKC Greenspace took place March 2020. NC made the point about early input. The issue is now shelved until post covid.
 - ii. Item 5 (Nov 19). The site meeting at Dunira is still to be arranged. SS and HA to follow up when this is possible.
 - iii. Item 13ii (Nov 19) SS's planned tree felling is on hold pending consultation. Timber extraction may raise access issues.
 - iv. Item 8i (Feb 20) National Access Forum NAF/LAF March meeting cancelled. Subsequent NAF meeting poorly attended. Next one is planned for September and will be held online.
 - v. Item 10i (Feb 20) NC asked PKC to reconsider its position re the closed path to the Hermitage.
 - vi. Item 11ii (Feb 20) CILPK representation. NC to write to BB and Gillian Edwards about future attendance and representation. NB. AB has practical experience of disability access issues through a close family member.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report
 - i. The July report was presented, and it was agreed that the issues listed could be closed on the recommendation of the sub-group subject to the changes and clarifications listed below.
 - ii. Issue 1. CAMS 01950. ABNY/115. Grid reference listed incorrectly in report. Should be NO203157. NB. JA's ongoing concern about arranged access solution to this one.

- iii. Issue 20. CAMS 1945. Dalmunzie has been resolved and could now be closed.
- iv. Issue 25. CAMS 1941. Redmyre. Appears to be a repeat of previously reported issue and could now be closed.
- v. Issue 38. CAMS 1810. FSWY/134. If no agreement possible PKC to consider s.19 action.
- vi. Issue 62. CAMS 1952. Hattonburn not to close. The sign at the road end is gone, but the field margin is still difficult to use, and a further sign remains at the farm end.
- vii. Issue 37. FSWY/134. If owners will not agree to the opening up a diversion s.19 should be used to re-establish access along the core path itself.
- viii. Issue not listed. MTHT/139 to add to the list. Core path has been ploughed up.
- ix. Issue 44. CAMS 1861 RANN/112. S/C gate installed by paths group with agreement of LM. Issue can now be closed. (post meeting note, see BBC landward)
- x. Action JP to circulate list of core paths for possible review. Forum may want to write in support of expediting the CPP review.

6. National Access Forum (verbal update NC)

See above,

7. Wild Camping (Verbal Update NC/DS)

- i. NC has attended two meetings with MSPs etc. PKC has set up a working group. Roddy Ross (PKC) to contact NC. Action DS to make introductions.
- ii. NC suggested better definition & more powers re. irresponsible wild camping are required as well as increased Police resourcing.
- iii. Action DS to circulate PKC FAQs and campaign documents.

8. Possible Path Diversions

- i. METH/114 Castle Farms Methven (as per informal consultation). Comments had been circulated. NC will summarise for the Council
- ii. Coronation Road, Pickstonhill, Scone RoW. Action DS to circulate details.
- iii. Glenalmond College RoW (as per informal consultation). Action DS to follow up with the College.

- iv. JA suggested there are paths which require diverting for the A9 dualling project. PKC may have to do orders as Transport Scotland cannot. JA will email the details.
- v. JA also to email a question about the diversion of a core path at Bertha Park.

9. Water Issues Report.

No update.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Any Other Competent Business

- i. KI has identified a possible new land manager. DS to send nomination and run past LM group, then invite with a view to co-opting him next time.
- ii. AMc. Raised the issue of the rural clearway parking restrictions. There is a possible role for the Forum at the 18 month review.