Minutes of the
South Ayrshire Local Access Forum

Wednesday 29th November 2006
7 – 9 pm
Maybole Town Hall

Present:  Apologies:
Chris Savage  John Dalrymple Hamilton
Keith Muir  Euan Terras
Douglas Graham  Jenny Fergusson
Colin Mair
Helen Moonie  Attending:
Jimmy Forrest  David Gray, Outdoor Access Officer
Robin Wilson  Jeff Atkins, Scottish Natural Heritage
Drew Moyes
Lynn Sproat

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<td>Welcome and apologies</td>
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<td>Chris savage welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were intimated as detailed above.</td>
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<td>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 20th September 2006</td>
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<td>Minutes of Meeting of the South Ayrshire Local Access Forum of 20th September 2006 were approved subject to the following amendment.</td>
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<td>“ SALAF to contact the National Access Forum to determine what formal communications with the police at a national level concerning the LRA and the SOAC.</td>
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<td>JF proposed the CM seconded the minutes.</td>
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<td>Matters Arising</td>
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<td>PC Jim McMillan has been thanked in writing for his attendance at September’s Forum meeting and a sub-group was set up to determine Core Paths Criteria.</td>
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<td>CS asked if a letter could be sent to all Community Councils advising them of the Forum’s existence and its work.</td>
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<td>LS as the new NHS Ayrshire and Arran representative on the Forum gave a brief resume of her work responsibilities. She represents the</td>
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Health Board’s interests in terms of both transport and access to health care facilities and the public health benefits of outdoor access.

5. **Core Paths Planning Criteria**

DG explained the process behind the drawing up of the draft core paths plan criteria. A working group was set up which consisted of four Forum members, namely DM, JDH, JF and Douglas G. After much discussion a list of over 30 possible criteria was distilled down to 9.

6. **Core Paths Planning Exercise**

In order to determine whether the draft criteria are adequate, DG distributed a case study. Forum members worked through the exercise and agreed that 9 out of the 10 criteria are satisfactory with the following minor alterations:

- **Providing Links to Amenities**
  
  **Change to read** “links to services and educational facilities”.

- **Avoids Adverse Impact**
  
  **Change to** “has no impact on the environment and land use”.

- **Tourism / Visitor Potential**
  
  **Change to** “Tourism / Recreation Potential”

- **Circular Routes**
  
  Remove criterion.

- **Community Demand**
  
  **Change to** “Desirability of Route”.

Changes to be made and sent to all Forum members.

7. **Projects Update**

DG gave a short report on the current position with a number of projects including: - Carrick Way, Ayrshire Coastal Path and Smugglers Trail.

8. **AOCB**

A number of issues were raised by JF in connection with access for horses. It was agreed that horses should be on the next agenda.
9. **Date of next meeting and future dates.**

It was agreed to set the dates for 2007 in advance. The dates and venues are: -

- 21st February, Council Chambers, South Beach, Troon.
- 9th May, Committee Room, The Town Hall, Ayr.
- 29th August, Maybole Town Hall.
- 21st November, Council Chambers, South Beach, Troon.