

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD 6pm 23rd August 2024 @ THE NORTH INCH COMMUNITY CAMPUS & VIA ZOOM (91st MEETING)

PRESENT: Nick Cole, Mary Conacher, Councillor Hugh Anderson, Colin Young (Not Quorate)

Sarah Walker, John Andrews, Anne Macintyre, Karen Inkster, Mike Strachan, Jennifer Herd, Councillor John Duff & Joyce Carnegie

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Stubbs, Alistair MacLeod

1. Apologies: John Andrews, Joyce Carnegie, Sarah Walker, Jennifer Herd & Calum Bachell.
2. Declarations of Interest. None
3. Minute of meeting 16th May. Approval deferred until November meeting.
4. Matters Arising Matters Arising (references in this section refer back to numbered headings in the May minutes)
9. GDPR issues. **Action** DS and NC still to discuss. Issue deferred for a later date
10. A9 Pass of Birnam to Dunkeld. NC had attended a public meeting hosted by Jacobs. **Action** NC to invite them to a future meeting.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report (Closure of issues as recommended by the sub-group deferred until November mtg).
 - 5.i. Dunsinnan Hill. Long standing issue. Suggestion is that PKC removes/replaces deterrent signs under formal powers.
 - 5.ii. Reichip. Ranger still to inspect. DS to instruct new start. Core path is Reimore Estate. Linking route and outstanding issues may be Cardney Estate.
 - 5.iii. Gairdrum. Mud on path. Farmer requested to clear by ranger. HA to follow up through the owner himself.
 - 5.iv. Dungarthill issues. For the time being we will maintain a watching brief on this. Parties have been spoken to and advised on the basis of SOAC.
6. Forestry Sub-Group (verbal update JH).
 - 6.i. The sub-group urgently needs new members to enable it to respond to consultations. HA volunteered to assist.

6.ii. The sub group intend to comment on forestry proposals at Dumdarroch, Comrie. Action DS to investigate links between this and the proposed path diversion at Mill of Fortune (see 9.i. below) & pass on details to JA.

7. Water Issues Report (verbal update MC)

7.i. There are ongoing issues at Luncarty between paddlers and residents over parking. **Action** DS to liaise with Richie Neill, the River Advisor, and write to the residents concerned.

7.2. There are ongoing tensions at Faskally. Further incidents had been reported by the land manager and by paddlers. Advice has been given on the basis of SOAC. NC/DS had offered a site meeting but this offer was declined.

8. Forum Secretariat - Next Steps (All) Nick would like further clarity from PKC on current spending incurred to support the Forum. Deferred to a future meeting or separate workshop.

9. Current path diversions (verbal update DS)

9.i. DS provided a brief verbal update on ongoing path diversion proposals at Murrayshall, Cramflat, Glenalmond College, Blairgowrie & the Mill of Fortune.

9.2. At Cramflat. CB had met with the land manager who is open to a site meeting to discuss a potential diversion order so long as landowner member(s) are present as well as recreation members. **Action** CB to arrange.

10. Core paths over private level crossings (Sc Government letter refers)

10.i. **Action** CB/DS to look at individual crossings on the ground and ask the Scottish Government for further clarity before proceeding. Meanwhile Network Rail have been requested to provide a definitive list of private level crossings.

10.ii. No action is required from the Forum at this stage. PKC will consult on any review or planned changes in due course.

11. Forum membership & website updates (verbal update DS)

11.i. **Action** DS to circulate the updated membership list after the upcoming committee meeting.

11.ii. **Action** all members to review brief biographies listed on the [website](#) and advise of any changes required.

12. Correspondence

12.ii. NC has commented on new draft guidance for local access forums. The document refers to resourcing. PKC (CB) have also commented on it.

12.iii. NC also referred to new NAF Guidance on occupiers liability. Action NC to circulate once this becomes available.

13. Any Other Competent Business

13.i. The National Access Forum is seeking a new convenor. NC who has been a member of the NAF for some time has put himself forwards for the position.