

**Minutes of the meeting of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Local Access Forum  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm at NPA HQ, Balloch.  
LAF 03/2018**

**Present**

Yvonne Boles ( C )  
Grant Dolier  
Paul Prescott

Chris Smith  
Bob Sparkes

Falcon Frost  
Will Huckerby

**In attendance**

Dave Robinson

Babs Robertson

Guy Keating

**Apologies**

Don Milton  
Alasdair Eckersall

Sue Riches

Lisa Roberts

**Welcome and apologies**

YB welcomed all and declared apologies. YB is Acting Chair in the absence of DM.

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in June were approved.

**Matters arising**

GK advised that the padlock on the lower gate at Glen Croe, raised by CS previously, has now been removed.

Dave Robinson introduced himself as the latest addition to the NPA Access Team. Dave is the Access Officer for East Loch Lomond and Trossachs and will be picking up from Kenny with regards to case files.

Previous concerns with regards to an operator wanting to introduce mountain biking to Ben Lomond were discussed. The operator has been discouraged from his plans to create tracks specifically for mountain biking. WH questioned whether this request should be shared with NPA Estates team in case they were approached but GK confirmed any request would include consulting all relevant departments.

**Access Team Update**

In reference to update paper, the following points were raised:

- Derrydarroch –the estate are continuing to monitor the situation and Falcon will continue to update the Forum on any changes.
- Auchendennan was resolved today.

- Situation at Lochgoilhead is due to hazardous trees. The landowner accepts that tree works are required and path will need to be reopened. Available funding appears to be slowing down the process.
- Luss beach and the general feeling is that outwith reasonable 'private use' such as weddings, the gate should be unlocked. A future site visit will be organised with the forum.
- Kinlochard case is being hindered due to problems identifying owner. WH advised DR of a contact at FCS who may be able to advise.
- Issues at community field due to erosion of lochshore and impact from fencing. A future site visit will be organised with the forum.
- Drumlean –still awaiting response from estate with regards to recommendations.

### **Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) delivery**

Drymen to Balmaha cycle path –some work is being undertaken at Milton of Buchanan. Previous work didn't meet specification and current focus is on any potential for additional improvements.

Comments from the Core Paths Plan (CPP) questionnaire raised future ORP potential, such as improvements at Croftamie.

West Loch Lomond Cycle Path (WLLCP) has multiple agreements with various partners. Need to find a mechanism to pull all together and resolve issues along the route.

Rob Roy Way (RRW) has seen an upgrade to part of the route that was becoming boggy and unusable at Invertrossachs.

RSPB to Gartocharn –Sustrans preference is for the route extended to include Balloch to Drymen.

Cowal Way have rebranded as Loch Lomond and Cowal Way.

Callander to Doune –Landowner is very supportive of this route which would follow the disused railway. Sustrans will carry out a feasibility study.

### **Core Paths Plan consultation review**

A Comms plan will see the review being publicised on NPA website, social media and with a follow up email to all stakeholders. Paper copies will be made available in Balloch, Callander and Arrochar and drop in sessions will be organised. The consultation is expected to run from November to January.

### **Outdoor Recreation Plan consultation**

The NPA will continue with plans to hold pre-consultation sessions with relevant stakeholders and organisations to feed into what the new ORP will cover and deliver. Focussed workshops looking at the proposed themes will be scheduled in over the next few months.

### **DONM**

Members requested that the December meeting should be cancelled. It was agreed that setting the next meeting for February would allow the forum to offer advice to the Access Team on any issues that arise from the CPP consultation. This led to an agreement that staggering future meetings would remove the dates that would normally fall mid-summer and Christmas.

BR to issue Doodle Poll for February meeting and future meetings will now be planned for May, August and November.