

## CONFIRMED MINUTES

### National Access Forum – 43rd meeting

Battleby  
27 September 2017

**Present:**

	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1.	David Henderson Howat	Convenor - National Access Forum (NAF)
2.	Janice Winning	Secretary - National Access Forum (NAF)
3.	Frank Spencer-Nairn	Assoc of Deer Management Groups (ADMG)
4.	Helene Mauchlen	British Horse Society Scotland (BHSS)
5.	Paul Timms	Cycling UK
6.	Eleanor Birch	Duke of Edinburgh (Scotland assessors)
7.	Kevin Lafferty	Forestry Commission Scotland FCS
8.	Stephen Jenkinson	Kennel Club / Scottish Kennel Club
9.	Simon Pilpel	Local Access Forums (LAF) contact
10.	Angus Duncan	Local Authorities contact
11.	David Gibson	Mountaineering Scotland (MS)
12.	David Clyne	National Park Authorities (CNPA)
13.	Lucy Sumsion	NFU Scotland (NFUS)
14.	Insp. Jane Donaldson	Police Scotland
15.	Helen Todd	Ramblers Scotland (RS)
16.	Eddie Palmer	Scottish Canoe Association (SCA)
17.	Graeme Mclean	Scottish Cycling
18.	Karen Ramoo	Scottish Land & Estates
19.	Alan Macpherson	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
20.	Gillian Kyle	Sportscotland
21.	Eileen Stuart	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

**Item 1 – Welcome** – the Convenor opened the meeting with a welcome to all attending. In particular, David introduced Insp. Jane Donaldson (Police Scotland), Lucy Sumsion (NFUS), Bridget Jones and Marion Mullholland (SNH), Eleanor Birch (Duke of Edinburgh Scotland) and Ken Igunas, a journalist from New York who was writing about Scotland's right of responsible access, attending as an observer. Councillor Karl Rosie (Highland Council) was also present for the first part of the meeting.

**Apologies:** Rona Gibb - Paths for All (PfA), Duncan Orr-Ewing - RSPB Scotland (RSPB), Jamie Smart – NFU Scotland (NFUS), Gareth Heavisides - Scottish Government (SG) Rural & Environment Directorate, Jake Swindells - British Association for Shooting & Conservation (BASC); Matt Buckland- National Park Authorities (LLTNP), Roger Scrutton - Scottish Sports Association (SSA), George Menzies – (Scotways).

#### **Item 2 – Minutes, action points and Matters Arising from previous meeting**

1. Minutes: -The minutes of the previous meeting (17 May 2017) were approved.

## 2. Action points –

**AP42/1** - The NAF-LAFS meeting in 2018 is to be held in March, and to be themed around ‘engaging with young people to promote responsible access’ as part of the Year of Young People. – *discharged*. The date is set for 16 March 2018 and a small working group will be set up to oversee arrangements: see Item 10.

**AP42/2** – Progress of the Forestry Bill to be monitored, with a view to contributing Forum comments as appropriate at a suitable stage – *discharged*. The National Access Forum response of 16 August 2017 can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website see: <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105391.aspx>

**AP42/3** – The topic of traffic and parking will form an item on the next NAF agenda, and members are invited to submit examples of these issues to inform the preparation of a discussion paper – *discharged*, see agenda Item 5.

**AP42/4** - Secretary to arrange a first meeting of the MTB sub group, prior to the September NAF meeting – *discharged*, see agenda Item 3 b.

**AP42/5** - SNH is encouraged to produce the updated revised edition of the ‘Brief Guide to Occupiers’ Legal Liabilities’, and to inform the Forum when it becomes available – *discharged*. Alan Macpherson confirmed that this action was in hand.

**AP42/6** – SNH to arrange a presentation on communication methods through Young Scot and targeting young people. – *discharged*. Combined with **AP42/1**

**AP42/7** – Angus Duncan, and others if known, to supply more information on these signs and cases, and whether any insurance misunderstandings may be involved. *On-going*: No other cases had been submitted to the Secretary. There remained an action to follow up with Insurance companies to see if there had been any changes to insurance requirements. Lucy Sumsion agreed to follow this up with NFU mutual.

