

MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
40th MEETING
Monday 30th November 2015 at 4:00p.m.
Elgin Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Michelle Gillibrand (Chair), Janet Trythall. Clive Roberts, Angus Dixon, Jean Oliver, Pat Carroll, Ian Cowe, Wilson Metcalfe, Gilbert Bain, Mary Stelmach, Thomas Anderson

Present: Ian Douglas, Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager

Non Attendees: Fay Gonzalez, Alistair Sutherland, Iain Green

Vacancies: NHS Grampian position, user position

Item		Action
1	All present were welcomed by Michelle Gillibrand	
2	Apologies; Shirley Reid, Rebecca Russell, Ed Dunbar, Fiona Murdoch	
3	Accuracy of previous minutes	
	Item 10, para 1: delete second word 'site'. Para 3 :amend first sentence to read: ' <i>IMD pointed out that part of the Strategy involves the developer giving The Moray Council an annual £50K contribution for use on the Moray Core Paths Network</i> ' Minutes proposed by Pat Carroll, seconded by Ian Cowe.	
4	Dorenell Access Management Plan	
	<p>Ms Fiona Milligan representing Infinergy joined the meeting giving an update on the windfarm project and the programme for rolling out the Access Management Plan.....now known as a Strategy.</p> <p>The original 2008 planning consent for a 59 turbine scheme is hoped to be enhanced to 60 larger and more efficient turbines with an increase in potential electrical generation output of 37%.</p> <p>Final planning approval is awaited from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The scheme been sold by the Estate (Mr Moran) and Infinergy to EDF who will now construct and operate the turbines whilst Infinergy have been retained to deliver the planning consent. Subject to planning consent the project is not expected to be complete until end 2018 connecting via Black Hillock.</p> <p>Infinergy have an external consultancy set up to produce the detailed Access Management Strategy but EDF may now want to retain this in house.</p> <p>The Strategy now being pursued is considered to be much stronger than the original AMP document but the developers position is that they have to pay for and carry out the required outdoor access works only within the planning (red line) site and not for measures across the wider area. This does not tally with the Moray Planners' position who are pursuing final clarification with the Scottish Government. IMD to update the Forum on the outcome.</p> <p>Moray Council and LOAF will work in partnership with the developers in working up the final detailed Strategy. Final Strategy to be agreed prior to commencement of works and required implementation before facility is up and running. Thereafter Moray Council will receive £50,000 per annum for 25 years to be spent on Core Paths across Moray.</p> <p>A Community Benefit fund of circa £1million per annum will be distributed over four areas Cabrach, Glenrinnes, Dufftown, Glenlivet/Inveravon.</p> <p>Michelle Gillibrand thanked Fiona Milligan for attending.</p> <p>Forum set up sub group to work with developers in taking the Strategy forward. Sub group is J Oliver, I Cowe and A Dixon. IMD to convene meetings with developers as required.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IMD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ID/ Dorenell Sub group</p>

5	Membership Review	
	<p>It was noted that two members, Clive Roberts and Jean Oliver's 3 year term expired end 2015 and that Stewart Evans (user) had resigned, creating three vacancies. After discussion a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that both Clive and Jean should be invited to remain on the Forum for a further 3 years due to their current work with regard to access issues on the Dava Way(Clive) and in relation to the Dornell Windfarm proposed development (Jean). Both accepted the invitation to serve for another 3 years. IMD to advertise the remaining user vacancy through the usual targeted methods. IMD to convene sub group in Feb 2015 to review received applications. Gilbert Bain had contacted Ian Green (NFU). Response awaited but not expected. Gilbert could take over NFU role if necessary and a new landowner could then be recruited to fill his vacant position. Seeking alternative NFU rep could also be an option. Discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>IMD to provide member attendance figures to be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>IMD/Members Sub group</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>IMD</p>
6	Matters Arising	
	<p>From previous matters arising item 5: IMD contacted Moray Roads Section requesting Forum involvement in design of new signage for Elgin Cycle Route. Response awaited. Legal rep from Moray Council to attend future meeting. Chairs of Moray and Aberdeenshire Forums to meet to discuss development of Deveron Way and locked gates issue.</p> <p>Item 11 para 3 – Giant's Chair Path. MG to write to Diageo and Moray Roads Dept to seek tree management works and path repair to be carried out.</p> <p>Item 11 para 5 – Fishwives Path. 'Motorbikes: phone police signs' now made. Still to be erected along route.</p>	<p>IMD</p> <p>MG</p> <p>MG</p> <p>MG</p> <p>IMD</p>
7	Business Plan	
	<p>Items 1 and 4: Main agenda items. Item 7: Volunteer project - Support and advice only to be given by Forum. Item 8: Open Space Strategy – Planning Dept. intend to resume work on this in spring 2016. Forum wish to have input to the process.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
8	Communications Plan	
	<p>Cairngorm National Park Authority had agreed to organise an Access Forums regional meeting (as per email from Rob Garner). Now unlikely to go ahead due to staff resource issues at the Park Authority. Sub group to pursue. Sub group also to meet to develop whole Communications Plan. Sub group are MG, RR and AD. MG to convene.</p>	<p>MG/Comms. Sub Group</p>
9	Core Paths Plan Review	

