**South Ayrshire Local Access Forum**

**Minute of Meetings**

**on Wednesday 22nd May 2024.**

**Alloway Primary School**

**Present: Apologies:**

Cllr Ian Davis Angus Craig

Dougie Graham Mike Hazlewood

Jenny Fergusson Janice Kirkpatrick

Euan Terras Helen Bolland

Clive Stacey Robin Wilson

Neil Feggans David Manson

Colin Mair

Colin Clark

Cllr Craig Mackay

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

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| **No** | **Item** | **Action** |
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There are still 2 Orders currently to be considered by Scottish Ministers – these are for the 2 sites proposed as camping sites for use by spectators to the event.  Overall there has been some lack of communication between SAC and the R & A. Latest point is regarding possible temporary bridge over the railway near Wracks Bridge. RS to find out what is happening with this.  Communities Fun Day 2024  Single day order was created for this event. Simpler process, as the Order can be created under delegated powers and does not require a consultation period. SALAF was still advised of the proposed Order, and after it’s creation a notice was placed in local papers to advise the public of the Order. The event went well and no issues with the Order.  Air Show  There has been no request for an access exemption order for this event, as yet.  **Active Travel**  Unfortunately, David Manson from ARA was unable to attend this meeting, so will be invited to the next one to give an update on various projects.  NF asked about Dundonald-Barassie route.  CC reported that it is progressing, contractors have started work, for a fully segregated walking and cycling route. This project was launched at the Dundonald Highland Games.  Cllr Mc advised that additional funding should come through soon for this. There is a question over ownership, with one landowner not being especially co-operative. But there is a contingency route if this remains a problem. Route will eventually lead all the way to Kilmarnock.  **South Ayrshire Access Panel**  Unfortunately, Helen Bolland was unable to attend this meeting, so this item will be carried forward.  **Lorne Arcade**  NF/ ET – owner appears to be confusing the LRA access rights with rights of way. A route has been marked on maps since 1937, NF has used route himself for well over the 20 year period.  The planning application was refused, and there were lots of objections to it. Panel agreed to dismiss the application.  However, the owner/ agent will probably appeal against this decision.  ET – raised point that fire escape routes for the businesses are to Arthur Street, so shutters at that end would obstruct fore escape routes.  Cllr Mac – there is also car parking at the rear, so how would people access their cars if shutters were closed.  **Paths Maintenance Update**  Barony Trail footbridge, Dailly – repairs now completed.  The River Ayr Way waymarkers – contractor has completed installation of waymarker posts along South Ayrshire’s 22 mile stretch of RAW. Posts have RAW log on them, but not yet have had direction arrows attached.  South Ayrshire Paths Initiative has volunteered to undertake this work, if supplied with the materials. RS to discuss/ arrange with SAPI.  Blue Bonnet Trail – currently signed route into Rozelle Park from Burness Avenue is not ideal, as surface of path into Park quite rough/ uneven, and line of sight when stepping out onto road (no footway on this side) could make access less safe. RS discussed with Grounds Maintenance and Tourism possibly moving the sign to a more formal access point further along Park boundary, at Arnprior Place.  **Outstanding/Completed Local Access Cases/Access Enquiries**  Discussed various cases on the datasheet.  Lady Hunter Blair Trail, Straiton – discussed possibility of removing Trail from promotional leaflets if landowner is not progressing with forestry works and Trail remains closed. Straiton leaflets due for a reprint soon, so can consider this option at that time.  **AOCB**  DG – asked if Ayrshire Coastal Path at Powburn would remain accessible for public during the 152nd Open. RS confirmed that had spoken to R & A, and they agreed that route will stay open at southern end of golf course, to allow walkers to access bridge to cross Powburn on the ACP route.  CC – Smugglers Trail missing fingerpost sign at Fullarton Woods. RS has ordered new sign (Plaswood one), still to be installed.  NF- raised question of signing core paths. Could possibly look to ARA or Tourism for help with funding for this. RS – would also need to make sure all routes are to acceptable standard, if going to promote them more actively.  **Next Meetings** – proposed dates  21st August 2024 – possible site visit to Tunnel art project on Alloway-Burton cycle path  20th November 2024  **Finish** | *RS*  *RS*  *RS* |

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