

NORTH LANARKSHIRE OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM



Chair: Vacant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2017
ROOM 1, GARTLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Present: Mark Palmer (**MP**) [*NLC Access Officer/Acting Chair*]; Hugh Ilgunas (**HI**) [*NLC Access Officer*]; Paul Carter (**PC**) [*Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum*]; Ian Jarvis (**IJ**) [*Friends of Kelvin Valley Park*]; Ann Glen (**AG**) [*Friends of Brownsburn Community Park et alia*]; Twan van Duivenbooden (**TD**) [*Sustrans*]; Shirley Ann Duncan (**SD**) [*User*]; Peter Kane (**PK**) [*Sustrans/User*];

Guests: Grace McNeil (**GM**) [*Viewpark Conservation Group*]; Thomas McNeil (**TM**) [*Viewpark Conservation Group*]

Apologies:

Not present: Cllr Stephanie Griffin, Cllr Thomas Johnstone

1	Welcome and Apologies.	ACTION
	<p>MP welcomed everyone, in the absence of our Chair, Jim Cassidy, and offered to be acting chair of which there was general agreement.</p> <p>No formal apologies.</p> <p>Round table introductions. GM and TM introduced as guests of AG.</p> <p>Matters arising. PK pointed out that he was present at the last meeting.</p>	
2	Walking Festival preparation	
	<p>General discussion. Preparation on track. Looking to get a draft leaflet by Mid May. PC updated on the Sustrans cycle leader training. IJ to lead/support Meikle Bin walk. Mark to recce the route. PC happy to lead a Kelvin Valley/Croy hill walk.</p>	
3	CP190 – Strathclyde Business Park	
	<p>MP gave a summary of the intended diversion of CP190, for the benefit of GM and TM. There is to be a Public consultation after the local election. GM voiced concern at the ongoing loss of land around Viewpark to development. There was some further comment from GM and TM regarding issues relating and connected to the CP190 diversion but weren't relevant with regard to the Access Forum. TD pointed out that we deal with access issues, and that decisions relating to site development, planning and land acquisition were outwith the scope of the Forum.</p>	
4	Core path plan review	
	<p>IJ enquiring if there's going to be a survey/review of the Core Path network. MP talked about the new access, walking and cycling strategies. We will have to marry in the intentions of these plans with our duties under the Land Reform Act, in an economical way (time and money) to get best value for the Council, at a time of continuing cuts.</p> <p>The Council is still looking at the best way to record problems/recommendations with routes. We are looking at other software options other than CAMS, which is expensive to use under licence. CONFIRM is a possibility, but we are having teething troubles with getting it to do exactly what we want. A third option, EDGE AUDITOR is due to be trialed in the Autumn. HI</p>	

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	<p>will give further feedback on software/mechanisms for the Forum to help survey Core Paths at the October AGM.</p> <p>PC touched on the point of changes (missing core paths) between the draft and published Core Path Plans. Can some of them come back on after survey?</p>	
5	Clyde Walkway App	
	<p>HI spoke of the upcoming partnership app for the Clyde walkway, between NL Council, SL Council, Glasgow City Council and CAVLP. HI showed the beta version on screen of android mobile and explained some of the key features. Press releases due September/October along with the final version. All data will be updateable by the respective Councils through a web application on Wordpress.</p>	
6	Dullatur path improvement CP71	
	<p>Permission from SNH received. We may need to tweak the Bill of Quantities with regards to drainage. PC suggesting the Forestry Commission part may need improved in a project in the future. Access Officers to work closely with chosen contractors to enable continued access whenever possible. Appropriate diversions and signage will be put in place when needed.</p>	
7	Monkland Canal path blockages	
	<p>HI looking to liaise with Scottish Canals with a view to removing seven metal barriers from the Calderbank to Sikeside canal side path. PD will send a contact within SC to HI to help initiate contact.</p>	
8	West Dullatur 'Bunny hop' path	
	<p>MP spoke of liaising with Scottish Water to see what was causing flash scour damage to the path between the golf course and railway line. Ongoing. May be overflow from a broken pipe from above the path.</p>	
9	Colzium PDF maps and interpretation boards	
	<p>MP on the current project to upgrade the existing maps and interpretation boards around Colzium estate, and the desire to make a new walks leaflet. Original artwork may have been done by Ruth McGuire on Pagemaker. PC would be happy to discuss potential walk routes with any graphical consultant.</p>	
10	Hugh Ilgunas contract	
	<p>Hugh Ilgunas will be working full time until next Spring, providing maternity cover.</p>	
11	APRS and CAVLP	
	<p>AG highlighting the good work of the Association for the protection of rural Scotland. Email info@aprs.scot web http://aprs.scot and also the Clyde and Avon valley landscape partnership. Email info@clydeandavonvalley.com web clydeandavonvalley.org</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting (AGM) <u>Thursday 26th October 2017</u></p>	All note