**South Ayrshire Local Access Forum**

**Minute of Meetings**

**on Wednesday 28th August 2024.**

**Alloway Primary School**

**Present: Apologies:**

Cllr Ian Davis Cllr Craig Mackay

Dougie Graham Mike Hazlewood

Angus Craig Janice Kirkpatrick

Colin Clark Helen Bolland

Clive Stacey Robin Wilson

Neil Feggans David Manson

Colin Mair Jenny Fergusson

 Euan Terras

**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 Meeting on 22.05.24**Minute was agreed as correct.Minute was proposed by Dougie Graham and seconded by Clive Stacey. Minute was adopted.**Matters Arising**Lorne Arcade – application to install shutters had been refused. Developer appealed that decision but his appeal was then refused on the basis of connectivity/ active travel impact.Sec 11 Access Exemption Orders – Planning service currently discussing guidance, to help organisers applying for such Orders, and also to help Council officers in decision making for Orders. Includes points on the timescale for creating an Order, what information is required, whether an Order is actually required or what other methods could be used instead for a particular event, etc.**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.**Paths Maintenance Update**Dailly Trails – former Dailly CC member contacted SAC with proposal/ suggestions to help raise standard and consistency of path network maintenance. Former Dailly CC Member’s letter was read out and discussed. It was agreed that SALAF Chair and RS should arrange to meet with former Dailly CC member and further discuss the suggestions in the letter, which included Community Councils better accessing windfarm monies to use on path networks.Possibly also involve Thriving Communities/ Community Engagement Team and Tourism in the discussion, to see if they could take on some responsibility for local paths.Local path/ signage projects – this item to be carried forward to next meeting, when hopefully David Manson can attend and give update.River Ayr Way - South Ayrshire Paths Initiative has been attaching WM arrows to the posts (new ones installed by contractor) along route and replacing old arrows on fence posts etc. where necessary. Job mostly completed.Smugglers Trail signs – a new Plaswood (recycled plastic) fingerpost sign was installed at Fullarton Woods. Old sign had been missing since end of last year, causing some confusion for walkers at this path corner. Old sign was not too badly damaged and so was re-used at the next path junction in Fullarton Wood. Unfortunately, the contractor installed this sign pointing the wrong way, which has caused even more confusion! However, contractor has agreed to return and rectify this.Lady Hunter Blair Trail – trail has been closed 4 years, as forestry works not yet completed and path not safe to use because of this. RS has tried to keep in contact with owner, to encourage re-opening of route. But was recently informed that, tragically, owner has died. RS has been in contact with friend of owner, who said he intends to visit site to consider what can be done with woodland. RS offered to meet with him to discuss.**Outstanding/Completed Local Access Cases/Access Enquiries** Discussed various cases on the datasheet.**AOCB** CS asked for update on cycle link from Troon/ Loans to Dundonald. CC advised that ARA waiting on funding from Transport Scotland to complete project (supposed to be this financial year). Route will eventually go all the way to Dreghorn and Kilmarnock.**Next Meetings** – proposed dates20th November 2024**Finish** | *RS**CC/ RS* |

RS 26.09.24