**South Ayrshire Local Access Forum**

**Minute of Meeting**

**on Wednesday 24th November 2021.**

**Present: Apologies:**

Angus Craig Iain Gairns

Colin Clark Jenny Fergusson

Clive Stacey Colin Mair

Cllr Ian Davis Robin Wilson

Dougie Graham Cllr Andy Campbell

Euan Terras Cllr Craig Mackay

Mike Hazlewood Janice Kirkpatrick

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

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| **No** | **Item** | **Action** |
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DG- question from Community Council – will the maintenance contract be through an agent/ factor or ARA? RS will contact Planning Officer to ask.  Path Condition Surveys  The actual surveys have been completed, and the consultant has started on the draft reports for each path network. RS had Teams meeting with consultant to discuss matters & priorities to be included in reports. Hope to have reports by end of the year.  Will circulate them to the Forum once reports are received.  Temporary closure of SA29, Alloway-Dunure Road cycle route for water main relocation  Unfortunately, another delay with this work, due to delay from Scottish Water this time. ARA technical officer says he is now hoping for a completion date of end of March 2022.  **River Ayr Way feasibility study**  River Ayr Way feasibility study was circulated by RS, to Forum members in November. No comments received as yet, but there is quite a bit of information to absorb from the study.  **Blue Bonnet Trail (CC)**  The trail follows the route (roughly) that Tam O’Shanter took from Ayr to Doonfoot.  This trail, which was originally set up by Ayr O.I.R. with funding from SAC & others, has been reinvigorated recently. The work was undertaken by a combined effort from SAPI and SAC Tourism Team.  SAPI received £3000 in funding for 2 information boards (design & installation). SAC covered the costs of producing leaflets, blue signs and an app for the trail.  Next part of the project will be to set up led walks – possibly aimed at schools and pensioner groups.  The revamped trail has increased footfall in the Burns museum.  **Paths Maintenance Update**  Church Walk, Straiton  Several items along the entire length of this Trail were seen to – drainage, signage, repainting gates, etc. Most of the work has been completed, however, still waiting for new waymarkers to be installed. Once completed contractor will be paid by SAC, and then local community/ environment group will pay SAC, to contribute grant funds toward the costs of the job. Grant was provided by North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC).  Barony Trail, Dailly  Last year some work was carried out on sections of Barony Trail, but one part could not be done due to difficulties in getting materials to the site. There are 2 sections of boardwalk in Poundland Wood requiring to be replaced. JF has now arranged with tenant farmer that materials can be transported across his fields to get to the edge of the woodland and adjacent to the site (when ground conditions good enough to do so).  Also, a section of the Drummochreen Trail requires a boardwalk to be replaced. Similar situation – very difficult to transport materials into the site. RS will contact JF to discuss transporting materials over adjacent fields (which are again with Kilkerran estate).  **Outstanding/Completed Local Access Cases/Access Enquiries**  Discussed various cases on the datasheet.  ET enquired about Burnside Path case – path has recently become very much busier, and one walker has complained about horse riders using the route & wanted them to be banned. I advised that horse riders legally permitted to use the route, as long as do so responsibly. Said I would look at installing signage to inform public that path used for different activities and to encourage responsible & considerate behaviour when using path.  Cllr D reported that “no public access” sign still at the end of Glengall Lane. This route is a right of way. RS has already written to property owner to request sign is removed or amended.  DG raised case of Dunure path by Seaview cottages. RS advised that gates at either end are not locked, and so walkers can access the route.  MH, following on from Golf Strategy, mentioned that there are no warning signs on SAC golf courses for walkers/ cyclists crossing the courses (most private courses have some form of signage to cover liability). RS to pass on suggestion to put up some signage, to Golf section in Council.  ET advised that golf club membership and green tickets include some form of insurance for public liability for the golfers.  **AOCB**  JK has offered to help put up new waymarkers arrows along the Lindsayston Trail, Dailly, if required.  CS enquired about path behind Dobbies/ potential link to A70 active travel path. RS advised that proposal probably been shelved for the foreseeable future, as terrain would not allow for minimum specifications of a path that Sustran would require (funding was to come from Sustrans).  CC & AC reported that due to several objections to the consultation on an active travel route between Fisherton PS and the Church, the proposal will need major changes.  **Next Meetings**  16th February 2022  18th May 2022  17th August 2022  16th November 2022  **Finish** | *RS*  *RS* |

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