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<p>5 Access Issues Pam raised the lack of Access in the Christmas Tree Field. While this is in Angus, no information was available as to why access rights for horses or cycles did not apply to this field. It is also unclear as to what the procedure was for appeal. This field is part of a possible link from Dundee to Angus. John has met Paul Clark, Angus Access Officer, and discussed having a site meeting to look at a cross boundary link. John to contact Paul to arrange. John was also asked to draft a letter from Dundee LAF to Angus Local Access Forum.</p>	JW	ASAP
<p>6 Heritage Paths Railway Heritage leaflet has run out and been reprinted already. Successful Press event and photo in the paper. Student placement (Sam) to start on Thursday. Sam introduced himself and John outlined the timescale for the placement. Forum agreed that the project should develop a Dighty Heritage Trail which may become a leaflet or a web based guide. Sam to arrange interview with Andrew.</p>	JW/SW /AL	Jan- Mar 11
<p>7 Outdoor Access Strategy Review John outlined the progress of the Outdoor Access Strategy. Strategic Environmental Assessment is underway (Screening and Scoping complete). Initial comments have been received from SNH about draft content, most of which has been incorporated. David asked if Outcome 7 could include road improvement to make roads less frightening for cyclists.</p>	JW	
<p>8 AOCB - Andrew reported on the Living Streets event in Dundee in October, where members of the community were suggesting ways to improve the quality of streets for walking. Further meeting in Committee room 1 on 2nd February about signs of the town - Dundee Partnership for the Environment and Sustainable Dundee are joining. Andrew reported on their first joint workshop today. - Clearing of snow/ice on pavements. Ruth forwarded a complaint from Stobswell Forum that while roads were cleared quickly, the council seemed unable to make footways safe 7 weeks after the snow fell. David suggested that lessons could be learnt from northern Europe. - Gourdie Farm Forestry Commission consultation 22nd February 7pm at Birkhill Millenium Hall. A delegation to be arranged. - Cycling on Pavements, complaints received and letters been in The Courier. Dundee University provide information and training to cyclists, but they have offered more support. John suggested a joint promotional event, with Local Access Forum</p>	JW All JW	22/2/11 Spr 11

and Police. John to collate ideas and speak to Dundee University

- NAF/LAF event. Andrew, John and Peter provided reports from joint event, which was very worthwhile.

- Access Officer Capital Projects. Contractors are on site at Ardler and Templeton (although delayed due to weather). Green Circular and Greenways signs and chicanes are in design process and should be completed in the spring.

- Dog meet Horse event. George described a proposal for an event to help reduce confrontation between horses and dogs. George to progress.

- Motorbikes in Parks. John and George have met with Tayside Police to discuss problems and weekend of action is to be arranged

- AGM preparation. John to book Baxter Park Centre, refreshments, set up pre agenda meeting and to find out if representative of Scottish Canine Consultative Council (SCCC) would be available to provide a presentation.

- Membership. Land owner representative Sandy Inverarity has sent a letter of resignation. John to amend letter of thanks.

JW

Apr 11

GP

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Dates of next meeting.

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AGM 25th April 2011



**Dundee Local Access Forum
Annual General Meeting
Held in Baxter Park, Park Centre. Dundee
On Wednesday 27th April 2011 7pm**

Present:

Peter Glen (chair) Walking Groups
David Martin (vice chair) Cycling Groups
John Whyman (secretary) Access Officer

Core Group:

George Potts Nature Conservation
Bruce Forsyth Outdoor Education
Alan Young West -End Community Council
Pam Watson British Horse Society
Roy Partington Scotways

Apologies:

Ruth Brenk Stobswell Forum
Andrew Llanwarne Dighty Connect Project/STRIDE
Colin Ward Paths For All Partnership

Wider Membership:

Hilary Nicholson Dog Warden DCC
Richard Harrison Pest Control DCC
George Cochrane Scottish Canine Consultative Council

Apologies:

Bob Duncan Convenor Leisure and Communities
Kevin Clayton Broughty Ferry Walking Group
Gillian Zealand Sidlaws Path Network Group

