

**Minutes of the
South Ayrshire Local Access Forum
Wednesday 27th August 08
Council Chambers, Troon**

Present:

Chris Savage
Douglas Graham
Robin Wilson
Colin Mair
John D Hamilton
Euan Terras
Drew Moyes
Keith Muir

Apologies:

Ann Galbraith
Andy Campbell
Jenny Fergusson
Lynn Sproat
Ian Douglas

Attending:

David Gray, Outdoor Access Officer
Neil Feggans, Conservation and Access Group Leader
Janice Gray, Paths for all Partnership
Geoff Atkins, Scottish Natural Heritage

No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Site Visit</p> <p>As a departure from the usual format, the first part of the meeting involved a site visit to the Smugglers Trail at Collennan and Fullarton Woods. The Smugglers Trail is a community project led by representatives from Loans, Troon and Dundonald Community Councils. As a result of a number of concerns raised by members of the public relating to horse access on the section of path adjacent to the reservoir, the forum discussed on site what measures, if any, could be implemented to allow shared use of the path without conflict or problems.</p> <p>It was suggested at the visit that consideration may be given to the erection of signage informing the public to be aware of other types of access takers and that care should be taken. There was also discussion about the possibility of creating a number of passing places which would allow horse riders to step aside until the route is clear.</p> <p>The visit then moved to a new section of path along the edge of a field near Fullarton Woods where issues relating to access negotiations were discussed.</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The formal part of the meeting continued in the Council Chambers with CS welcoming everyone. Apologies were intimated as above.</p>	
3.	<p>Minute of the Previous Meeting held on 28th May 08</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of SALAF of 28th May 08 were duly adopted.</p>	

<p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>9.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horse riding sub-group has been set up• The National Access Forum/Local Access Forum annual joint meeting is scheduled to take place in the County Buildings on the 17th September 08. <p>Burnside Dispute Update</p> <p>NF gave an update on the current position with the Burnside dispute at Mossblown. Some members questioned why the Forum had not been consulted on the matter. NF explained that the dispute originally occurred long before the Forum was set up.</p> <p>A general discussion ensued about what the Forum should or should not be consulted upon.</p> <p>National Access Forum/Local Access Forum annual joint meeting</p> <p>DG informed the Forum that following a suggestion by GA, the NAF/LAF annual joint conference is to be hosted by South Ayrshire Council and is scheduled to take place in the County Hall, County Buildings on Wednesday 17th September 08. He asked to be informed of those who wish to attend.</p> <p>Forum Membership</p> <p>DG explained that membership applications were expected from prospective candidates who will hopefully fill the vacancies left by recent resignations. It is hoped to have future members representing SRPBA, canoeing, horse riding and golf.</p> <p>AOCB</p> <p>KM informed the Forum of problems of canoeists wanting to transport canoes by vehicle to remote lochs in the Galloway Forest Park.</p> <p>JG informed the Forum that East Ayrshire Core Paths Plan was available to view on the East Ayrshire Council web site.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in Ayr on Wednesday 26th November 08.</p>	
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