

## MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

### 45th MEETING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 4:00p.m.

Lounge Elgin Town Hall

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Michelle Gillibrand, (Chair) [from 5p.m.] Clive Roberts, Jean Oliver, Fiona Murdoch, Ed Dunbar, Alistair Sutherland, Pat Carroll.

**Present:** Ian Douglas, Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager

**Non attendees:** Angus Dixon, Thomas (Andy) Anderson

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome:</b> All present were welcomed by Vice Chair Clive Roberts who chaired the first half of the meeting and Michelle Gillibrand (Convener) the second half. The meeting did not attain a quorum (ie.8 members) so MG to obtain agreement by Email from other members to ratify decisions/actions to secure a quorate.</p> <p>The reduced attendance was in part due to a number of Forum members having stepped down. (See Item 5)</p>	<b>MG</b>
2	<p><b>Apologies:</b> S Reid, Wilson Metcalfe, S Leslie, Janet Trythall, Ian Cowe, Gilbert Bain, Terry Ballard.</p>	
3	<p><b>Accuracy of The Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Proposed Fiona Murdoch, Seconded Ed Dunbar</p>	
4	<p><b>Matter Arising</b></p> <p>See accompanying matters arising schedule.</p>	
5	<p><b>Annual Membership Review</b></p> <p>As there was no quorum Fiona Murdoch proposed that those members present indicate their agreement, or otherwise, to the candidates recommended in the new appointments matrix devised by the Sub-Group. All present indicated they approved the list. MG to contact absent members by Email to secure a quorate decision. Once secured ID to invite the new members to the next meeting and to advise the unsuccessful candidates and those retained on a reserve list.</p>	<b>MG</b> <b>ID</b>
6	<p><b>Communications Plan including update on Website</b></p> <p>ID reported the Moray website was now fully up-to-date with previous Minutes and Agendas. Not proposing, at this time, to open a Facebook account.</p> <p>A draft of the new members' induction pack to be prepared. This will be circulated at the next meeting and current and new members asked to suggest possible improvements.</p> <p>Press release to be issued featuring new members.</p> <p>Events: Overall arrangements to be co-ordinated by MG.</p> <p>Gordon Castle Highland Games 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> May: Attending, IC, PC, JO, MG.</p> <p>Pitgavney Farm Open Day 28<sup>th</sup> May (<b>please note corrected date</b>): Attending PC, AS, ID, MG.</p>	<b>MG, JO, CR</b>  <b>MG</b> <b>MG</b> <b>IC, PC, JO, MG</b>  <b>PC, AS, ID, MG</b>
7	<p><b>Business Plan</b></p> <p>Item 1: Production of Core Paths in Moray leaflet - Draft circulated and following additions proposed: Picture of outdoor scene; links to Core Paths on website; list benefits of Core Paths.</p> <p>Item 1: Core Paths Plan Review – due to technical issues CPP review workshop now to be in Summer 2017 to allow time for map production.</p> <p>Item 2: Hopeman to Lossiemouth Path – see agenda Item 11</p> <p>Item 7: Open Space Strategy. Forum members to respond individually to consultation exercise online at <a href="mailto:localdevelopmentplans@moray.gov.uk">localdevelopmentplans@moray.gov.uk</a> Response deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> April. MG to respond on behalf of Forum to letter inviting a response.</p>	<b>ID, MG</b>  <b>ID</b>       <b>MG</b>

	All are invited to attend drop in event on 21 <sup>st</sup> March at Elgin Library Gallery.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Moray Active Travel Strategy/Elgin Transport Strategy</b>	
	Sub group meeting was held on 6 <sup>th</sup> February with Ms Pat Douglass to work on producing a Moray Active Travel Network map and identify missing links. Follow up meeting is required to finish the job but was postponed due to illness. – new meeting date awaited from Ms Douglass to complete task and also discuss Elgin Transport Strategy and River Lossie Cycle route signage.	<b>ID/ MG</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Dorenell Access Management Strategy</b>	
	Planning condition re. Dorenell AMP now purified. EDF now want to implement actions outlined in the AMP with the involvement of the Forum in a steering group to be set up. Although Planning has purified the last proposals it was agreed that no action should be taken by the Forum until the situation is clear from the public planning inquiry now running for the new application.	<b>ID/JO</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Rothes to Craigellachie Cycle Route</b>	
	Keith Kingham of Rothes Community Council will be making contact with the relevant landowners to obtain in principle agreement to developing a cycle route. He will also make contact with other relevant community groups in the area.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Path</b>	
	MG attended the last meeting with cycle route group but no progress likely till in principle agreement is reached with main landowner. ED to follow up with informal meeting with landowner when the calving and lambing season is over. MG to attend next meeting of group on 21 <sup>st</sup> March.	<b>ED</b> <b>MG</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Joint Forum Event With Aberdeenshire LOAF</b>	
	Request for Joint Event to discuss and view issues on the Moray Coast Trail has been postponed by Aberdeenshire LOAF but will consider an event in 2018. It was proposed that Moray LOAF contact Highland LOAF in 2017 to discuss joint approach to the Speyside Way.	<b>MG</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Access Issues</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Locked Gate Core path SRA07- Issue now resolved to satisfaction. Ed Dunbar thanked for his intervention. MG to send thank you letter to Land Agent P Graham and Associates.</li> <li>b) Roseisle blocked Core Path LM01 – Still ongoing, Convenor of Moray Council has, after meeting with Rose's, asked ID to discuss again with the Forestry Commission diversion of the path at the Rose's expense.</li> <li>c) ID met with owner Mr Alexander on 3/2/17 to discuss Fishwives Path gate locked due to anti-social use by motorcycle riders. Landowner could be approached and asked to open gate for a trail period and/or for the provision of a duplicate key. Forum members to be E mailed to canvas views on what to do next.</li> </ul>	<b>MG</b>  <b>ID</b>  <b>MG</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need for additional Forum meetings. Those at meeting considered this is not necessary. MG to contact absent members to reach quorum.</li> <li>2. ID &amp; JO will attend the joint meeting of NAF/LAF on 17<sup>th</sup> March and report back to next Forum meeting.</li> <li>3. Moray Forestry Strategy: Draft document now out to consultation – see letter of 28<sup>th</sup> February. All members invited to respond by 19<sup>th</sup> May to <a href="http://www.moray.gov/currentconsultations">www.moray.gov/currentconsultations</a></li> </ol>	<b>MG</b> <b>ID/JO</b> <b>ALL</b>

	<p>4. The Forum is seeking a paid volunteer to act as Minute Secretary. MG to investigate if tsiMORAY could help by identifying an interested volunteer.</p> <p>5. Meeting took place 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 - ID/MG with Richard Lochhead to discuss the Access Legislation as RL wished to raise a question at Holyrood.</p> <p>6. List for next Forum meeting to be prepared to show those serving member who have not attended three meeting without apologies with a view to replacing non-attenders</p>	<p><b>MG</b> <b>MG</b></p> <p><b>ID</b></p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meetings</b></p>	
	<p>June 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Ash Room, Elgin Community and Sports Centre  September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Elgin Town Hall Lounge  November 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Elgin Town Hall Lounge</p>	