	<p>Core Path Sub-group was agreed as, Jean Oliver, Angus Dixon and Clive Roberts supported by IMD.</p> <p>A rough draft leaflet explaining what Moray Core Paths are was presented. A final draft to be produced by IMD incorporating a suitable logo for the Forum.</p> <p>Sub group finished with informal review of candidate Core Paths. It is hoped to have digitised maps of candidate routes and other changes for the next meeting.</p>	<p>IMD</p> <p>IMD</p>
10	NAF/LAF Meeting Battleby 20th Nov 2105 - Feedback	
	<p>Jean Oliver reported on this meeting which she found to be most interesting and enjoyable, particularly the workshops. It was considered a better format than previously .Meeting explored ways to make LAF's more important, relevant and to maintain interest and membership numbers.</p> <p>Proposed that SNH and Paths for all should be invited to attend selected meetings of the Forum as their input is crucial.</p> <p>IMD to circulate any notes issued from the meeting to all Forum members.</p>	<p>IMD</p>
11	2016 Joint Forums Event	
	<p>Moray and Aberdeenshire Forums have agreed to have a joint event in June 2106 looking at four issues on the Moray Coastal Trail; two in Aberdeenshire and two in Moray. Preferred date is 27th June to avoid the Moray Walking Festival. Start at 4.00pm with Cullen best pick up/drop off point.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Forum has agreed to provide refreshments and transport. IMD to work up detailed programme with counterpart in Aberdeenshire.</p>	<p>IMD</p>
12	Access Issues	
	<p>Gedloch Blocked track: There has been no feedback from the horse riders who lodged the complaint with regards to securing an alternative route. IMD to follow up.</p> <p>Giant's Chair Path: No Progress.MG to write follow up letters</p> <p>Cabrach House: IMD has written to landowner requesting path be unobstructed. Response awaited.</p> <p>Fishwives Path: Motorbike use – Police contact signage to be erected.</p> <p>Glenrinnes Estate: Meeting with estate workers to be organised with regards to advice for dog users on Ben Rinnes.</p>	<p>IMD</p> <p>MG</p> <p>IMD</p> <p>IMD</p> <p>FM</p>
13	AOCB	
	<p>Burnie Path, Dyke: Advised of obstruction of cobbled section. Wilson Metcalfe offered to research and report</p> <p>Dava Way: Clive Roberts advised that some 2Km of the Dava Way (Lynemore "By pass") is being re-routed near Grantown-on-Spey to run close to the railway. Work to be funded by the Big Lottery and Sustrans. Completion expected in 2016. Work being undertaken by COAT.</p> <p>Lossiemouth River Bridge: Local community to establish ownership of bridge before any remedial action possible.</p> <p>Garmouth Viaduct: Full structural inspection by The Moray Council needed to establish required works to secure the structure in the long term.</p> <p>Footfall Counter, MCT at Findhorn Dunes: Pat Carroll reported</p>	<p>WM</p>

	<p>this appears to be no longer to be in place. IMD to investigate.</p> <p>Findhorn Beach Road: The Army have made some repairs but road still needs more work. SRDP funding is not considered to be available for a vehicle road, only paths.</p> <p>A96 Dualling: A non-motorised Users Forum has been set up; IMD and Pat Douglas to represent the Moray Area. This project is still many years away but could bring a lot of path and access improvements. Moray LOAF will be consulted at the appropriate times.</p>	<p>IMD</p> <p>IMD</p>
14	AOCB	
	<p>BHS have produced a number advisory leaflets for horse riders and landowners which were circulated around the table at the meeting. Available on-line from BHS http://www.bhs.org.uk/access-and-bridleways/free-leaflets-and-advice</p>	
15	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>2016 Dates now confirmed as: Tues 15th March 4.00pm Elgin Library Gallery Mon (not Tues) 13th June 4.00pm Elgin Town Hall Lounge Room Tues 13th September 4.00pm Elgin Town Hall Lounge Room Tues 29th November 4.00pm Elgin Town Hall Lounge Room</p>	