

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

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15.05.2024

Members:

Nick Cole

Joyce Carnegie

Karen Inkster

vac Anne Macintyre (res) Colin Young subject to ratification and application form

Sarah Walker

Jennifer Herd

Mary Conacher

John Andrews

Councillor Hugh Anderson

Sandy Simpson

Mark Thomson (NFUS)

vac

Mike Strachan

Councillor John Duff

Keith Robertson (res)

vac

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16th May 2024 90th MEETING

Present were Nick Cole Joyce Carnegie, Jennifer Herd, Richie Neill as substitute for Mary Conacher, John Andrews, Counc Hugh Anderson, Mark Thomson, Counc John Duff, Susan Whyte (CG) .

1. Apologies received from Sarah Walker, Karen Inkster, Dave Stubbs (CG), Calum Bachell (CG).

2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations were noted.

3. Minute of meeting 22nd February 2024. No amendments and approved.

5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report – attached for noting as there would be insufficient time to discuss in detail in advance of the AGM. It was however noted that a large number of historical cases were proposed to be closed. Nothing new to note, other than an observation that the Taymouth Castle developers had stated they are going to retain the core paths as they exist in the estate, and retain riverside access as at present. When the Chinese Bridge gets renovated there would be some disruption.

6. Forestry Sub-Group (verbal update JA). Nothing recent but the sub-group is undermanned for the amount of work that comes in. NC advised that if travel expenses are required for site visits that he be advised in advance.

7. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC). Richie Neill gave an update on the car park padlock at Stanley.

8. Local Authority duty to uphold access rights. Andy Clegg had previously circulated a paper, explaining the Council's position.

9. GDPR issues. Deferred to next meeting.

10. A9 Pass of Birnam to Dunkeld (verbal update Keith Robertson). Keith had resigned. This is an ongoing project. The Forum will be keeping an eye on plans as they develop.

11. Equality Impact Assessments (verbal update Keith Robertson). Keith had resigned but further discussion would be had.

12. Forum Secretariat - Next Steps. NC advised that he was waiting for equivalent costings from Community Greenspace and further discussions to be held.

13. Forum membership & AGM There are two vacancies, one community member for which a member of the public had expressed an interest and one vacancy in the Agency group to replace Keith Robertson who had resigned. There remains a long standing land manager vacancy which the NFU have been asked to fill.

14. Date of next meeting Thur 22nd August 2024. Venue tbc. We may need to convene an intervening meeting due to the volume of outstanding business.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Minutes.
Matters arising.
Obstructions report.
Forestry report.
Water Issues report.
Correspondence.

Deferred/Outstanding items:
Equality Impact Assessments.
Forum Administration, governance, expenses.
Local authority duties.
Active Travel route – Luncarty – Stanley.
Temporary diversion signage.
Repeat ‘offenders’.
Delayed reports/actions from meeting to meeting.
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Date of next meeting 21st November 2024