

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6PM 3rd MARCH 2022 (82nd MEETING)

PRESENT: Nick Cole, John Andrews, Sandy Simpson, Councillor Frank Smith, Anne Macintyre, Keith Robertson, Mary Conacher, Jennifer Herd (in part)

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

1. Apologies: Annie Benson, Karen Inkster, Mark Thomson.
2. Declarations of Interest: Sandy Simpson – item 11.
3. Minute of meeting 11th November 2021 deferred as meeting not quorate.
4. Matters Arising
 - i. Parking at Tummel (4.ii). The Commadore at Loch Tummel Sailing Club not responding to MC's enquiries about parking at the club. A day-pass has been suggested. MC has asked MS re. landownership nearby. DS to investigate alternative contacts.
 - ii. Glenalmond College (4.v). No update. DS to progress and arrange site meeting with the Bursar. NB at November meeting HA, JA, NC had volunteered to attend.
 - iii. Andrew Thompson (5.iii). NC to write to him to that him for his contribution. All to consider other land managers to fill this position.
 - iv. DS to circulate a note of the current exemptions and obstructions sub-group membership. If members cannot attend they may nominate a sub. from their group.
 - v. Forestry consultations (8.iii). NC had written to Scottish Forestry and received a very general reply.
 - vi. Planning consultations (8iv & v). Comments submitted re West Kinfauns. Community Greenspace (CG) has commented on the driving range at Murrayshall which would necessitate the diversion of a RoW. CG will also comment on the larger proposed development. The Forum may wish to comment on that one too.
5. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC) see above.
6. PKC Access Forum Workshops

i. Obstruction Criteria Workshop 26/01/22 (verbal update NC). A points system has been introduced and can be adapted as we go along. JA requested changes. CG to action. Further refinement then remitted to the sub-group.

ii. Future workshops:

Planning and Access. NC has requested this. Kristian Smith (PKC Development Management) is reluctant. JA has raised concerns about the processes used when paths are diverted through development. KR suggested that this should include building standards too.

Forest plans. JH is working on this currently and could potentially present this at the workshop. JA and AMc supports need for a workshop as the processes are difficult to understand and poorly thought out schemes can have major impacts for public access and enjoyment. NC to write to MS and JH to speak to him about it too. SS noted new Scottish Government targets for tree planting are expected along further new rules relating to peatlands.

NB membership of the Forestry Group is JA, JH, AMc & KR.

7. Diversion of core paths (Verbal Update JA) JA has highlighted some inconsistencies. The council will seek to address this through further policy development. If possible, this will be addressed at the workshop.

8. Protecting access on development sites (Verbal Update JA) JA highlighted recent examples at Logiealmond and Old England. As above this should be addressed at the future workshop.

9. Exemptions and Obstructions Report

i. RANN/11 (issue 02071) partial solution agreed. Combination lock installed but AB reported no signage in place and no contact details provided. The Forum asked the Council to revisit this.

iii. JA expressed concern that New Criteria would result in closing c.50% low priority issues after first contact (LM1) made.

iv. NC suggested issues marked "closed unresolved" could be labelled "inactive" instead.

v. AMac asked as to progress on issue 02022 the path to the standing stones at Orwell.

vi. See above. Further refinement required to obstructions criteria and how closed unresolved issues are recorded.

10. Current Consultation Updates

- i. Cross Tay Link Road (JH, JA, KR, MS). KR and JA have letters from the DPEA and will forward a copy to NC. JA will contact other objectors ahead of the Inquiry.
- ii. Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route. (JH, JA) A meeting with PKC and PKCT is planned for March 15th.
- iii. Forestry Consultations (JH JA, AMc KR). AMac submitted a report summarising the consultations the group had engaged in.
- iv. West Kinfauns & Murrayshall Hotel. See above.

11. Possible Path Diversions (verbal update DS)

- i. METH/114 Castle Farms Methven. No update but a further site meeting is planned.
- ii. Glenalmond College RoW. No update. DS to arrange site meeting with the Bursar.

12. Correspondence

NC noted the complaint from the land manager at North Chesthill about a November incident with a commercial guiding company. A site meeting is planned for 8th March. NC to attend.

13. Any Other Competent Business

- i. JH noted thanks for the resolution of the Ballyoukan locked gate.
- ii. MC asked if the rural clearways are to be made permanent. SW will update re. the planned consultation on this. SW reported on the ongoing resident consultation about the 2021 visitor management response. The Forum noted its concern about the loss of informal roadside parking e.g. boulders in laybys.

14. Plans for the AGM. This will be a physical meeting if possible.