

MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM
53rd MEETING
Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 4:00p.m.
ELGIN TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Members Present: Clive Roberts (Vice Chair), Malcolm Campbell, Janet Trythall, Alastair Sutherland, Terry Ballard, Ed Dunbar, Cllr Louise Laing (Convener), Laura Sutherland, Simon Jacyna, Karen Cox, Andy Greenhalgh, Donald Vass, Rachel Mackellar, Charles Petrie
Present: Ian Douglas (Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager), Siobhan Lean (NHS Grampian)
Vacancies: NFUS position
Non attendees: Angus Dixon, Gilbert Bain

Item	Welcome	Action
1	LL chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone particularly new and returning members.	
2	Apologies: Shirley Reid, Wilson Metcalfe, Tim Gordon-Roberts/Justin Livesey	
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 Alastair Sutherland. Seconded Terry Ballard	
5	Matters Arising See matters arising schedule.	
6	GDPR Draft Forum members privacy notice was acceptable subject to amendment to state that member's personal contact details will not be displayed on the website.	ID
7	Membership – Update Currently only 1 vacancy namely NFUS – LL to contact Martin Birse and Ian Wilson one last time to determine if either of them are prepared to be NFUS rep on the Forum. ID to send LL their contact details. If unsuccessful then Forum to review position and consider an alternative agency for the position Minute records that Sub Group recommendations to fill the end 2018 vacancies are contained in the matrix that was issued previously and agreed tacitly via E mail. LL confirmed she wished to stand down as convener and is seeking nominations from members. To be discussed at the next meeting.	LL/ ID
8	Core Paths Plan Review With regard to advice given by the Forum the Council agreed in February the Core Paths Plan it wishes to adopt inclusive of modifications resulting from public consultation. ID outlined the Council is currently preparing statements of case in response to 14 outstanding objections to the proposed LM01 amendment at Roseisle and 3 outstanding objections to new Core Path proposal CCP21 at Rafford. This work will take several months assisted by the Council legal team which once completed will be submitted to the Scottish Government along with the proposed plan inclusive of modifications. Any prresulting Local Inquiry to address the objections should take place within 6 months of submission.ID to expedite.	ID
9	Communications Induction Handbook – MG still to prepare the final version	MG

	Core Path Leaflet – MG still to prepare the final version. MG has obtained funding to pay for printing costs.	
10	Business Plan	
	All items to report covered as individual items on the meeting agenda. Plan neds updating with historic items removed and a new item added for Dorenell.	ID
11	Dorenell AMS	
	Darren from EDF confirmed in E mail that Ranger and Warden will work with the Liaison Group to roll out the Access Management Strategy. Both posts expected to be filled by July so expect to have next Liaison Group meeting shortly after that. ID confirmed attending a site meeting on 25 th April and all on site path works outlined in the AMS had been completed to satisfaction. ID confirmed first payment of £50K for Moray Core Paths has been received from EDF. All members agreed with the Draft Strategic Framework Document outlining how and on what the whole 25 years of windfall money will be spend. This will be submitted for approval to the Council Committee in August.	ID
12	Rothes to Craigellachie Cycle Route	
	LL stated that Feasibility Study into route options is complete and will be presented to the Local Community. Study outlines preferred option with technical assessment needed to determine viability of option under A941 road bridge. Group will now move forward to detailed design stage supported by Sustrans.	
13	Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Route	
	JT informed the meeting that the project will move forward in phases the first of which will be from the caravan site to Lossiemouth. The Golf Club still have issues to overcome. Project now moving towards detailed design stage for this first section.	
14	Clashgower Windfarm extension	
	ID submitted consultation response to the Planning Application in response to which the developers have prepared a draft Public Access Management Plan. LL confirmed that Council has recommended refusal but decision rests with the Scottish Government. All agreed Forum would not respond to the Draft Plan until the outcome of the Planning Application to avoid any unnecessary work.	
15	NAF/LAF meeting	
	New member Donald Vass attended the NAF/LAF meeting on 5 th April and kindly prepared a meeting note which has been issued to members. He concluded by commenting he found the day very useful.	
16	Access Issues	
	<p>a) Locked gate on Fishwives path – Carried forward: SJ has spoken with Justin Livesey (FES) who confirmed that the motorbike problem cannot be easily dealt with.SJ will have further meeting with farmer to try to persuade him to get the gate unlocked for a trial period or at least consider a lock with combination numbers to be given to specific persons.</p> <p>b) Dogs and Livestock – E mail from Louise Laing re walker frustrations at farming practices where there are livestock. There was conversely considerable discussion centred on the need to accept land managers sometimes need to have greater control over public access particularly involving dogs. LL to issue request to NAF to table an agenda item on reviewing the legislation and the SOAC to be more prescriptive for ‘close control’ to mean in certain</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>LL/ID</p>

	<p>circumstances dogs should be on the lead particularly in vicinity of livestock.</p> <p>c) Dog Familiarisation with sheep: possible training event – Carried forward: 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 only if and when Moray NFUS rep comes on to the Forum.</p>	
16	AOCB.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laura Sutherland confirmed new Moray Health Walks Co- coordinator now in post, Claire Buchanan. 2. ED concerned about windblown trees in Monaughty Forest blocking access routes. It was suggested that requests to address this be made directly by concerned individuals to FES. 3. TB raised issue of locked gate across access route near Aberlour. LL to approach Wester Elchies Estate to clarify position. 	LL
17	Date of next meetings	
	<p>The meetings for 2018 were agreed as follows: Tues 10th Sept Tues 26th Nov</p> <p>All to take place in the Lounge Room, Elgin Town Hall from 4.00 to 6.00pm.</p>	