**AP43/1** Lucy Sumsion to contact NFU Mutual for clarification on signage requirements.

## 3. Matters arising -

Revised Guidance for Local Authorities and National Parks’ on operating the powers and duties under the Land Reform Scotland Acts. The Convenor informed the Forum that Gareth Heavisides, the Scottish Government representative on the Forum, had recently changed jobs and the notification of the consultation on the revised guidance would fall to his successor. The Convenor suggested that he would write to SG to seek information on a potential replacement for Gareth on the Forum and to ask about the timing of the consultation process.

**AP43/2** Convenor to write to SG about representation on the Forum and the revised guidance for Local authorities and National Parks.

### **Item 3 - Reports from Convenor and Secretary**

#### **3a) Core Paths and OS mapping – subgroup recent activity and actions**

4. The Convenor provided an update on the work of the NAF sub group, which had met twice since the last Forum (6 June minutes previously circulated and 21 September minutes not yet circulated). A paper setting out the case for mapping Core paths on OS maps had been prepared and was discussed at the September meeting along with

issues about the consistency and quality of the Core path data set arising from the South Lanarkshire technical case study. He explained that these technical issues mean that mapping on OS paper maps was still some way off, and would need to be further explored with OS. Meanwhile, options for making the Core path GIS “layer” available through public portals so that Core path data could be viewed against the OS backdrop would be investigated by SNH, FC and SEWeb. The overall aim is to capitalise on the public investment in Core paths, the digitisation work completed by the Improvement Service and the promotion of the overall network for access.

5. Helen Todd recognised that there were digital issues to be overcome but nevertheless it was disappointing that Core paths were not available on 1:25,000 OS maps. A lot of work had gone into producing the 34 Core Path Plans, which are a good resource for people and for land managers. She suggested that the recreational bodies would be able to promote the proposed public portals showing the Core path GIS “layer” and, in due course, the business case to OS. Eileen Stuart confirmed that SNH had taken an action to explore with GIS staff how to make the data available through a public facing portal recognising however, that this was an imperfect solution.
6. Lucy Sumsion raised farmer and landowner concerns about the maintenance of Core paths. Helen Todd explained that there was a lot of voluntary effort being made to maintain core paths, especially where they were important to the local area; but as Core path plans are currently only published on local authority websites they tended not to be recognised more widely as a recreational resource. It was recognised that while there are good examples of effective volunteer activity on path maintenance, there are other areas where this is more challenging. David Clyne gave examples from the Cairngorms where Core paths are promoted mainly through path leaflets. He also outlined the current path grading system, which includes options for recording path attributes. See link attached: <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathgrading>

### **Item 3b – Mountain Biking -**

7. The Convenor reported that at the first meeting of the sub group (9 August minutes previously circulated) there had been a wide ranging discussion outlining the nature of the problems arising from the increasing prevalence of unofficial trail building for mountain biking. The sub group had identified a range of potential solutions and would now work on potential management models, a communication plan including key positive messages, the sharing of potential case studies and guidance on landowner liability.
8. Kevin Lafferty outlined further action being taken forward by FC Scotland, Forest Enterprise and Scottish Cycling to develop a management approach that would work for both the mountain bike groups and land managers. He also mentioned a pilot study currently underway in the Tweed Valley where a zoning approach was being adopted to help identify places where trail building was appropriate, and associated details such as scale, design and surface. He added that progress was being made on developing key messages suitable for a range of different audiences, including the economic importance of mountain biking, recognising the success on the world stage by Scottish mountain bikers, acknowledging the increased participation in mountain biking and the well-being benefits, and the proposed NAF partnership approach to address unauthorised trail building. Good communication was essential to raise awareness within the MTB community about the reasons why unauthorised trail building is a problem. He suggested that there were a small number of key figures (e.g. trail designers, shop owners and journalists) who could be very influential in helping to communicate these messages.
9. Graeme Mclean described some of the problems associated with existing lease arrangements, explaining why these were not popular with the MTB community. He

agreed that a range of management options was required and added that he was working with the MTB Co-ordinator in Tweed Valley Trails to identify potential management solutions and communication methods.