No	Item	Action
1.	Chair Peter Glen, opened the meeting and introduced the members of the forum.	
2.	<p><u>Promoting Responsible Dog Exercising, George Cochrane</u></p> <p>George Cochrane of Scottish Canine Consultative Council explained the background to his organisation and the Dog Management Centre in Alexandria, West Dumbartonshire. The centre is now endorsed as a training centre and by SNH as an example of best practice. The project does not aim to produce champion dogs, but to help owners become able to enjoy their pets in a controlled and safe way. Their successful training scheme and community hub idea is being promoted nationally. It advocates the value of volunteers and community, education through the schools and targeting people that need help most including through referrals and Dog Control Notices. Participants sign up for 1 evening a week, 12 week course leading to a responsible ownership certificate. The project also encourages engagement with the non dog owning community.</p> <p>George has provided information to meetings of a group in Dundee between dog wardens, dog trainers, dog club managers and a community dog training project at Brooksbank Centre, Mid Craigie. This group is looking to develop projects and promotional events in Dundee this year.</p>	

	<p>He is hoping to encourage more projects across Scotland, promoting partnerships (Dog Management Groups) which engage communities and local authorities. Discussion from the floor included examples from Balgay and the Sidlaws, dog control and dog fouling.</p> <p>PG gave thanks to GC for his informative presentation</p>	
3.	<p><u>Vitamin G, Health and Greenspace, George Potts</u> Dundee City Senior Countryside Ranger explained the amount of green space in Dundee, the benefit of quality and the impact on public health. Volunteer activity not only improves green spaces in a physical way, but also has benefits to the physical and mental health of volunteers and other users of the green space. While the benefits are hard to quantify, it has been recognised for a long time by experts and government bodies, and targets have been included in the Single Outcome Agreements. Targeting and promotion of healthy activity is vital, for example the Health Walks project which aims to start those who do not get any activity at all. The key component is Vitamin G.</p> <p>PG gave thanks to GP for his informative presentation</p>	
4.	<p><u>Access Officer John Whyman</u> JW provided information on the purpose of his job, the capital paths projects and promotional projects that have happen over the last year. Some paths projects have benefited from additional cash from the Forestry Commission. There has been some carry over of projects to financial year 2011-12, but these should be completed in the next few weeks.</p> <p>JW listed some of the proposed work for 2011-12 although this has not been designed or costed yet.</p> <p>Alan reminded the group that access improvement in woodland at Ninewells has also been carried out with Forestry Commission support and that Riverside Nature Park will be opening on the 18th June.</p> <p>Copies of student Sam Wear's Dighty Heritage study were provided and a short Powerpoint presentation was played during refreshment break.</p> <p>Peter Glen thanked JW for his presentation.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Minutes Of 2010 Annual General Meeting</u> Motion to adopt Proposed Alan Young, seconded Bruce Forsyth</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Andrew Llanwarne has provided an update on STRIDE and Dighty Connect. JW to include with minutes. 2) GP advised that Ann Lolly (Broughty Ferry Environmental Project) had applied for funding for Giant Hogweed control 3) DM - the Heritage Railway Trail project had led to a print of the leaflet that was so successfully received, a reprint was required just a few months later. 	
6.	<p><u>Presentation of Annual Report Peter Glen (chair)</u></p> <p>Chair Peter Glen set out the context for the work of the Forum- established as a result of the</p>	

	<p>Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003. PG reported that the core group members have held their quarterly meetings (except for December which was cancelled due to weather) and thanked the members for their continuing commitment and support.</p> <p>PG invited questions on the activities of the forum over the last year.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Election of Office Bearers</u></p> <p>As there were no resignations or requirements to change the office bearers it was proposed by AY that the current office bearers stay the same. This was agreed by all present and was seconded by Roy Partington. Nominations for the core group membership</p>	
8.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Dates For Core Group Members Meetings</p> <p>21st November 2011 23rd January 2012 23rd April 2012 (AGM) Venues to be confirmed</p> <p>The promotion of the AGM was discussed, and agreed that next year we change the venue to the Wildlife Centre education suite if available, and change the promotion to be for a more welcoming Open Evening with AGM</p>	
9.	<p>Close of Meeting There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm</p>	
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting 22nd August 2011 7pm at City Chambers</p>	

Update from Andrew Llanwarne AGM minute Point 5.1

"Over the past year, Dighty Connect has continued to promote walking in the Dighty area through:

- organising two walks along the valley of the Dighty from Dronley to Monifieth, in June 2010 and March 2011
- various projects to improve locations close to the Dighty for wildlife, including tree and wildflower planting
- presenting the work of the group at the Angus Access Forum AGM
- contributing to the work of Sam, the student intern working on content for a heritage path leaflet for the Dighty
- assisting the Sidlaws group with the production of a routes leaflet for the Muirhead area, now published
- continuing to liaise with the Access Officer, e.g. on the prospects for establishing a path linking Sainsburys through the Clearwater housing development to the A92 at Balmossie Bridge (the missing section of core path 22), and clearing hogweed from the existing section of the core path 22 between Balmossie Bridge and Balgillo Road (it is now on the Council's list for maintenance)

- preparing a mountain bike leaflet for the Dighty Haughs between Broughty Ferry and Monifieth, near to Monifieth High School and below the Seven Arches, as part of a series being produced by Dundee City Council and Mountain Biking Development Scotland
- participation in the work of Dundee Access Forum Core Group, and attending the national conference at Falkirk.

