

**Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum  
13 November 2025 96th Meeting**

Present: Nick Cole, Richie Neill, Colin Young, Councillor Hugh Anderson, Councillor John Duff, Calum Bachell (CG), Dave Stubbs (CG), Sarah Walker, John Andrews (in part), Jonathan Love, Jennifer Herd (in part), Sandy Simpson (in part)

1. Apologies received from Mark Thompson and Alistair MacLeod (CG).  
Welcome to new member Jonathan Love (Scone Estates) as land manager
2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations were noted
3. Minute of meeting 15 May proposed JD, seconded CY and approved. Minutes of 21 August proposed Richie Neill, seconded JA and approved.
4. Matters Arising
  - JA to liaise with CB and DS re obstructions report preamble to modernize and improve. A new section with outline stats has been included this time and going forward also as requested at the August mtg.
  - NC has sorted email account for Forestry subgroup.  
[Laf.perthkinross@gmail.com](mailto:Laf.perthkinross@gmail.com)
  - NC and DS to discuss next steps for members that have not attended meetings recently as per existing terms of reference.
  - CB to arrange workshops. See item 9.below.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report.
  - Agreed to close items as agreed by the sub-group
  - Glendevon case to be closed and new one reopened as the issues are different
  - PKC have more live obstructions reported than any other local authority (7 other responses to survey). JA commented that PKC are likely just more efficient in their reporting
  - North Chesthill Estate issues – NC bringing this to the attention of the Forum and the regular reoccurrence of this issue. Following a very recent inspection the gates are currently unlocked, and deterrent signs are down. JA mentions Ardoch estate has similar issues as a repeat offender. **Action DS and JD** to arrange meeting with land manager at North Chesthill.
6. Water issues report (verbal update RN)
  - Layby/passing places at Grandtully below the bridge. Rafters/paddlers in laybys are unsure whether these are passing places or can they be parked in. **Action JD and RN** to liaise on this.

- Car park at the end of the Linn Rd, Stanley. Was leased to Paddle Scotland. Landowner now intends to open to the public as pay and display. Probable implications for paddlers as this is an important venue for them and going forward there may not be space to park or turn vehicles.

## 7. Forestry Sub-Group

Quite a lot of new proposals, including Griffin Forest. Plans seem to take on board generic scoping questions proposed by the sub-group. Glen Devon proposed forestry operation are keen to get in touch with any local access groups. Working closely with Friends of the Ochils to inform one another on forestry consultations. Nb as above new email contact for the group.

## 8. Path Diversions.

Some ongoing as discussed at previous meetings (e.g. Comrie flood defense scheme, Taymouth). No update from Scone developments. Proposed RoW diversion south of Comrie has not been formally requested yet. Murrayshall has been requested and report is going to senior management for consideration. Forum will be notified when window for representations is open. **CB to circulate** Murrayshall documents – details available via planning application 23/01798/FLL

A9 - General Wade's Road proposed diversion. PKC have asked Transport Scotland to consult with relevant stakeholders including LAF, BHS and ByCycle. Road closure is private road and core path DUNK/140.

## 9. Access Forum Secretariat.

CB to doodle poll for January and February workshops and circulate revised new ToR

## 10. Membership updates.

- NC formally thanks Mary Conacher for her contribution as a founder member of the LAF
- JL joined for his first access forum meeting
- RN and JL have formally been approved at Committee
- **Action DS/CB** will ask member(s) of NatureScot and the CILP&K to join LAF as an agency representative, and liaise with MS to ascertain if he wishes to stay on or nominate another rep. from Scottish Forestry
- Request for updates to members' biography – **action all forum members**
- Biographies to include contact details according to member preferences. Within the Forum email contacts have been shared to promote dialogue between members and with their consent (GDPR).

## 11. AOB

JH – will circulate notes of the SOAN Conference in due course including a new free online training course on access which is aimed at access professionals, NAF and LAF members.

RN – funding available for access onto water through Paddle Scotland's [Andy Jackson Memorial Fund](#)

HA – Funding has been made available for local projects in Scone by one of the housing developers.

## 12. Date of Next Meetings

Suggested dates are:

12 February

14 May (AGM) reserve date 21

20 August

12 November

All 6-8pm and at Pullar House and online unless otherwise advised.