

MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
39th MEETING
Monday 14th September 2015 at 4:00p.m.
Elgin Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Michelle Gillibrand, (Chair), Janet Trythall. Clive Roberts, Angus Dixon, Fiona Murdoch, Jean Oliver, Ed Dunbar, Pat Carroll, Ian Cowe

Present: Ian Douglas, Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager

Non Attendees: Alistair Sutherland, Faye Gonzalez, Stewart Evans, Iain Green

Vacancy: NHS Grampian position

Item		Action
1	All present were welcomed by Michelle Gillibrand	
2	Apologies; Mary Stelmach, Rebecca Russell, Wilson Metcalfe, Gilbert Bain, Shirley Reid, Thomas Anderson	
3	Accuracy of previous minutes	
	Proposed by M Gillibrand, seconded by J Trythall	
4	Membership Review .	
	Tracey Gervaise of NHS Grampian already approached by ID to seek replacement for Gareth Jenkins. There has been no response as yet. Stuart Evans has resigned, creating a vacancy for an Outdoor Access User. Will be discussed at Nov meeting	All
5	Matters Arising	
	Item 6 Para 1. Forum input still to be pursued in the Elgin Flood scheme cycle route signage design. Item 6 Para 2. GB still to contact Ian Green to determine if he wants to continue as Forum member or can suggest a suitable replacement. Item 6 Para 5. MG still to pursue Moray Council legal rep to attend a future Forum meeting. Item 8 Paras 4, David Clyne of Cairngorm National Park still to organise regional Forums meeting. Item 11 Para 3. Convener MG contacted counterpart in Aberdeenshire Forum. Agreed to meet to discuss how to take Deveron Way forward and issues with regard to locked gates and fences.	ID GB MG DC of Cairngorms NPA MG
6	Business Plan	
	Items 1 and 4 were main agenda items. Item 2: Funding: Need to formalise plan. MG to meet on October 5 th with Rothes Forum to discuss how to take the "Railway Path" forward and what is the level of interest and demand in developing an active travel route. MG to report back. Item 3: Moray Local Development Plan: Plan adopted and influenced by LOAF input. Delete item from Plan. Item 5: Links with Community groups: MG hadn't attended a recent Moray Council Joint Community Council but would try and attend the next one. At the 29 th June Moray Forum meeting help was specifically offered by MG to the Milne's Forum in developing a heritage path. Item 6: Community Planning: MG attended June 29 th Meeting of The Moray Forum and offered the support of LOAF where appropriate to all community groups.	MG MG

7	Communications Plan	
	Sub Group still to have meeting about development of the Plan. MG to arrange sub group meeting before Forum Nov meeting Cairngorm National Park Access manager David Clyne has agreed to organise a regional forums meeting as per e-mail from Rob Garner of 27 th March 2015. No communication as yet from David.	MG/ Communications Sub-Group
8	Core Path Review	
	J Trythall provided a comprehensive report on the 1 st CPP review sub group (JT,JO,CR) meeting with ID on 1 st September 2015. Currently working on collating a database of new candidate Core Paths and amendments to existing routes. Not currently a formal review, just an information gathering exercise. Sub group to organise second meeting to complete task. ID to thereafter digitise new information to be presented to a future meeting of the whole forum to decide the next stage. Sub group to work on preparation of a leaflet defining what a Core path is in Moray as part of an awareness raising campaign.ID to prepare draft version for the Sub group.	CPP Sub- Group ID ID
9	Joint Forum Event 2016	
	A Joint Forum event with Aberdeenshire Forum to be held looking at the Moray Coast Trail. Possible key issues for discussion include, path erosion, Cattle, Gates, maintenance. Perhaps we could have 3 issues in Moray and 3 in Aberdeenshire. Should Highland be included? Event not to be held on a Bank Holiday.... Weekday evenings preferred in May/June Suggest Aberdeenshire pick up cost of this meeting to include refreshments as we covered the 2015 event. ID to liase with Aberdeenshire Access Officer, M Watt to work up details.	ID
10	Dorenell Wind Farm Planning Application	
	A site meeting was held with the windfarm developers, Infinergy, on 4th September 2015 attended by JO, MG, IMD. E-mail meeting summary of the meeting from Ken Hardie of Infinergy was distributed. Access Management Strategy (AMS) still to be worked up in detail for the construction phase and access improvements to be in place by the operational phase. Infinergy wish to work with Moray Council and the Forum in preparing this detail. As part of this process Infinergy will give a presentation to the Nov Forum meeting...ID to facilitate. IMD pointed out that part of the Strategy involves giving The Moray Council an annual £50K contribution for use on the Moray Core Paths Network. There is still an issue as regards what planning condition will be applied to ensure a robust implementation of all of the AMS both within and outwith the planning site. ID to pursue with Scottish government who will decide on the planning application.	ID ID
11	Access Issues	
	Gedloch Blocked track- E-mail of 8 th Sept from S Dale, Moray	

