

MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
50th MEETING
Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 4:00p.m.
ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

Members Present: Cllr. Louise Laing (Chair), Clive Roberts, Malcolm Campbell, Jean Oliver, Simon Jacyna, Alastair Sutherland, Wilson Metcalfe, Terry Ballard, Charles Petrie, Ed Dunbar, Gilbert Bain

Present: Ian Douglas (Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager), Michelle Gillibrand (Note Taker)

Apologies: Janet Trythall, Shirley Reid, Angus Dixon

Vacancies: FES position, NFUS position, disabled rep position (formerly T Anderson), Land manger position (formerly W Hawes), Community position (formerly P Carroll)

Non attendees: Laura Sutherland

| Item | Welcome | Action |
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| 1 | LL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Special welcome to new member Malcolm Campbell. | |
| 2 | Apologies: Janet Trythall, Shirley Reid, Angus Dixon | |
| 3 | Declaration of Interest: It was recorded no members present has any conflict of interests in relation the items to be discussed at this meeting | |
| 4 | Accuracy of previous minutes - Proposer and seconder | |
| | Item 9 - amend to read Moray Way Association Item 12 – First sentence the word ‘attended’ was added Minutes agreed. Proposed Wilson Metcalfe, seconded Clive Roberts | |
| 5 | A96 Presentation - SWECO | |
| | Emma Cooper and Michael Robertson from SWECO, Environmental Assessment Team, gave a short presentation on their role which is to consult the local community in relation to environmental issues on the proposed new A96 route especially concerning non-motorised user (NMU)access. Their main focus is on designated paths although are also interested to hear about any other possible local access routes that may be affected. Questions were raised in connection with securing segregated routes. Michael replied that this would be given full consideration during the design process. Due to the limited length of time available LL suggested setting up a sub-group to give feedback on the local access position in more detail. Feedback to focus on the detailed existing NMU maps provided. ID to organise this as a workshop and to invite all members. LL thanked Emma and Michael for the presentation | ID |
| 6 | Matters Arising | |
| | See matters arising schedule | |
| 7 | Membership – Update | |
| | Currently there are 5 vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFU – ID to pursue replacement through Lorna Paterson for Iain Green • Forest Enterprise Scotland – ID to pursue through Heather MacPherson. • Disabled Rep – LL has been unsuccessful in seeking replacement through Moray Disability Forum. All to seek rep via community network • Land Manager Rep –W Hawes unsuccessful in seeking his replacement from Savills. All to seek rep via community network • Community Rep – Pat Carroll resigned as member. All to seek rep via community network | ID ID ALL ALL ALL |
| 8 | Core Paths Plan Review | |

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| | The consultation period has now ended and ID is currently negotiating with objectors and responding to everyone who submitted comments. Next stage is to have sub group meeting to compile the Forum response to comments and objections and recommend to MLOAF on any Plan modifications. ID to arrange meeting | ED, WM, JO, CR, LL ID |
| 9 | Communications | |
| | MG provided the meeting a draft membership induction handbook which included a proposed complaints procedure. Work still required to finalise this so Sub-Group to meet with MG to finalise the Induction Handbook and the Core Paths Leaflet. | TB, CR, MC, LL, MG |
| 10 | Business Plan | |
| | Item 1 – 5 year review by end of 2018 not 2016 Item 4 – Take out MG attendance to Joint Community Council ID to update Business Plan and take out historic items All other relevant business was specific items on the meeting agenda. | ID |
| 11 | Dorenell Access Management Strategy | |
| | CR reported that EDF had organised the first AMS Liaison Group on 26 th April but the attendance was disappointing. Another meeting will be organised and hopefully will be better attended. JO and CR represent Forum on Liaison Group. No action was agreed. EDF are requesting people to complete a form which covers the health and safety issues when accessing the site. JO informed the meeting that the proposed extension to the windfarm has been withdrawn by EDF. | JO, CR |
| 12 | Roths to Craigellachie Cycle Route | |
| | MG informed the meeting that the Steering Group has now been set up and is making good progress in bringing ideas together to put forward to a feasibility, design and costing report. The group is being assisted by ID and Janet Macdonald from the Transportation Section of the Moray Council. | |
| 14 | Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Route | |
| | It is believed that funding has been secured from Sustrans to fund a feasibility, design and costing report. JT to keep Forum updated. | JT |
| 15 | Access Issues | |
| | <p>a) Locked gate on Fishwives path – SJ to have further meeting with farmer to get gate unlocked for a trial period, with new FES rep on Forum (when in place) who can input about what FES can do to deter motorbikes in the forest.</p> <p>b) Dog Familiarisation with sheep: possible training event – 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 (once in place).</p> | SJ |
| 15 | AOCB | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Roseisle blocked Core Path access issue is being pursued via the Core Paths Review. The matter is likely to be resolved through a Local Inquiry process. The resident who is disputing the access has contacted MLOAF for comment. LL will respond to this request explaining that the MLOAF are not in a position to comment further on this matter which is likely to be resolved through a Local Inquiry. Moray Way Feasibility Study – report still to be finalised. ID to send completed report to members for information. Moray walking Festival 2018 – starts on 15th June. ID handed out brochures for members to distribute. | LL ID |

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| | <p>4. General Data Protection Regulation – ID informed members that the new legislation means that MLOAF members will be requested to confirm if their personal information can be retained by the Moray Council for MLOAF business. This will include information held on the website. ID will email members advising of this and suggesting they respond only if this presents a problem.</p> <p>5. Moray Speyside Tourism – ID informed the meeting that Shona Nisbet is looking for ‘old wives’ stories of the area. Members were invited to contact ID directly and he will pass on the information to Shona.</p> <p>6. Fire at Clashach – ED outlined an opportunity exists for additional paths to be created as the recent fire has burnt out the gorse. Concern that MCT access signs are still there. ED to check and let ID know</p> | <p>ID</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ED, ID</p> |
| 16 | Date of next meetings | |
| | The next meeting is on Sept 4 th , Elgin Town Hall Lounge,4.00-6.00pm | |