

MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
51st MEETING
Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 4:00p.m.
ELGIN TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Members Present: Cllr. Louise Laing (Chair), Clive Roberts, Malcolm Campbell, Jean Oliver, Janet Trythall, Simon Jacyna, Alastair Sutherland, Terry Ballard, Ed Dunbar,

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

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

Non attendees: Angus Dixon, Gilbert Bain, Laura Sutherland

Item	Welcome	Action
1	LL welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Caroline Adam who is an observer to the proceedings with the view of possibly taking on the role of the minute secretary.	
2	Apologies: Wilson Metcalfe, Shirley Reid, Charles Petrie	
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 Minutes agreed. Proposed Terry Ballard, seconded Clive Roberts	
5	Matters Arising See matters arising schedule.	
6	Membership – Update Currently there are 5 vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFU – ID to continue to pursue replacement for I Green through Lorna Paterson. • Forest Enterprise Scotland – ID to continue to pursue through Heather MacPherson for replacement • Disabled Rep – TB had been in contact with Willie Jack at Moray Resource Centre and agreed to follow this up with producing a poster and attending a meeting of the users at the centre to explain the role of MLOAF. • Land Manager Rep – All to seek rep via own networks • Community Rep – MC agreed to contact Tsi MORAY for assistance to find a community and disabled rep. <p>ID outlined that membership review required at next meeting as some members coming to end of 3 year tenure. Suggested that vacancies require a wider advertising campaign. To be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>TB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MC</p> <p>ALL</p>
7	Core Paths Plan Review 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/objections and on any Plan modifications and present these to the next MLOAF meeting. ID to arrange meeting. It was agreed that the sub group meeting should take place early October and that the resulting recommendations should be forwarded to the Moray Council on behalf of MLOAF.	<p>ED, WM, JO, CR, LL</p> <p>ID</p>
8	A96 Duelling The sub group met on 16 th July and reviewed the NMU access routes maps and presented a summary of their suggestions to the consultants. All at meeting received a copy. ED reported that since July that some of the	

	proposed road route options had been dropped and the public consultation had been re-opened to consider remaining routes.	
9	Communications	
	Induction Handbook – the draft was agreed. MG to forward a final copy to ID who will arrange printing of 50 copies for distribution to existing and any future new members. Core Path Leaflet – the draft was agreed. MG to forward a final copy to ID who will arrange a print of 500.	MG, ID MG, ID
10	Business Plan	
	All items to report were already been covered as individual items on the meeting agenda.	
11	Dorenell Access Management Strategy	
	A site visit hosted by EDF for Community Liaison Group has been arranged for 12 th September, 10:00am. CR, TB, JO, LL and ID confirmed they will be attending. JO and CR commented that there may be an issue of parking at the meeting point.	CR, TB, JO, LL, ID
12	Roths to Craigellachie Cycle Route	
	LL reported that the group had completed a funding application to Sustrans for a Feasibility Study and that local businesses were backing the proposal. Three route options will be considered in this study leading to a more detailed design at stage 2 on the selected option. This work will be carried out in full consultation and partnership with local landowners.	
13	Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Route	
	JT informed the meeting that working with Janet McDonald from the Moray Council has been very useful and her hard work has helped secure 100% funding from Sustrans for Consultants WYG to conduct a Phase 1 Feasibility Study on route options; however the preferred route is still parallel to the main route as this is a more direct travel route between Lossiemouth and Hopeman. Phase two would then be producing a fully costed design plan for the preferred route which hopefully will be funded 100% by Sustrans. Phase three will then be the construction stage. It is hoped Sustans will support this stage up to 50%. JT to provide a further update.	JT
14	Access Issues	
	<p>a) Locked gate on Fishwives path – SJ still 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"> 1. SNH Report: Scotland's Network of Paths and Trails – Key findings. All agreed this was a useful document to use when applying to funders. TB mentioned it was disappointing that LOAFs were not mentioned in the document and that only 50% of Core Paths across Scotland have signage. 2. Clashgour Windfarm extension – E mail received from Force Energy looking for consultation response from the Forum. ID and TB to meet and prepare response. 3. Request for Letter of support from The Roths Council re proposal to create an active travel link from Roths to Craigellachie - LL has actioned this on behalf of MLOAF. ID has also written a letter of support on behalf of TMC 	TB, ID

	<p>4. Scotways and Ramblers Scotland propose to hold a LAF training day in Spring 2019. ID to distribute further info when received.</p> <p>5. BHS October 31st, 2018 conference at Loch Lomond – all welcome to attend.</p> <p>6. Macalea RoW – JO said route still difficult due to cattle .ID to follow up previous letter to Crown Estate seeking fence to keep livestock off the RoW.</p>	<p>ID</p> <p>ID</p>
16	Date of next meetings	
	The next meeting is on November 27th, Elgin Town Hall Lounge,4.00-6.00pm	