10. In discussion, Karen Ramoo said the SLE supported the work being carried out and would be keen to hear more about how the management models might work on private land. She added that there was also a need to start looking at the implication of liability issues for landowners and groups. Simon Pilpel asked if there had been any conversations with the insurance industry. Kevin replied that it would be better to develop management models prior to any discussion with insurance companies but agreed that information on liability was important. Lucy Sumsion asked if consideration has been given to forestry operations and harvesting. Kevin said there was already published guidance on this and it was unlikely to change, and agreed to circulate the latest guidance. It was recognised that there should also be further discussion with the private forest sector and voluntary sector landowners.

**AP43/3:** Kevin Lafferty to provide a link to current guidance on forestry operations

10. Eileen Stuart asked about the wider impact on sensitive areas and the growing impact on hill tops. Kevin suggested that these issues could be included in the key messages and also addressed by using a zoning approach to trail building. Graeme Mclean highlighted recent developments in Enduro trails which favoured a lower level of construction, e.g. by using natural fall lines. However, bikes are becoming more sophisticated and so can be used in wilder areas; this activity is being monitored through calls from the Mountain Rescue Service. Kevin Lafferty raised the possibility of holding a Conference on this general topic and suggested that the NAF could help bring an event together to raise awareness, along with SNH and FC. This would be discussed at the next subgroup meeting, planned for the end of November.

#### **Item 4 – Camping Management Byelaws – Update from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park**

11. The Convenor introduced this item, noting that the Park was undertaking a review on the first six months experience of these byelaws and was due to report to Ministers by January 2018.
12. The paper provided by LLTNPA outlined the high visitor numbers despite the wet summer, the popularity of the Loch Chon campsite, good use of the permit and booking system, completion of the signage of the management zone, proposals for improving facilities especially upgrading the Three Lochs Forest Drive in 2018, proactive messaging through the 'Camping in the National Park' leaflet and arrangements for gathering feedback. In terms of enforcement six byelaw cases were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
13. In discussion Helen Todd asked about the nature of the byelaw offences. She also raised queries about the statistics used in the paper: whilst the overall numbers appeared impressive, the actual percentage of bookings made in relation to the overall availability appeared to be low. Concerns were raised about the permit system acting as a deterrent to those people new to camping or those of lower incomes. She questioned whether or not the Park had monitored the use of permits by post code to identify if certain people living in areas of multiple deprivation were being unfairly excluded by the new permit system.
14. David Gibson also questioned the statistical presentation. In addition, he highlighted the continued lack of facilities for litter collection and human waste from camping areas.

He argued that there remained a lack of detail on action to improve facilities within the camping management plan. Stephen Jenkins asked if the park was monitoring the effects of displacement: was the burden being moved elsewhere? Helen Todd asked if the neighbouring local authorities had been contacted about any such displacement effects. Karen Ramoo explained that landowners had identified problems with increased littering and the need for extra facilities. Given that the byelaws are temporary, questions were raised about the criteria that would be used to measure success or otherwise of the byelaws and inform decisions about their future.

**AP43/4:** Convenor to relay the comments raised by the Forum to the Park Authority, and seek responses to these questions.

