

# **Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum**

## **12 February 2026 – 97th Meeting**

### **Present**

Mark Thompson, Colin Young, Councillor Hugh Anderson (chair), John Andrews, Jonathan Love, Jennifer Herd (in part), Sandy Simpson, and Mike Strachan. Also in attendance, Dave Stubbs and Alistair MacLeod (CG).

### **Apologies**

Apologies received from Sarah Walker, Karen Inkster, Nick Cole, Richie Neill, Councillor John Duff, and Calum Bachell (CG).

### **Declarations of interest**

No declarations were noted.

### **Minute of meeting on 13 November 2025**

Deferred (meeting inquorate).

### **Matters arising**

- JA to liaise with CB and DS regarding obstructions report preamble – ongoing.
- DS and JD meeting with land manager at Chesthill. Not actioned. PKC will consult the Forum on options for stalking season 2026. DS and CB will attend the next Breadalbane Deer Management Group meeting on 17 April 2026.
- JD and RN to liaise about parking for paddlers in the lay-bys below the bridge at Grandtully – ongoing.
- DS/CB to approach Nature Scot and the CIL P and K regarding the agency vacancies on the Forum. Not actioned. DS to progress ahead of the AGM.
- Forum website. All members who've not done so to review bibliographies to enable officers to update the website.

### **Exemptions and Obstructions Report**

- Agreed to close items as agreed by the subgroup.
- JA and JL are working together on a solution at Dalcrue.

- Concern was raised about repeat offenders. DS and CB will raise this when they meet reps from the Scottish Government on 20 February 2026. MS reported that this can possibly be addressed through changes to “cross compliance” but not until 2030.

## **Water Issues Report**

No update

## **Forestry Subgroup**

- New Gmail email address [laf.perthkinross@gmail.com](mailto:laf.perthkinross@gmail.com) now in use for consultations.
- JH reported that BHS had worked with Forestry and Land Scotland to improve access at Keillor Wood and at Trinnafour.
- There is an emerging issue at West Dron affecting the Wallace Road and other routes. This is now on the obstructions list. JA will approach Scottish woodlands. PKC will write to them and to the owner.

## **Path diversions**

- No update on PKC diversions.
- Previously the Council had asked Transport Scotland to consult the Forum and other stakeholders on temporary diversions affecting General Wade’s Road at Kindallachan (core path DUNK/140).
- Recently Transport Scotland have notified the Council on plans to dual the A9 between Pitlochry and Killiecrankie. Side Roads Orders should include any diversion to RoW or core paths. DS/CB have asked for these and will circulate once forthcoming.

## **Access Forum Secretariat**

- CB to circulate new dates to discuss this.

## **Any other business**

- JH provided an update on the Scottish Endurance Rally (horse riding event) planned for September. She is working with the Greenspace Ranger on path maintenance ahead of this – hopefully with input from other local riders.
- CY has approached a retired forester as a potential new member and provided contacts. DS to follow up. Post-meeting note: As it stands, we don’t have a vacancy except for agency members. See above. It is possible this person could serve as a sub and contribute to the work of the Forestry Subgroup.

- JL provided positive feedback on the [Scottish Outdoor Access Network \(SOAN\) course on public access](#).

**Date of next meetings**

- 14 May 2026 (AGM) – reserve date 21 May 2026 (see cover email)
- 20 August 2026
- 12 November 2026

All from 6pm to 8pm at Pullar House and online, unless otherwise advised.