**South Ayrshire Local Access Forum**

**Minute of Meeting**

**on Wednesday 17th August 2022.**

**Lifelong Learning Suite, Alloway Primary School**

**Present: Apologies:**

Angus Craig Robin Wilson

Colin Clark Clive Stacey

Cllr Ian Davis Euan Terras

Dougie Graham Iain Gairns

Mike Hazlewood Jenny Fergusson

Colin Mair Cllr Alec Clark

Cllr Craig Mackay

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. As this was the first face-to-face meeting attended by Angus, we had a quick round the table introduction from everyone.  Apologies were intimated as above*.*  **Minute of meeting on 24.11.21**  Minute was proposed by Colin Clark and seconded by Cllr McKay. Minute was adopted.  **Matters Arising**  Path Condition Surveys  Most generally agreed it could be useful.  CC said it was good to inform for future funding applications; should make sure that report is used and doesn’t just sit on a shelf.  JK said it focused mostly on walking and cycling, there should have been more focus on multi-use of routes.  River Ayr Way waymarkers  CM asked if waymarkers had been installed. RS reported that not yet – it will be a fairly major job to installed replacement waymarkers along South Ayrshire’s 22mile section of the Way. Additional finances must first be secured to do this.  Lady Hunter Blair Trail  The path is still closed to the public, and no response from landowner. JK suggested that Straiton CC write to landowner also, to add extra weight to pressure to complete forestry work and open route again.  **Burnside Path, Annbank**  Discussed situation with use of Burnside path by horse riders. While Forum members agreed that it’s unfortunate to reduce the type of use on a route, they also generally thought that the path is too narrow for equestrian use. They also thought that some signage should be aimed at cyclists, as some cycle very fast along path and may present a hazard to pedestrians.  **Prestwick Golf Course - sec 11 access exemption order for their 150th Open celebrations.**  Forum members agree that section 11 order is applicable in this situation, but questioned the time period for which it is requested. RS to ask Club for itinerary of events, so see if length of time of access restrictions can be reduced. If more than 5 days then Order must be confirmed by Scottish Ministers, rather than just by the Council. This usually means the process of making the Order takes a bit longer.  **Paths Maintenance Update**  Girvan Trails  Looking at sourcing grant funding for new waymarkers on various of the Girvan trails. Several of the trails require renewed signage; there have been several complaints that walkers are loosing their way along the trails.  Community Payback team    The Communiity Payback team co-ordinator contacted RS, to ask for jobs which could be added to their programme of works. RS supplied him with list (and maps) of various of the promoted trails around the villages, for the team to strim vegetation (co-ordinator looking for basic tasks for team).  **Outstanding/Completed Local Access Cases/Access Enquiries**  Discussed various cases on the datasheet.  **AOCB**  Cllr McKay said he had been contacted by horse rider, regarding places to park box/ trailer when taking horse to ride on the beach at Barassie. Most of the car parks by the beach have height restriction barriers on them, due to previous issues with travellers using these areas. Suggested that rider use quiet side streets to park, or drive to other end of beach at Irvine, where there is generous parking.  CM informed the other members that he would be stepping down from the position of Chair next year.  The Forum is due to have a Triennial Meeting at beginning of next year, at which time other members can apply for position of Chair.  Forum members generally agreed that Alloway Primary School provided a good venue for Forum meetings. Therefore, RS will book this room again for future meetings.  **Next Meetings**  16th November 2022  **Finish** | *RS*  *RS* |

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