

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD 6pm 23rd FEBRUARY 2023 @ THE NORTH INCH COMMUNITY CAMPUS & VIA MS TEAMS (85th MEETING)

PRESENT: Sarah Walker, Councillor John Duff, Karen Inkster, Keith Robertson John Andrews, Anne Macintyre, Councillor Hugh Anderson (Chair), Sandy Simpson and Joyce Carnegie.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Stubbs, Calum Bachell.

1. Apologies: Nick Cole, Mike Strachan, Mary Conacher, Mark Thomson
2. Declarations of Interest. None.
3. Minute of meeting 24th November 2022. Proposed KR, 2nd JA & approved.
4. Matters Arising.
 - 4.i. The planning application for the extended car park at Invervar was withdrawn but has now been re-submitted.
 - 4.ii. The land manager who expressed an interest in joining the Forum has withdrawn. **Action** NC to contact them again to see if they would be willing to act at a substitute.
 - 4.iii. JA expressed concerns about public access within the Bertha Park development. **Action** JD & HA to speak to relevant managers.
5. Water Issues Report. Verbal update via DS. The SCA are speaking to Sam Mercier Nairn once again about access at Kinclaven. MC to update as necessary in April.
6. Access Forum Workshops
 - 6.i. Obstructions Criteria (revised) Pullar House 31/03/23. CB will circulate details. JD & SS indicated that they would not be able to attend.
 - 6.ii. Planning, access & path diversions. Meeting agreed with planners but date still to be agreed.
7. Exemptions and Obstructions Report.
 - 7.i. Comments & actions listed by case number:

01759. Pole Hill. Two separate issues require separating in report.
01892. Stewart Tower. Issue listed for JP (retired) now assigned to CB.
01908. Gleneagles West requires clarification and update on recent actions.
01943. Nether Dalkeith. Issue not to be closed pending further site visit.

01993. Glendevon. Issue listed for JP (retired) now assigned to CB.
02022. Orwell. Needs followed up as field has been cultivated again.
02146. Bruar. Issue can be closed next time.
02160. Kenmore Beach. JD reported ownership is with developer at Taymouth.

7.ii. Issues at the end of the report, and 02146 as noted above, to be closed following the sub-group meeting.

8. Forestry Sub-Group

8.i. Terms of reference as drafted by JA were agreed. Copy attached for reference. Info re. the group to be updated on the Forum website.

9. Forum Secretariat. PPKC proposals.

9.i. Deferred in NC's absence. **Action** CB to circulate document to the Forum for discussion at the next meeting.

10. Access terminology. Access taker v access user. This change has been suggested by the NAF. Neither is ideal but it was agreed that "user" represents and improvement.

11. Correspondence. None.

12. AOB. Expenses. Issue deferred. Can be address through admin grant in context of Forum providing its own secretariat.

13. Date & Time of Next Meeting. 27th April 6pm at the North Inch Community Campus and online via zoom.

8. Exemptions and Obstructions Report

8.i. Members are JA, HA, MS, KI & KR. No update as Sub-Group has not met prior to this meeting.

8.2. to Note the Council has received and answered a complaint about the possible requirement for an exemption order to for the Enchanted Forest Event and the reasons why PKC and FLS (as land manager) have not pursued this.

9. Access Problems reporting procedure.

9.i. JA reported problems which have now been resolved with the officers.

9.ii. JA suggested that at Athron Hill the developer is asked to refresh the signage put in place to divert the core path around construction works.

10. Forestry Sub-Group

10.i. Members are AMc, JA, JH and KR.

10.ii. JA reported consultations come with short deadlines there is therefore a requirement to respond without reference back to the full Forum. **Action JA** to draft terms of reference for the group to account for this. Consultation responses would be sent cc. to other members for their information only.

10.iii. MS reported that Scottish Forestry intend to make changes to their grant regime in 2023. The Forum may wish to comment on the proposals.

11. Correspondence

11.i. The Forum have been made aware of a planning application to extend the visitor carpark at Invervar. Members welcomed proposals and KR had comments in relation to disabled parking. **Action NC** to submit comments to Development Management.

11.i. A new land manager contact has been suggested. **Action DS/NC** to follow up with that person.

12. Any Other Competent Business

12.i. MC asked for landowner contacts at Clunie Loch. **Action DS** to advise through visitor management colleagues.

12.ii. NC reported that the interaction between LAFs and local authorities would be discussed at the next NAF meeting on 9th December.

12.iii. KR & HA expressed concerns about access issues arising at the Bertha Park development.

12.iv. JA asked about plans to review the Core Paths Plan. The Council has no current plans for this.

13. Date & Time of Next Meetings. **Action DS** to propose dates through doodle poll.