

**MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM**  
**48th MEETING**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 4:00p.m.**  
**Lounge Room, Elgin Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Michelle Gillibrand(Chair), Jean Oliver, Ian Cowe, Simon Jacyna, Clive Roberts, Angus Dixon, Ed Dunbar, Alastair Sutherland, Wilson Metcalfe, Cllr. Louise Laing, Charles Petrie  
**Present:** Ian Douglas (Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager)  
**Non attendees:** Iain Green, Thomas (Andy) Anderson, Gilbert Bain, Pat Carroll, William Hawes  
**Vacancy:** NHS Grampian, Moray Councillor

Item		Action
1	<b>Welcome:</b> All present were welcomed by Michelle Gillibrand (Convener).	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Shirley Reid, Janet Trythall, Terry Ballard.	
3	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> It was recorded no members present has any conflict of interests in relation the items to be discussed at this meeting	
4	<b>Accuracy of previous minutes - Proposer and seconder</b> Proposed Clive Roberts, seconded Ian Cowe	
5	<b>Matters Arising</b> Members referred to accompanying matters arising schedule.	
6	<b>Membership</b> A Dixon (Land manager)), E Dunbar (Land manager) and M Gillibrand (Community) all complete their 3year tenure at end 2017. ID to prepare application forms and promote the 3 vacancies as per previous years. Outgoing members all invited to re-apply and advise ID if they wish to continue. Sub group comprising WM, SJ, CR and LL to meet late Feb to consider applicants and prepare recommendations on filling the vacancies for the next Forum meeting. MG to continue as convener until the next Forum meeting where a decision will be made on filling the convener vacancy. All are invited to contact ID and put their name forward/nominate for convener position.	<b>ID</b> <b>Member</b> <b>ship</b> <b>Sub-</b> <b>group</b> <b>All</b>
7	<b>Complaints Procedure</b> The Complaints Procedure and relevant papers was to be submitted to this Forum meeting for agreement. All agreed that drafts should be first submitted to TSi Moray for refinement and then presented to the next Forum meeting.	<b>MG</b>
8	<b>Core Paths Plan Review</b> ID outlined that biggest challenge of the review is to identify landowners to be contacted. ID confirmed formal review scheduled for Jan-March 2018.Forum will be contacted during this period as a formal consultee.	<b>ID</b>
9	<b>Communications Plan</b> Sub Group (CR, JO and MG) were to finalise draft of new members induction pack for presentation to this Forum meeting. Now MG to have draft checked by TSi Moray and then to be refined by Sub Group.	<b>MG/Sub</b> <b>Group</b>
10	<b>Business Plan</b> Item 1 – Core Paths leaflet. MG graphic designer friend still working on draft leaflet and logo. Final draft to be emailed to all Forum members for comment before next meeting. All other relevant business was specific items on the meeting agenda.	<b>MG</b>
11	<b>Dorenell Access Management Strategy</b> TB and JO visited the Dorenell site and assessed whether the site works so far have been conducted in accordance with the AMS. TB prepared a report which suggested that whilst the developers adopted a flexible approach the overall public access could be better. He recommends we continue to monitor. ID confirmed that he had met with EDF re on site maps to manage and direct	

	<p>public access which should improve things. EDF intend to set up AMS Steering group in Jan to take forward identified action. JO to be Forum rep on steering group. ID, JO, LL and MG to meet in Dec to consider latest position and to E mail EDF on representation on steering group and implementation of AMS action priorities.</p> <p>While TB and JO were in the area it was noted that there were no locked gates preventing access.</p>	ID/JO/LL /MG
<b>11</b>	<b>Roths to Craigellachie Cycle Route</b>	
	Roths Council to have meeting early 2018 to discuss taking the project forward initially with a feasibility study.MG and ID to attend and report back.	MG/ID
<b>12</b>	<b>Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Route</b>	
	Next step of Lossiemouth Community Development Trust is to secure funding for a feasibility and design report. JT to report on progress at next Forum meeting.	JT
<b>13</b>	<b>ALOAF/MLOAF event</b>	
	<p>MG and ID attended last ALOAF meeting in Inverurie which was useful to build relations and foster joint working. At the meeting ALOAF agreed to a joint event hosted by MLOAF.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed to have an event at Dorenell looking at how the AMS will be implemented. Event to take place at end June. Details to be discussed at next meeting</p> <p>EDF to be approached to see if they will host the event.</p>	MG
<b>14</b>	<b>Access Issues</b>	
	<p>a) <b>Roseisle blocked Core Path LM01</b> – FES on further consideration have now agreed to clear a path corridor through the trees immediately to the north of the fence to by- pass the obstruction. The Council will thereafter construct a small bridge across the ditch and waymark the new route. This is a low grade inexpensive solution which will provide an acceptable compromise. ID noted the Roses are not happy with this solution but their consent is not required and the initial local community response is positive. The Forum support this solution and that the new path should be made the Core path through the CCP review.</p> <p>b) <b>Locked gate on Fishwives path</b> – Farmer originally locked the gate due to problems of motor bike use. MG and SJ still to meet with the farmer, Mr Alexander, with a view to seeking an arrangement that would allow him to unlock the gate perhaps initially for a trial period.</p> <p>c) <b>Dog Familiarisation with sheep: possible training event</b> – Lorna Paterson of NFUS responded indicating a willingness to work jointly with the forum on an event building on current initiatives like the SNH social media campaign. MG to pursue.</p>	ID  MG/SJ  MG
<b>15</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bam Nuttal Elgin community benefit – MG made contact requesting the excess materials from the Elgin rail upgrade be used for paths in the Wards and at The Oakwood. The response received suggested from Network Rail suggested they could not help. MG to seek further clarification.</li> <li>2. Cabrach Trust Paths proposals – FCS grant is subject to provision of wider path links. Forum to issue letter of support assisted by MG.</li> <li>3. Various Community Planning Groups – ID to seek meeting minutes to be</li> </ol>	MG  RR/MG

	sent to Forum Convener	<b>ID</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
	The following dates were provisionally agreed for 2018 between 4.00 pm and 6.00pm : March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Elgin Library Gallery June 12 <sup>th</sup> – Elgin Community Centre Chestnut Room September 4 <sup>th</sup> – Elgin Town Hall Lounge November 27 <sup>th</sup> – Elgin Town Hall Lounge ID to book	<b>ID</b>