

## PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

### MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6PM 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (81<sup>st</sup> MEETING)

#### PRESENT:

Frank Smith, Hugh Anderson, Mary Conacher, Sarah Walker, Keith Robertson, Sandy Simpson, Karen Inkster, Annie Benson, Jennifer Herd.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dave Stubbs, Susan White, Jane Pritchard.

1. Apologies: Anne Macintyre.,

2. Declarations of Interest

Sandy Simpson - in relation to current access issue on his land. Item 9.i. below refers.

3. Minute of meeting 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 proposed KR, seconded AB & approved.

4. Matters Arising

- i. 4.i. Correspondence re. equalities impact assessment for Cross Tay Link Road. DS circulated this after the meeting.
- ii. 4.ii. Clarification re the requirement for an equalities impact assessment for the proposed development at West Kinfauns. DS sent on brief answers from Development Management after the meeting.
- iii. 4.iii. Parking at the Tummel. **Action MC** to ask MS as to land ownership and possible places for canoeists to park.
- iv. 6ii. Stanley Luncarty Path. JA had correspondence from PKCT about this but no meeting has been arranged. A newsletter has been issued by PKCT following their public consultation.
- v. 7.i. Glenalmond College RoW. See previous minutes. DS, HA, NC, JA. **Action DS** to arrange site meeting with the Bursar at the School once covid rules allow.

5. Matters arising from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 08/10/21.

- i. Changes to Forum membership confirmation were confirmed as set out in the report.

- ii. Convenor and Vice Convenor elections. HA proposed that Nick Cole should continue as Convener. Seconded by KR & as he is content to do so he was elected unopposed.
- iii. It is unlikely Andrew Thompson is able to continue as Vice Convenor. **Action NC** to write to him. There were no other nominations to fill this post.
- i. At Committee Councillor Williamson had requested the establishment of additional area-based access forums. There are various practical problems with this. Action DS to pursue the possibility of a Highland Perthshire Subgroup which may be easier to support if members can be co-opted to serve on it.
- ii. 6. PKC Access Forum Workshops
- iii. A workshop/presentation was held via MS Teams on 03/11/21. Members noted thanks for this. NC noted thanks on behalf of the Forum.
- iv. Future workshops. Topics for discussion and outline programme 2022. JA requested workshops on the prioritisation of obstructions & legalities. **Action DS** to set a date.
- v. There was a request for details of the Council Structure and key PKC contacts. **Action DS** to circulate. NB JP & DS can signpost members to officers in other departments as required.
- vi. In addition, JH and NC had attended the recent mediation training.

## 7. Exemptions and Obstructions Report

- i. November Report (to note). The Exemptions & Obstructions Sub-Group has not met ahead of the November Forum meeting so consideration of these issues will be deferred.
- ii. Membership of the subgroup needs to be updated as some existing members have struggled to attend. Hopefully the group can be reconvened as a physical face to face meeting next time. **Action DS** to identify a venue and advise members. In addition, Bob Bennett (CILP&K) used to be a corresponding member. KR is more able to attend meetings. **Action DS** to invite him to the next one.
- iii. Members of the group could identify a sub from their group to attend if they are not able to. **Action All** to clarify membership of the subgroup next time.

## 8. Current Consultation Updates

- i. Cross Tay Link Road (JH, JA, KR, MS). Correspondence has been circulated. The Forum's objections have been maintained.
- ii. Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route. (JH, JA). No update.
- iii. Forestry Consultations (JH, JA, HA, AB, MS, KI). JA suggested that Access Forum's should be consulted at the start when plans and proposals are in preparation. **Action NC** to write to Scottish forestry. JH has asked for improvements to the consultation process through her role at Scottish Forestry and will pursue this further..
- iv. West Kinfauns, Perth. PKC planning refs. 21/00684/SCOP & 21/01855/IPM. Late comments were made to the scoping proposals and passed on by PKC to the developer. A planning application (ref. above) is now live. **Action KR/JA** intend to comment on it.
- v. Murrayshall Hotel, Perth. Two applications are under consideration. PKC planning ref. 21/01673/FLL for the relocation of the driving range and the diversion of a core path and 21/00508/IPM which is for a more comprehensive redevelopment of the resort. CG has commented on one and will comment on the other. **Action DS** to circulate CG comments.

## 9. Possible Path Diversions (verbal update DS)

- i. METH/114 Castle Farms Methven. SS reported that a paper would be presented to NAF in February re. this and other issues. NFUS is wanting review of SOAC to include redress for land managers in relation to irresponsible access.
- ii. Glenalmond College RoW. **Action DS** to arrange site meeting.

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

- i. MC reported recent problems at Loch Faskally. **Action MC** to send on details to DS.
- ii. HA reported concerns about paddleboards after the recent fatality in Wales. Drownings had occurred earlier in the summer in Scotland too, including at Loch Lomond.

## 12. Correspondence. None

### 13. Any Other Competent Business

- i. NC reported that the NAF LAF meeting was scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- ii. KR. Asked for a contact list.
- iii. JA reported on another planning application at Ballathie. JP has commented for CG. Action JP circulate.
- iv. SS reported on a proposal to enable members of the public to shoot deer on private land. This raises a number of concerns. Action NC to raise at NAF.
- v. **Action All.** Please review biographies and contacts on the website .DS will update thereafter.

### 14. Date, time and format of 2022 meetings.

- i. It is hoped to return to physical face to face meetings in 2022. **Action DS** will set up dates via *doodle poll*. JA may not be able to commit more than 6 months ahead. The summer and autumn dates may therefore be subject to change.