

## PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

### MINUTE OF THE MEEETING HELD 6pm 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 @ THE NORTH INCH COMMUNITY CAMPUS & VIA ZOOM (89<sup>th</sup> MEETING)

**PRESENT:** Nick Cole, Mary Conacher, Councillor Hugh Anderson, Sarah Walker, John Andrews, Anne Macintyre, Karen Inkster, Mike Strachan, Jennifer Herd, Councillor John Duff & Joyce Carnegie

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Calum Bachell, Dave Stubbs, Susan Whyte

1. Apologies: Sandy Simpson, Mark Thomson, Keith Robertson
2. Declarations of Interest. None
3. Minute of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Approved
4. Matters Arising (references in this section refer back to numbered headings in the November minutes)
  - 4.8.ii. The existing UK Forestry Standard includes nothing on buffers (planting right up to the edge of paths). JH has picked this up again with contacts in Scottish Forestry. Within this region Mike Strachan's team are asking for a 15m buffer in any case.
  - 13.ii. DS had circulated details of the Murrayshall planning application
  - 13.iii. A brief update re the Stanley Luncarty path from PKCT was circulated prior to the meeting.
  14. Dates circulated and confirmed via doodlepoll.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report – attached (numbered reports in this section refer to issue references within the report).
  02236. Stan/117 can be closed.
  01964. Meth/114. Report to be updated from next time re recent correspondence.
  02161. Snaigow. KI offered to check. Signs have been removed but another path may now be obstructed.
  02042. To note Forum opposition to closure of this issue.
  02164. To note Forum opposition to closure of this issue.
  02185. To note Forum opposition to closure of this issue.
  02022. Path to the standing stones at Milnathort. Ploughed up again recently. Action DS to pick up again re land manager informing them of offences under the Act.
- 5.ii. **Action CB** there is still some formatting to sort between separate columns of the report.
- 5.iii. **NC Action** to ask other LMs to confirm ok to close issues noted for closure in the report.

6. Forestry Sub-Group (verbal update JA)

6.i. This work is ongoing. The sub-group will need to replace AMc. The Sub-Group is now starting to get feedback from applicants on responses made.

6.ii. Scottish Forestry ask for stakeholder engagement and won't accept applications until this is done. NB guidance note (to circulate) and training courses available.

**Action DS** to ask JH.

7. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC). Progress has been made at the SCA campsite at Grandtully. It will be open for the summer. The lease for the slalom course has also been renewed. Mike Smith (Stanley Fishings) has passed on the business to his son and the SCA have had positive discussions with him already.

8. Local Authority duty to uphold access rights. See brief summary prepared by Andy Clegg & circulated prior to the meeting. Further discussion on this will be deferred for a future meeting.

9. GDPR issues. See brief summary prepared by Dave Stubbs & circulated prior to the meeting. A "data sharing agreement" may be required. **Action NC/DS** to progress this.

10. A9 Pass of Birnam to Dunkeld (verbal update Keith Robertson). See KR briefing circulated prior to the meeting. **Action CB** to find out if PKC planning consent is required for the project.

11. Equality Impact Assessments (verbal update Keith Robertson) See KR briefing circulated prior to the meeting. Further discussion on this will be deferred for a future meeting.

12. Forum Secretariat - Next Steps. This is ongoing. NC is in discussion with Andy Clegg on this.

13. Forum membership & AGM. AMc to stand down. **Action DS** circulate who else is due to stand for re-election or stand down this time.

14. Correspondence

14.1. CNPA Highland Council looking to charge for roadside parking going towards Glenmore. NC is working with Davie Black, Mountaineering Scotland, on this.

14.ii. Mountaineering Scotland have had a number of complaints about the still closed car park at Invervar. Action JD to speak to the landowner about this.

15. Any Other Competent Business

15.1. NAF LAF meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March & online. **Action NC** to forward details to DS to circulate.

15.ii. Blairgowrie Westpark diversion order. **To NC. To be circulated.**

15.iii. CB met Taymouth Castle developers with PKCT recently in relation to an Outdoor Access Plan. The current position, as communicated to PKC/PKCT, is that

there will be no permanent changes to the core paths plan. JD reported that the first clients will be coming to stay at Castle this summer.

15.iv. JH asked about the scotways rights of way data. **Action NC** to follow up. As it is made available commercially PKC may not be able to share it with the Forum.

15.v. JA. Asked for early communications on any proposed diversions orders. Forum needs to consider and consult members before responding. **Action JA** to draft a brief report.

16. Date & Time of Next Meeting. 17.30. 16<sup>th</sup> May at the North Inch Community Campus.