

## Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

#### Minutes

14<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 4pm The Gallery, Elgin Library

**Present:** Ian Douglas, Moray Council Access Manager

**Members Present:**

R Knight, W Metcalfe, R Macpherson, J Oliver, F Murdoch, R Marks, D Barron, S Tyson, T Anderson, M Stelmach, D Stewart and R Bromby.

**Non Attendees:** I Green, G Bain

**Minute Secretary:** C Shanks

The meeting was Chaired by Roger Knight.

Item		Action
1.0	<b>Apologies</b> M Young, J Smith, A Watson (SNH), J Trythyall and A Glover.	
2.0	<b>Accuracy of Previous Minutes</b> <i>5.0 Forum Business Plan</i> - It was noted that the initials RM should read RK with reference to the sub-group which has been set up to deal with this.	CS
3.0	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no Matters Arising.	
4.0	<b>Membership</b> RK welcomed the following new Members to the Forum: Ann Glover – Elgin Community Councillor John Smith – Access User Representative Sarah Tyson – Chartered Surveyor/Land Agent, CKD Galbraith Rachel Bromby – Chartered Surveyor/Land Agent, Smiths Gore T Anderson – Disabled User Representative David Stewart – Land Manager, William Grant  RK also brought the following ‘considerations’ to the attention of the Forum: Highlands & Islands Executive – the Forum is no longer part of their remit and their representation within the public agencies peer group could be replaced by the NFU (Ian Green). This was agreed.	

	<p>R Boardman had resigned from the Forum</p> <p>M Young (Forest Enterprise)-will not be able to attend meetings but all agreed to Forest Enterprise being given a 'holding' membership within the Forum</p> <p>S Reid (Scottish Natural Heritage)-resigned with SNH position now being filled by A Watson who has indicated he would not be able to attend many meetings so this would in effect be a 'holding' position.</p> <p><u>Outstanding Vacancy</u></p> <p>RK told the Forum that he was keen for another paddler representative to replace RB and said that he had been given several contacts. RK then circulated an application form from Donald McPherson who lives in Inverness but regularly canoes the River Spey. The Forum agreed that he should be invited to join and ID would send DM a formal invitation.</p>	ID
5.0	<p><b>Business Plan</b></p> <p>ID circulated a copy of the Business Plan.</p> <p>3) Moray Development Plan – it was noted that there had not been much progress with this and comments had been sent on two occasions. Mark Cross (Moray Council Planner) would be attending the November meeting of the Forum to discuss how the Forum can get involved as the plan is progressed.</p> <p>4) Publicity and Promotion – RK updated the Forum that RM and GB had formed a sub-group. RK felt it was very important to have this sub-group. ID said that he would be willing to carry out any administration and it was agreed that TA would also join the sub-group. It was agreed that a letter to Community Councils would be produced for the next meeting to explain the work of the Forum and RM agreed to prepare a press release regarding new members. RK agreed to get in touch with local press regarding a photo opportunity at the August meeting of the Forum and to assist with drafting the letter to Community Councils.</p> <p>5) Reinforce Links with Community/User Groups – it was agreed that changes should be listed regularly. RM suggested a youth member. JO suggested contacting Gordonstoun, RB suggested scout groups and TA suggested Moray College.</p> <p>6) It was agreed that ID would invite Community Planning and Development Manager, John Fergusson, to attend a Forum meeting.</p> <p>12) Review of LOAF Constitution/Policies – it was agreed that the sub-group needs to be reformed.</p> <p>13) Review Outdoor Access Strategy – All agreed to the issues paper provided by ID. Draft of Strategy to be prepared for discussion.</p>	<p>RK/ID</p> <p>ID</p>

<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Core Paths Inquiry – Update</b></p> <p>ID explained that the Scottish Government Reporter had recommended that Moray’s Core Paths Plan be approved with only minor alterations. The Plan was going to the Moray Council Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 for adoption. This would then be advertised in the local press before the Plan was then able to be implemented to achieve policy objectives. RK and the Committee congratulated ID on his efforts.</p>	<p>ID</p>
<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p><b>Dorenell Wind Farm</b></p> <p>RK declared an interest in this Wind Farm proposal which, if implemented, would secure £50,000 per annum for 5 years for Core Paths. JO also declared an interest. ID suggested that setting up a Trust was one way to facilitate funding. RK said that there had been a Public Inquiry and JO said that the planning decision was soon to be made public by the Scottish Government. It was agreed that this matter would be subject to further discussion at future meetings pending the planning decision and funding for access.</p>	
<p><b>8.0</b></p>	<p><b>Review of Meeting Times</b></p> <p>It was noted by the Forum that DB would prefer future meetings to be held on Mondays or Tuesdays. It was agreed that after the August 2011 meeting, 4pm on a Tuesday would be the timing for future meetings.</p>	
<p><b>9.0</b></p>	<p><b>North Access Forums Joint Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011</b></p> <p>WM said that this had been excellent and a good opportunity to see where money had been spent. However, FM had been disappointed that the event had not been advertised at the previous Moray LOAF meeting.</p>	
<p><b>10.0</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Planning Applications Developer Contributions – ID said that he was now on the Moray FIRS group which was modelled on the group at Aberdeen Council. This was a group involving key Council officials formed to decide how and on what developer contribution money was spent. ID confirmed that there is a specific allocation to Core Paths Planning. The developer contributions could be used to match fund LEADER, etc.</p> <p>Public Meeting on a possible access trust for Moray – It was agreed that RK would draft an agenda for the Public Meeting and two representatives from Perth &amp; Kinross Countryside Trust would make a presentation.</p> <p>Forum Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 – RK questioned whether a meeting should go ahead. However he felt it was important that the Forum get together after Moray Council’s anticipated adoption of the Core Path Plan and after the Public Meeting involving Perth &amp; Kinross Countryside Trust. The Forum could then decide whether an access/countryside Trust or similar organisation should be formed in Moray. FM noted that there should also be a decision on Dorenell by then. It was</p>	<p>RK</p>

	<p>therefore agreed that this meeting would go ahead.</p> <p>Papers – It was noted by the Forum that there were sometimes too many papers for discussion at the meetings. It was agreed that 2 sets of papers be issued in the future ie 'core meeting documents' and 'documents for background info' which will not be needed for the actual meetings.</p>	
<b>12.0</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at Elgin Library Gallery.</p>	