#### **Item 5: Parking Issues and Access**

10. The Convenor introduced the item highlighting points from the context paper that had been circulated previously, and that included detailed comments from Mountaineering Scotland
11. Frank Spencer-Nairn said that there was general agreement that greater access to the countryside could lead to parking problems unless this was planned for in advance. Once problems arise these are usually solved locally but there appears to be a lack of clarity about who should take the lead to solve problems. He also stressed the need for adequate funding, giving an example of how a particular problem was resolved where the landowner provided land for a car park and the public sector providing funding for creating it. He suggested that in future, new resources and mechanisms such as challenge funds would be required.
12. Stephen Jenkins noted the apparent disconnect between transport teams and those managing access, recreation and conservation. He suggested that more attention should be given to potential conflicts, and potential solutions, e.g. to prevent disturbance to breeding bird.
13. Eddie Palmer agreed that the need for adequate parking provision did not seem always to be recognised by those promoting tourism and recreation. He added that height barriers aimed at reducing stays by travelling people had a negative impact on those wishing to park with canoes, bikes and campervans.
14. David Clyne said that in the Cairngorms National Park the 'Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland' (OAT) leases and manages car parks, with the proceeds being used to help maintain the car parks and fund path repairs and other access improvements in the area. Nevertheless, there was still a serious shortfall in funding for path maintenance. He argued that access takers could help path improvement by paying for parking, but also stressed the need to communicate effectively the message that parking charges help pay for path improvements. He added that the Cairngorms OAT now work throughout Scotland and offered to arrange a presentation from OAT for the February agenda.
15. David Gibson said that a survey of MS members showed that 90% were happy to pay a modest fee to support facilities or conservation. He noted that while SNH allow overnight parking at Craig Meagaidh, Forest Enterprise (FE) imposes restrictions on overnight parking. He also mentioned the lack of joined up thinking with regard to parking provision in relation to the North Coast 500, and contrasted this with good examples of parking provision for tourists in France.

16. Kevin Lafferty explained that the majority of FE parking facilities are free, and that the overall cost of parking provision relies on subsidy. FE only charges where additional facilities are provided. In relation to overnight parking, he said that this could bring problems such as grey water pollution and that provision of adequate facilities would require additional investment. However, FC would be happy to discuss ways forward with other partners such as Visit Scotland.
17. Paul Timms noted the distinction between those sleeping in their vehicles at overnight parking places, and those leaving vehicles overnight while they camped elsewhere. He suggested that these two different situations should be recognised by saying “no overnight sleeping”, rather than “no overnight parking”.
18. Eileen Stuart said that SNH recognised the complexity of the issues and the lack of joined up thinking. She suggested that SNH could be part of the process in engaging with Visit Scotland. She also mentioned the need to consider local issues and constraints when trying to find solutions, adding that with reduced public expenditure there was a greater need to use creative models (such as the OAT approach) to fund parking provision.
19. Lucy Sumsion raised the issue of Road Equivalent Tariffs on ferries leading to a greater impact on the islands with increased pressure from campervans in particular. She said that some people seemed to think that access rights applied to parking.
20. Helen Todd suggested that a campervan code could usefully include a reminder about the SOAC. Recent approaches to Campervan clubs showed some reluctance, renewed efforts involving Visit Scotland with support from the Ramblers may have more success. Lucy Sumsion said that the NFUS would support a campervan code.
21. Insp. Jane Donaldson explained that the police focus primarily on safety; enforcement measures are a last resort.
22. Stephen Jenkins suggested that car parks were good places to deliver messages about conservation and agreed that working with Visit Scotland was important.
23. Eddie Palmer gave an example from Glen Shee where the Local Access Forum had worked with the Transport department to overcome problems of inadequate parking provision.
24. The Convenor concluded that while the Forum was a good place for this discussion it was important to be clear about what the Forum could do. He suggested that the Forum could help to:
  - disseminate good examples of innovative approaches;
  - promote more joined up thinking, including through the Scottish Access Officer Network and through contacts with Scottish Government and Visit Scotland.

**AP43/5:** David Clyne to invite the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland to the February meeting to discuss funding models; the Secretary to encourage Visit Scotland to participate in the February meeting; the Convenor to ask Scottish Government officials about consideration they are giving to the need for joined up thinking on this issue.

#### **Item 6 - Ticked off – Lyme disease and Tick awareness Campaign**

25. Kevin Lafferty shared information on the Forestry Commission’s campaign (both public facing and internal) to raise awareness about ticks and Lyme disease. The Forum viewed the following public video which focuses on encouraging people to ‘check for

ticks' as the most effective method of reducing the likelihood of contracting Lyme disease: <https://youtu.be/Quoh5YFVsX0>. Members were encouraged to share the information as widely as possible.

