

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6PM 5th AUGUST 2021 (80th MEETING)

PRESENT:

Nick Cole, Councillor Frank Smith, Keith Robertson, Anne Macintyre, Annie Benson, Sandy Simpson, Mary Conacher, John Andrews, Jennifer Herd.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Stubbs, Susan Whyte.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES POST AGM:

Councillor Michael Barnacle resigned his post to be replaced by Councillor Frank Smith. Alison Hood and Dave Shepherd resigned, and replacements will be co-opted on to the Forum in due course and subject to Council Approval at the Enterprise & Infrastructure Meeting in October.

1. Apologies. Karen Inkster, Hugh Anderson, Dave Shepherd, Councillor Michael Barnacle, Alison Hood.
2. Declarations of Interest. SS. Item 6.
3. Minute of meeting 22nd April 2021 proposed JA. Seconded KR.
4. Matters Arising
 - i. Equality Impact Assessment for Cross Tay Road Link. Ross Fletcher had responded. **Action DS** to send on to NC who will coordinate a response with FS and KR.
 - ii. Equality Impact Assessment for West Kinfauns. **Action DS** to clarify procedure for Equality Impact Assessment for this development with planning colleagues and circulate to the Forum.
 - iii. Parking at the Tummel. **Action MC** to ask MS as to land ownership.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report
 - i. The August Report was circulated prior to the meeting.
 - ii. Issues 39-40 Keithick and Kempfill, Coupar Angus. To clarify as the two appear to have got muddled. Update. JA reports further deterrent notices and asked for the issue not to be closed. SS. Reported that the farm manager is retiring, and a replacement will be taking over.

- iii. Issue 65 Dalcrue. JA has undertaken some research and will send on details to DS. JP to revert to Mansfield Estates and the other land managers.
- iv. Issue 64 Castle Farm, Methven. SMT decision refers to last year. DS to remove reference to illegal signs and update re current issues.
- v. Issue 23 White Creich Hill. DS to revert to land manager to ask for gates or stiles at the access points.
- vi. Issue 48 Clow Hill. Ownership was unclear but has now been clarified.
- vii. Issue 71. Ballyoukan. DS to revert to forest manager and cc. Charles Bushby. Nick has raised this one with at the National Access Forum.
- viii. Issue 70 Knock Mary. JH asked SW if the BHS should get involved or not. SW will revert initially to the Estate and endeavour to resolve through them.
- ix. Issue 11 Pole Hill. JH reports this is used by others including the Scone Running Club and requested it be picked up again by PKC.
- x. Issue 04. Glen Artney. NC. Suggests s.11 exemptions may be appropriate when tests are being carried out. SW will pick up with Estate and endeavour to resolve through them.
- xi. Issue 71 Scone Palace. See previous minutes. DS to liaise with HA about the extent of excluded ground.
- xii. Issue 80 Old England Loch. Deterrent signage has now been removed and one gate unlocked. Issue to be closed next time.
- xiii. KR and JA are opposed to issues being closed when unresolved. NC suggested they should be marked "suspended" rather than closed. This issue merits further discussion at upcoming workshops.
- xiv. It was agreed that other issues may be closed and removed from the Forum's active list with the exception of issue 39 at Keithick.

6. Current Consultation Updates

- i. **Cross Tay Link Road** (JH, JA, KR, MS)
There are 17 objections including the Forum's.
- ii. **Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route** (JH, JA)
JA had responded and written to Jane about current obstructions. **Action JP** to arrange a meeting between members and the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust.

iii. **Forestry Consultations** (JH, JA, HA, AB, MS, KI)

This work is ongoing. The group had responded to the recent consultation at Coulshill, so far without a response. There had been some press interest. JH stressed the importance of early engagement between forestry managers, access forum and other representative groups. NC had raised this at the National Access Forum too.

iv. **West Kinfauns, Perth** (JA, HA, KR)

The developer had consulted the Forum on a proposal of application notice. No meetings have taken place. JA and KR will prepare a response in due course.

v. **RSPB Loch Leven changes to path network** (AMc, AB, KR)

PKC will take forward proposed changes as single amendments to the Core Paths Plan.

7. Possible Path Diversions (verbal update DS)

- i. METH/114 Castle Farms Methven. No Update.
- ii. Glenalmond College RoW. See previous minutes. DS, HA, NC, JA. **Action DS** to arrange site meeting with the Burser at the School.

8. National Access Forum (verbal update NC)

- i. See above. One further issue of discussion is about roads and access rights.

9. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC)

- i. The gate at the paddler's car park at Stanley had been locked briefly but a new code has now been issued to authorised users.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Any Other Competent Business

- i. 3 land managers received a complaint about another member of the Forum. SS will forward this to NC for a response.
- ii. SW provided a brief update re. the visitor management work undertaken by PKC and partners this summer. 7 visitor rangers had been appointed by

PKC to engage with visitors, give advice on the access code and provide practical support to communities in visitor hotspots.

Date & time of Next Meeting

11th November. Subject to covid this may be at the North Inch Community Campus or on Zoom.