	<p>Council Planning Enforcement Officer clarified The Council would not be pursuing enforcement. All agreed this was disappointing.ID to discuss with horse users re pursuing alternative route.</p> <p>MCT Erosion at Kinloss Barracks – IMD met with MOD reps at site meeting on 22nd July. MOD agreed there was a problem from coastal erosion that would soon affect security of the compound. This will be flagged up in the financial plan for the base in terms of a budget for moving back the fence position but due to competing priorities this would not happen immediately. Meanwhile MOD staff will monitor the site regularly to assess ongoing erosion. MOD are keen to ensure continued long term access along the footpath and will work in partnership with the Council/local community to ensure this.</p> <p>Giant's Chair Path – A site meeting took place (J Oliver, I Douglas, M Gillibrand) with local community reps on 24th Aug. Generally there is a safety problem due to numerous dead trees and damaged overhanging branches. Also some path surface works to repair erosion near to Linen Apron. MG to write to Diageo and Moray Roads Dept to seek tree management works and path repair to be carried out.</p> <p>Cabrach House – 2nd letter of 21st August from E Gutcher, Council solicitor, gives the revised position that the track is not now considered to be part of 'sufficient adjacent land' for Cabrach House. Forum and ID to write separately to Mr Moran's agent advising of the position and the requirement to remove locked gates/keep out signs....copies to James Knott ,Conservator with the Forestry Commission.</p> <p>Fishwives Path locked gate – Farmer, Mr Alexander, will not presently remove lock from gate at Addie Hill due to continual motorbike problem. Farmer has now reported to police and Ged Connell installed a temporary stile as a stop gap measure. Long term aim is to persuade farmer to remove lock. Enforcement action is premature as we can work with the farmer to seek resolution.CR to send ID template for phone police to report illegal motorbike use of paths sign.ID to thereafter erect signage along the route.</p>	<p>ID</p> <p>MG</p> <p>ID / MG</p> <p>CR / ID</p>
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	<p>Pat Carroll set out the problem of the Stryplies at Findhorn where a number of these previously accessible lanes were now being blocked by residents after purchasing parts of the lanes and absorbing these into their private ownership. All agreed this could be an outdoor access issue where the Stryplie was originally a through route for non vehicle users. PC to advise the Community Council to contact the Access Manager/Access Forum where there are specific cases.</p> <p>Garmouth Viaduct: Council is seeking to produce an engineer's report before any further remedial action is taken.</p> <p>JO Oliver reported cattle on a walking track(Old Right of Way) near Macalea due to deteriorated fencing. Letter to be written to Mr Eric Leslie of Keithmore requesting that fence be repaired to keep cattle off the track.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>ID</p>

	<p>FM confirmed that Glenrinness Estate keepers would like guidance on managing behaviour of dog owners...problems have specifically resulted in conflict with land management on the Ben. FM to arrange meeting to take place with rangers with a view thereafter to a guidance leaflet being prepared.</p>	<p>FM / ID</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p>The next Forum meeting will take place as follows: Monday 30th November -Elgin Town Hall Lounge Room (note venue change)</p>	