

MORAY LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

31st MEETING

Tuesday 3rd September 2013

MINUTES

Present: Ian Douglas, Moray Council Outdoor Access Manager

Members Present: S Tyson (Chair), M Stelmach, C Roberts, J Smith, J Oliver, F Murdoch, I Cowe, R. R. MacPherson, Michelle Gilibrand, Rebecca Russell, D Stewart, Jamie Evans-Freke, G Bain, T Anderson

Non Attendees: I Green, D MacPherson, F Nicholson (NHS Grampian)

Item		Action
1	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from W Metcalfe, S Reid, J Trythall	
2	Accuracy of previous minutes	
	Agreed subject to ITEM II change as follows: F Murdoch to meet Elgin BID team to discuss how to integrate with their proposals for the area (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme).	
3	Matters Arising	
	.Item 4: Cabrach Paths Network; J Oliver and, I Douglas met with Infinergy re Feasibility/Design/Cost for the paths network to take place in Summer 2014. Wind Farm start target 2015, Completion by 2018 with paths network to be in place by then. Intention is still to allocate £50k annually to Core Paths development/management across Moray. Item 4:10 Members to submit names of substitutes when required. ST to report on NFU replacement.	ST
4.	Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme	
	Prior to the meeting Forum members attended a visit to this scheme, hosted by engineer Ian McIntyre from the contractor Morrison's, to examine the possibility of developing a cycle way along the length of the project area. Two pinch points were identified: i) Scottish Water site which extends to and requires access to the drainage ditch and ii) At the east end of the scheme where the haul road finishes there is currently no bridge planned to cross the diverted Tyock and Linkwood Burns where they join the River Lossie. A sub group was formed to comprising FM, IC, ID, MG and RR to work out how to resolve the issues needing to be addressed to advance this project and report back to the next forum meeting.	Elgin Cycle Route Sub-Group
5	Business Plan	
	Item 1 – Agenda item Item 2 - As is Item 3 - As is Item 4 - Agenda item Item 5 - As is	

	<p>Item 6 – Ian Douglas pursuing John Ferguson substitute to attend November meeting.</p> <p>Item 7 – As is</p> <p>Item 8 – As is</p> <p>Item 9 – As is</p> <p>Item 10 – As is</p> <p>Item 11 – As is</p> <p>Item 12 –Remove; Targets achieved.</p> <p>Item 13 – As is</p>	ID
6	Emerging Moray Local Development Plan	
	LOAF and Access Manager's recommendations for the Main Issues Report have been accepted by the Moray Planners. The Development Plan will go to the public for consultation within a few months and the Forum will respond at the appropriate time.	
7	Draft Communications Plan	
	<p>The Draft Communications Plan was accepted as policy subject to the following action amendments:</p> <p>Website Development: Review Moray LOAF section on The Moray Council website and consider Facebook as a medium for the Forum.</p> <p>Press: organise visit to Flood Alleviation Scheme and comment on cycle track ; Photo of ST</p> <p>Liaison/Contact with other LOAF's Aberdeen City & Shire.</p> <p>Biennial Event 2014: Aberlour Speyside Way Visitor Centre offers a potential venue. Discuss at form of meeting at November meeting of the Forum.</p> <p>Delete targeted communications as a measure</p> <p>Designate a member to interface with Community Groups and Planning</p>	<p>MG</p> <p>ST</p> <p>IC</p> <p>All</p> <p>IMD</p> <p>MG</p>
8	Core Paths Plan review	
	<p>Discussion took place on how sub group would take the review forward with the Council.</p> <p>Group comprises JO, RR, J Try, CR and to meet with ID to devise new candidate Core Paths to take forward through public consultation.</p>	CPP Review Sub-Group
9	LR(S) Act Modification Consultation – Temporary Closure of Core paths	
	Accepted as a pragmatic and sensible solution. No comments to be submitted.	
10	Access Issues – Gedloch Farm track blockage. Sub Group recommendations on S14 enforcement.	
	<p>Sub Group reported that current fences seem to be in the wrong position and there is evidence that the blocked route is being partly used despite closure.</p> <p>The path does not impinge upon the dwelling and this is a deliberate and unnecessary obstruction of access rights. Negotiations have failed therefore S14 enforcement recommended.</p> <p>ID explained that the Planning Authority are currently considering planning enforcement to resolve the fence and gate issues.</p>	

	A letter to be sent to The Moray Council by the Forum to enforce the fence/gate obstructions as part of planning enforcement process and if unsuccessful that a Section 14 enforcement should raised under LR(S)A 2003.	IC/ST ID
11	A.O.C.B.	
	Forum member requested to attend the NAF/LAF meeting with I D; the meeting to be held at the Lighthouse, Glasgow on 5 th November. Expenses payable. Topics requested. JO offered to attend	
12	Meetings for 2013 all 4.00pm to 6.00pm	
	Tuesday 26 th November Elgin Library Gallery at 4.00pm	