Draft Minutes of Meeting Held at 18:30pm on 30 November 2022 online

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs Access Forum

30/11/2022

Present
Don Milton (DM) Chair
Chris Smith (CS)
Falcon Frost (FF)
Sue Riches (SR)
Zain Sehgal

In Attendance – National Park Authority staff
Sue Hilder (SH)
Guy Keating (GK)
Dave Robinson (DS)
Ayeasha Temple (AT) Minute taker
Observing
Nick Kempe
Apologies
Grant Dolier, Anna McLean

Items and Actions
Agenda Item 1: Welcome and apologies DM welcomed all and thanked them for their attendance.
Agenda Item 2: Introductions Round table introductions with a brief description of each person's background.
Agenda Item 3: Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
Agenda Item 4: Update on Convenor/Vice Convenor appointment No Forum members had expressed an interest in becoming Convenor and Don agreed to stay on until a replacement could be found. Chris Smith had agreed to become Vice Convenor and was duly appointed.
Agenda Item 5: Update on plans for LLTAF recruitment, incl. Board member replacement Zain Sehgal had agreed to be the NPA Board representative on the Forum. Zain is one of the founders of the celebrated 'Boots and Beards' walking group, based in Glasgow, and has arranged many group visits to routes in the National Park. Zain attended the first part of the meeting. Forestry & Land Scotland had yet to replace Sue Morris. Sue H will continue to press them for a replacement. She will also follow up with NFUS for a replacement for Lisa.

Agenda Item 6: Terms of Reference, etc, update/discussion

- SH introduced the revised T of R for the Access Forum.
- DM highlighted several sections where the draft text requires minor adjustments to ensure consistent terminology is used throughout both papers.
  Including,
    a) the independent role of the forum is given more prominence
    b) members are appointed in their own right
    c) the Forum supports the use of hybrid-meetings to promote inclusion
    d) Rationalise the terms 'must' and 'should'

- The Forum discussed timescales for Members and Office Bearers. The Forum agreed 3 years was a useful time period for re/election to ensure a good level of continuity.
- The Forum discussed the issue of a meeting being quorate, concluding that it is more useful to use the description '50% of members' rather than a prescriptive number.

Agenda Item 7: Access team update + Q&A

In relation to the update paper, the following highlights were discussed:

GK gave an update on Strone - Rights of Way, he advised that the access team are supporting a community-led initiative to investigate whether there is evidence to support Right of Way status for two well-used links in the village.

SH asked for the forum's support on action taken at Port Nellan Estate with a s.14 non-compliant signage, she advised a report will be submitted to the Access and Planning Committee, all forum members present agreed to support the action taken.

DR asked for an amendment to the update paper, he advised that wording should read the owner of Loch Lomond Waterfront not Lomond Bank as stated in the paper. Paper to be updated on the website.

DR gave an update on the Conic Hill project, he advised as the path is heavily used by the public, the decision has been taken to close the path for 9 to 10 weeks from mid-January to March 2023 while the narrowest section is upgraded. This is part of a very complex project that will take place over two years.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

DM gave members an update on an upcoming NAF-LAF event; he asked members for content/topic ideas for the agenda.

CS also gave members an update on the Loch Lomond Bylaws as there is an upcoming review.

Members discussed the access and navigation rights for motorise vehicles.

Agenda Item 9: Date of Next Meeting

Members discussed suitable dates for the next LAF/site meeting.

Next meeting to be confirmed by doodle poll after new members have been recruited.

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Dom Milton, Chair