

# MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

## 49th MEETING

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 4:00p.m.

Gallery, Elgin Library

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Michelle Gillibrand (Chair), Jean Oliver, Simon Jacyna, Clive Roberts, Alastair Sutherland, Wilson Metcalfe, Cllr. Louise Laing, Terry Ballard, Janet Trythall, Laura Sutherland

**Present:** Ian Douglas (Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager)

**Resigned:** Ian Cowe FES, Thomas (Andy) Anderson,

**Non attendees:** Iain Green, Gilbert Bain, Pat Carroll, William Hawes

**Vacancies:** Ed Dunbar's position, Angus Dixon's position

Item	Welcome	Action
1	MG continued as convener until the end of the Forum where she stood down after which a decision was taken on filling the Convener vacancy.  All present were welcomed by Michelle Gillibrand (Convener). Special welcome to new member Laura Sutherland representing Moray Health and Social Care Partnership	
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Shirley Reid, Charles Petrie.	
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>  Item 10 - amend to read JO and CR to be Forum reps on steering group. Item 10 – Last sentence to be amended to clarify that it was noted there were no locked gates on the Deveron Way. Minutes agreed. Proposed Wilson Metcalfe, seconded Clive Roberts	
5	<b>Matters Arising</b>  Members referred to accompanying matters arising schedule.	
6	<b>Secretarial Support</b>  MG to pursue volunteer minute taker through TSi Moray. MG agreed to stay on as minute taker at future meetings until volunteer is secured.	MG
7	<b>Membership</b>  Mr Bob Graham aggrieved at requirement of an application process for selecting new members. MG responded by Email explaining why this was necessary.  A Dixon (Land Manager)), E Dunbar (Land Manager) and M Gillibrand (Community) all completed their 3 year tenure at end 2017 and ID advertised the 3 vacancies and 3 applications have been received. Sub group comprising WM, SJ, CR and LL met late Feb to consider applications. Sub group recommendations presented as a scoring matrix distributed at the meeting. All agreed to accept recommendations and re appoint E Dunbar and A Dixon and appoint new member Malcolm Campbell. ID to contact to congratulate and invite them to the next Forum meeting.  In view of Thomas (Andy) Anderson's resignation as disabled rep it was agreed to contact Moray Disability Forum to seek a replacement member. LL to action.  Pat Carroll and William Hawes have not attended the last few meetings. ID to contact them to clarify if they want to continue as members.  Ian Cowe has moved to a new job in Edinburgh so has resigned from the Forum. Heather Macpherson from FES will advise of who the replacement rep will be. ID to pursue. WM agreed to send letter to IC thanking him for all his valuable input.	ID  ID  LL  ID  ID  WM

<b>8</b>	<b>Core Paths Plan Review</b>	
	ID outlined the public consultation was well underway and there has been a good turnout at the public workshops. Consultation finishes on 20 <sup>th</sup> April after which time ID to negotiate with objectors. Objections received so far mainly centred on Roseisle LM01 amendment and several paths around Rafford. All agreed Forum does not have to respond to formal consultation as they already signed off the draft plan. Sub group (ED,WM,JO,CR,LL) to be re convened at next meeting to thereafter meet and recommend on outstanding objections facilitated by ID	<b>ID</b>  <b>Sub group/ID</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Communications Plan</b>	
	Induction pack – All agreed MG to be co-opted to complete induction pack and present to a future Forum meeting. Attendance at events – MG to contact Dava Way Association to see if they are setting up a stall at the Gordon Castle event on 20 <sup>th</sup> May and to ask if the Forum can share the facility.	<b>MG</b>  <b>MG</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Business Plan</b>	
	Item 1 – Core Paths leaflet. MG co – opted to work with graphic designer friend to complete 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>
<b>11</b>	<b>Dorenell Access Management Strategy</b>	
	EDF intend to set up AMS Liason Group in Jan to take forward identified action. JO and CR to be Forum rep on steering group.ID also to attend. Those attending will provide feedback at the next Forum meeting	<b>JO/CR/ID</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Rothies to Craigellachie Cycle Route</b>	
	Rothies Council had a public meeting early on 26 <sup>th</sup> March which was wellAt this meeting it was agreed to form a steering group the first meeting of which will take place on 26 <sup>th</sup> March where commissioning a feasibility, design and costing report will be discussed. MG and ID will attend and report back to the next Forum meeting.	<b>MG/ID</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Route</b>	
	JT reported that Lossiemouth Community Development Trust is working to secure funding for a feasibility, design and costing report. HI Trans have indicated they will fund production of the report. JT to report on progress at next Forum meeting.	<b>JT</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>ALOAF/MLOAF event</b>	
	After discussion it was agreed to have a 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 EDF to be approached to see if they will host the event.	<b>MG</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Access Issues</b>	
	<p>a) <b>Roseisle blocked Core Path LM01</b> – The Forum support that this issue should be resolved through the CCP review.</p> <p>b) <b>Locked gate on Fishwives path</b> – SJ and MG met with farmer who is willing to consider unlocking the gate for a trial period after sheep removed from field in late spring. He is happy to open the gate on request and to have contact details put on a sign.SJ to have further meeting with farmer in late spring to pursue. New FES rep on Forum to discuss at the next Forum meeting the strategy for deterring motorbikes in the Forest</p> <p>c) <b>Mundole blocked access</b> – ID explained 2 locked gates were obstructing a path to the River Findhorn at Mundole. 2 objections received. Landowner has agreed to unlock gates when no livestock present in field. A diversion round the edge of the field edge has</p>	<b>ID</b>

	<p>been provided and signed. Forum agreed this solution was acceptable ID to monitor site and report back any further issues to the Forum.</p> <p><b>d) Dog Familiarisation with sheep: possible training event</b> –MG contacted Lorna Paterson of NFUS who indicated a willingness to work jointly with the forum on an event building on current initiatives like the SNH social media campaign. To be pursued with new NFUS rep on the Forum.</p>	<b>NEW NFUS rep</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NAF/LAF meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March Battleby – all agreed notice for this event was too short. No Forum members able to attend.</li> <li>2. A96 NMU meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March –ID to attend.MG invited but unable to attend.ID to update at next meeting.</li> <li>3. Cycle path closure: Findochty to Cullen – This path has been temporarily closed by the Council due to safety fears in relation to a landslip. Estimates suggest £1.4M to sort or £700K to divert. Council currently considering options including permanent closure.ID to report back to next Forum meeting</li> </ol>	<b>ID</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Decision on Convener Vacancy</b>	
	Vice Convener CR thanked MG for her valuable contribution as Convener particularly leading the Forum to get involved in dispute resolution. No one put their name forward for the position so it was agreed that Councillor Louise Laing would take the position for an interim period of 1 year. Proposed CR seconded WM.	<b>LL</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
	The next meeting is between 4.00 pm and 6.00pm on June 12 <sup>th</sup> at the Elgin Community Centre Chestnut Room.	