26. There was discussion about the apparent increase in cases of Lyme disease and the focus on hot spot areas. One in 10 ticks carry Lyme disease, with the ticks being carried on small mammals and ground nesting birds as well as deer. Clothing impregnated with repellent was found to be effective. The destocking of the hills of sheep was mentioned as a contributory factor to the increase in the number of ticks

## **Item 7 – The Positive Benefits of Access and Recreation**

This item was rescheduled to the February meeting.

## **Item 8 – National Walking and Cycling Network (NCWN)**

27. The Convenor welcomed Bridget Jones to her new job in SNH which includes taking forward the NWCN as a national strategic development priority under the National Planning Framework (NPF3). The Forum heard how SNH is working in partnership with Sustrans, Scottish Canals, local authorities and communities to expand the network, increase activity and monitor use. It includes an investment of £25 million over 5 years and will benefit from a recent Scottish Government aspiration to double investment in walking and cycling, to £80 million from 2018/19. The network is designed for shared use and includes Scotland's Great Trails, canal towpaths, and the National Cycle Network. Promoting use of the network is also a big part of the NWCN.
28. The Forum watched the following video link which illustrates the success of the network to date; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWaD0GgzNOK>.
29. Helene Mauchlen raised concerns about the focus on active travel leading to increased prevalence of tarmac routes, which are not always suitable for horse riders. It was noted, however, that the active travel budget is only one part of the funding package and that a broader range of less formal paths was also being developed. Simon Pilpel questioned how the development of the wider local (rather than national) network would be resourced, and Bridget explained that SNH would also be looking at developing this wider path network to meet the 8,000 km aspirations. Angus Duncan described two funding mechanisms available for local authorities, namely the National Cycle Network Development Programme and the Community Links Programme: both are administered by Sustrans and could be used to deliver local paths.
30. Questions were also raised about the future of NWCN under the next National Planning Framework (NPF4) and strengthening links between policies for active travel and recreational provision.

## **Item 9 – Communications and Emerging Issues**

31. The Convenor welcomed Marion Mullholland from SNH to update the Forum on SNH's communications work in relation to the Code. Marion provided information about SNH's work on the following topics:
  - responsible camping: 23,000 leaflets have been distributed,
  - responsible dog walking: an interactive on-line resource including information about the Code, a few short videos and links to further information has been developed. SNH would be testing this over the autumn with key groups and then promoting it more widely in the New Year,

- a partnership approach to refresh the sheep worrying campaign. Following a spring SNH radio campaign and joint national press campaign with Police Scotland, SLE and NFUS there had been a corresponding 40% reduction in sheep worrying. SNH will refresh campaign materials for use in spring 2018,
  - a stakeholder meeting was also held on 27 September with NFUS, Police Scotland, SLE and other groups (National Sheep Association, Quality Meat Scotland and the SSPCA) to discuss positive ways forward and joint working on Code promotions; including plans for a month-long sheep worrying campaign for November 2017,
  - SNH's new themed approach to communications would be shared on the knowledge hub.
32. Stephen Jenkins requested early engagement with the Kennel Club on communication matters relating to dog walking to ensure better consideration is given to the audience and messages. David Gibson stressed the continuing need for communications about mountain safety for hill walkers. In addition, Helen Todd highlighted a new Ramblers campaign 'Out there' which was due to start in October; and Eleanor Birch explained that the Duke of Edinburgh award had used a board game to help young people understand their responsibilities under the Code.

### **Deer Management and Access**

40. The Secretary explained that the Forum had been contacted by Dr Justin Irvine of the James Hutton Institute about research he is undertaking on the interaction between recreation and deer. A summary paper titled 'conflict and coexistence in the Scottish uplands' was tabled for information. The study area is in Glen Lyon and Dr Irvine had offered to attend the Forum to explain his study in more detail and answer questions.
41. In discussion, Frank Spencer-Nairn suggested that it would be useful to hear more about Dr Irvine's work. Paul Timms said he was aware of this academic work but was concerned about possible generalisation of findings from Glen Lyon; accordingly, it would be useful to ask Dr Irvine to explain the work in more detail. David Gibson said that the research raised a number of issues of concern, adding that the particular circumstances of the study area meant that the findings would be limited in applicability. Alan Macpherson suggested that the Forum could usefully discuss the general issues of deer management and access, and that if Dr Irvine is invited it would also be useful to invite the Local Access Forum covering Glen Lyon.

