**South Ayrshire Local Access Forum**

**Minute of Meeting**

**on Wednesday 16th February 2022.**

**Present: Apologies:**

Angus Craig Robin Wilson

Colin Clark

Clive Stacey

Cllr Ian Davis

Dougie Graham

Euan Terras

Mike Hazlewood

Colin Mair

Iain Gairns

Cllr Craig Mackay

Jenny Fergusson

Janice Kirkpatrick

**Attending:** Rachel Shipley, Outdoor Access Officer

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| **No** | **Item** | **Action** |
| 1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. | **Welcome and Apologies**  Colin Mair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance.  Apologies were intimated as above*.*  **Minute of meeting on 24.11.21**  Minute was proposed by Mike Hazlewood and seconded by Euan Terras. Minute was adopted.  **Matters Arising**  Active Travel bridge at NE Troon  RS confirmed that new active travel bridge will be maintained by ARA. Other bridges within the site will be maintained by a factor.  Path Condition Surveys  Draft report for path condition surveys has been received from consultant. RS will circulate report to Forum members.  Church Walk.  Repairs completed, and contractor paid (jointly covered by SAC & Straiton Community Group grant)  Burnside Path  Retrieved Health & Safety audit report from Archives. Several recommendations made in report. Decision, as informed by H & S audit, was to close path to horse riders at present.  Warning signs on SAC golf courses  RS contacted Golf section regarding this. Was informed that they are currently looking at design of new signage for public information.  Blue Bonnet Trail  The new information boards were damaged/ vandalised. Tourism officer is arranging repairs with supplier.  Proposed Alloway – Dunure active travel route  Due to delays and other issues funder has withdrawn. CC – costs have risen very much.  **River Ayr Way signage – renewing waymarkers**  Joint order with East Ayrshire Leisure for Plaswood (recycled plastic) waymarkers, to replace along entire River Ayr Way route. Once SAC half of waymarkers received will arrange for contractor to install them at required locations.  **Active Travel Path between Troon railway station and Marr College**  CC - an issue has arisen with cars being parked or driven along the active travel route near to Marr College. And cars being parked on Marr playing fields. The bollards at the end of the route need to be replaced/ locked after every use. Golf greenkeepers have sometimes left bollards unlocked.  MH - said he will speak the head greenkeeper, to ensure staff remember to lock bollards after use.  Cars/ vans have also been parking on the Harling Drive section of the active travel route.  Council vehicles have used the cycle path on the other side of Marr College, as well.  **Paths Maintenance Update**  Lady Hunter Blair Trail  The Lady Hunter Blair trail is still closed to the public, for safety reasons. Landowner is only on site occasionally as doesn’t live locally, He wants to carry out the work on the woodland himself, not use a commercial contractor. This means the required forestry work is taking very much longer that it otherwise would. Spoke to him recently, and hoping that part of the route can be reopened this summer.  Smugglers Trail information boards    The interpretation boards recently installed have been damaged/ vandalised. The manager at Hillhouse has arranged for the supplier to remove the boards, repair and then reinstall them.  DG – asked about the quarry link road and Smugglers Trail diversion. RS advised that the process to temporarily divert the path has been started, but no work on the ground has started as yet.  **Outstanding/Completed Local Access Cases/Access Enquiries**  Discussed various cases on the datasheet.  Cllr D – Taylor Street, near the Ports authority. Lane is not owned or adopted by SAC. There used to be more connecting lanes/ links in the area, but the port has expanded in this area over the years.  ET – said that land held for a statutory purpose cannot acquire a right of way over that land.  **AOCB**  Cllr Mac – requested Trails leaflets be supplied to Girvan tourist point.  RS – will arrange reprint of leaflets, as stocks very low.  CM – suggested we aim for a face-to-face meeting this year.  MH – said maybe stay with online meeting in May and possibly plan for a face-to-face meeting in August.  DG – suggested the Council Chambers as a venue.  **Next Meetings**  18th May 2022  17th August 2022  16th November 2022  **Finish** | *RS*  *MH*  *RS* |

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