**South Ayrshire Local Access Forum**

**Minute of Meetings**

**on Wednesday 15th November 2023.**

**Alloway Primary School**

**Present: Apologies:**

Cllr Ian Davis Neil Feggans

Dougie Graham Colin Mair

Jenny Fergusson Janice Kirkpatrick

Euan Terras Helen Bolland

Clive Stacey

Angus Craig Cllr Craig Mackay

Mike Hazlewood Cllr Alec Clark

Colin Clark

Robin Wilson

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

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| **No** | **Item** | **Action** |
| 1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  6.  7.  8.  9. | **General Meeting**  **Welcome and Apologies**  CC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.  Apologies were intimated as above*.*  **Minute of General Meeting on 16.08.23**  Minute was agreed as correct.  Minute was proposed by Clive Stacey and seconded by Dougie Graham. Minute was adopted.  **Matters Arising**  Collenan core path (SA7) – CC, DG and RS made a site visit to look at the route currently available, and where the original route will need to change. Diversion is available for the public to use (along Commonwealth Drive) but is not as direct as original alignment of the route. Once all house construction is complete (has ben done in various phases) a more equivalent route will be useable when the end of the path near the Loans Road will be opened. RS to keep in touch with Planning Officer, for any update on development.  Blue Bonnet Trail – an alternative route through a section of Belleisle has been proposed, to avoid a path with rough surface and steps, to make the route overall more accessible. RS discussed this alternative route with Neighbourhood Services co-ordinator, who thought it should work well. Will also talk to Tourism officers, to see if this can be sign posted as an alternative route ‘to avoid steps’.  Forum membership – HB who contacted RS, interested in joining SALAF, was invited to this meeting, but unfortunately could not attend this time. She has kept in touch via email and will hopefully be at the next meeting.  Mainholm Bridge cycle path – CS sent report and photos to RS, who forwarded these onto Amey officer. Amey advised that they were aware of the defects and would arrange to get work done to improve the surface (but did warn it may take some time before this happens).  **The 152nd Open – proposed sec 11 access exemption orders**  Members considered the information provided for these Orders, along with the maps to indicate the areas covered and any diversion available during the period of the Orders. Members asked for some additional information and clarification on a few points but did not formally object to the proposed orders.  A Forum response was agreed, to be submitted as part of the consultation process.  MH also suggested a site visit to see the area to be used for the event if members were interested.  **Paths Maintenance Update**  Barony Trail footbridge, Dailly – contract has been awarded to a contractor, for repairs to the wooden bridge, as several tread boards are broken or rotted, also it requires the replacement of one section of handrails.  The River Ayr Way waymarkers – contractor has advised they can carry out the work to replace the waymarker signage along the 22 mile section in South Ayrshire. However, they cannot yet advise of a start date for the work. RS will keep in touch with contractor, to get the job carried out as soon as possible.  **Outstanding/Completed Local Access Cases/Access Enquiries**  Discussed various cases on the datasheet.  ET mentioned case of Lorne Arcade, where developer has questioned the recorded right of way. He says ScotWays may have evidence of use, to support it. RS to contact Scotways, if this info is required.  **AOCB**  ET reported that he and NF had attended the online NAF/ LAF meeting. There were about 80 attendees at the meeting. One of the topics was ‘how LAF’s are getting on’. It appears that SALAF is one of the good ones, as compared to others, and works well. Also noted that not many other LAF’s have councillors as members. Forum agreed that having councillors as members was a good benefit.  MH asked about the NAF membership, and if golf was represented. This wasn’t known by group.  Group discussed whether it would be beneficial to have more online NAF/ LAF joint meeting each year – possibly 2 or 3. This could possibly be suggested to the NAF secretary.  **Next Meetings** – proposed dates  21st February 2024  22nd May 2024  21st August 2024  20th November 2024  **Finish** | *RS*  *RS* |

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