**AP43/6** There should be further discussion about Deer Management and Access at the next meeting. Dr Irvine to be invited to the next Forum meeting, and the Secretary to invite a representative from the Local Access Forum.

### **Open water swimming**

42. Gillian Kyle reported that the 'Come and Try' events run by Scottish Swimming this summer included Open-water Swimming, and that she had shared details with relevant sports contacts (who were unable to attend this meeting but hopefully could attend a future date).

### **Item 10- February Meeting –prospective agenda items**

- i) **National Access Forum Membership Arrangements -**



43. The Secretary tabled a paper listing the current members of the Forum (as at Jan 2017), explaining that under the Forum's operating principles there should now be a review of the representation of the Forum. It was proposed that the review process be done in two stages. The first stage is to review the representation from the recreational bodies, land management bodies and public bodies, and this would commence immediately. Members would be asked by email in the coming weeks if they wish to be corresponding or full members. If the number of those wishing to be full members exceeds the number of available seats there will be a vote at the February NAF meeting. The second stage, to review "other" bodies, would take place, early next year.

**AP 43/7:** All members to submit any errors or changes to the organisations listed on the Current members lists to the Secretary by the middle of October. The Secretary would then commence the review process.

#### ii) Signage at Reservoirs

44. Kevin Lafferty updated the Forum on the ongoing action to replace signage at Reservoirs with signs that were more Code compliant. Whilst agreement had been reached with Scottish Water to replace the signs the implementation had been stalled due to staff changes. FC were now progressing this further with Scottish Water and would report back to the February meeting. Other Forum members confirmed that non-Code compliant signs were still *in situ* in both National Parks and elsewhere.

#### iii) February 2018 Agenda items

45. The Convenor suggested that the next meeting agenda could include:
- 'The positive benefits of access and recreation' rescheduled from September 27<sup>th</sup>,
  - Revised '*Guidance for Local Authorities and National Parks' on operating the powers and duties under the Land Reform Scotland Acts,*
  - Outdoor Access Trust – potential solutions to parking problems,
  - Deer Management and access,
  - Membership Review,
  - Proposed arrangements for the 16 March NAF/LAF meeting. A working-group was established to take this forward between now and the February NAF meeting.

**AP 43/8:** Convenor and Secretary to work with David Clyne, Eleanor Birch, Alan Macpherson, Rona Gibb and other NAF members requesting involvement, to develop plans for the NAF/LAF joint meeting.

#### Item 11 - Any Other Business –

46. Helene Mauchlen reported on a successful outdoor access day with engineers working on the A9 dualling. However it appeared that there were still sections of the A9 where there was no barrier between the *NCWN* route and the road which raised safety issues for users. Bridget Jones agreed to look into this matter

**AP43/9:** Bridget to investigate safety barrier for path users on the A 9

47. Helene also reported a greater number of paths being closed to horse riders due to unauthorised motorbike use. She asked about how best to inhibit motorised use whilst allowing authorised users. Angus Duncan said that this is also an issue on the Forth and Clyde canals; he agreed to speak to Scottish Canals to see what they are doing to prevent motorbike usage on the canal paths.

**AP43/10:** Angus Duncan to discuss potential solutions with Scottish Canals.

48. Lucy Sumsion asked whether the SOAC covered the use of metal detectors and associated ground disturbance. It was noted that the Code does set out a position on this, and that more detailed guidance is published by Historic Environment Scotland (in *Metal Detecting Yes or No?*).
49. David Gibson asked if SNH knew the current status of the Upland Vision scoping document that had been sent to Scottish Government and whether this would be of interest for a future access forum meeting. Eileen Stuart confirmed that SNH had provided a scope for an Upland Vision but that it was now for the Scottish Government to take decisions on the future of this work.

**Date of Next Meetings -**      **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**  
   **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
   **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Close** - The Convenor thanked all those attending, and closed the meeting.

**Summary action points:**

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