There has been a close link between Dighty Connect and the work of Stride (Sustainable Travel in Dundee East). Stride funded the mountain bike leaflet, and has researched a walking and cycling map for East Dundee and Monifieth that is shortly to be published. A Stride website has recently been set up (<http://www.stridedundee.com/>) to share information on walking and cycling across Dundee as a whole. The website enables individuals to record their progress, and it provides community groups such as walking clubs with the opportunity to explain what they offer and publicise forthcoming events. A lot of Stride's work has taken place in schools, encouraging youngsters to walk or cycle to school. Stride also funded provision of bike racks at Camphill shops and several schools."



**Minutes of Dundee Local Access Forum
Held in Committee Room 3, 14 City Square
Monday 22nd August 2011, 7- 9pm**

Core Group

PRESENT:

Peter Glen	Chair and Walking Groups
George Potts	Senior Countryside Ranger
Pam Watson	BHS
Hans Rolfsnes	Stobswell Forum
John Whyman	Secretary Access Officer DCC
Alan Young	West End Community Council
Andrew Llanwarne	Dighty Connect/STRIDE
Roy Partington	Scotways

APOLOGIES:

Bruce Forsyth	Outdoor Education
Community Safety Warden	

No	Item	ACTION	DATE
1	Welcome and Introductions Peter Glen, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Hans who is taking over from Ruth as the Stobswell Forum representative		
2	Minutes of previous meeting 24th January 2011 The minutes were approved with one alteration by Andrew Llanwarne and seconded by Pam Watson. John to amend the the Present list to include Andrew	JW	ASAP
3	Matters Arising from these Minutes Alan reported the upgrading of pavements in the city. Gourdie farm Forestry Commission consultations. John to ask that the consultation report be circulated to the evening and site visit consultations. No news from the Christmas Tree field letter to Angus LAF which was sent from Dundee LAF in April 2011.	JW	Aug 11
4	Section 11 Applications John reported no applications received. John has asked the Planning Department for how the Local Access Forum could be added to the list for consultation for major developments.	JW	Nov11
5	Reported problems with access to land		

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core Path 1b Green Circular periodically blocked at underpass under Kingsway with flooding. Flooding can block path for several days. Tayside Police involved as children seen crossing Kingsway. Land managers contacted agreed action. 2. Core Path 11 The Miley, Core Path 32 Seven Arches, Core Paths 5b and 5c Camperdown perimeter path, periodically blocked with flooding after very heavy rain. Pools take 1-3 days to clear. Managers contacted. 3. Core Path 1e Green Circular blocked for over 12 months with development work at Mill o' Mains. Diversion in place, which is reasonably well sign posted. Work will continue until November 2011 4. Core Path 16 Baldragon blocked with development from this week. No action as yet. 5. Core Path 12 Dunisane Industrial Estate blocked with stalled development. No action yet. 6. Core Path 23b Linlathen blocked as dangerous bridge is being renovated. No action required. Andrew reported that the bridge should be back in place later in the Autumn. 7. Core Path 22 Balgillo Road is blocked with overgrown vegetation. Meeting with manager and volunteers arranged. 		<p>JW</p> <p>JW/AL</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>23 Aug</p>
<p>As far as aware, all Core Paths are clear from storm damaged trees.</p>			
	<p>Relating to Core Path 22, the role of volunteers and insurance was discussed. There are many different volunteer and friends of groups, each with their own role. The role depends on the projects the volunteers see as important. John to find out about insurance providers or groups to affiliate to from Paths for All.</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>6 Community Safety Wardens</p>	<p>No report available but Chris Muir is interested and hopes to send a representative to the November meeting.</p>	<p>CM</p>	<p>21 Nov</p>
<p>7 Dighty Heritage Trail Project</p>	<p>John met with the 3 Communities Officer for the wards that the trail passes through. Community Regeneration Fund should help with the funding of leaflet and signs etc., but there was also a potential project here to involve more people with the green space around the Dighty in the creation of the trail. Cash for a part time or session worker may have to be applied for. John to investigate possible funding sources.</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>Nov 11</p>
<p>8 Outdoor Access Strategy Review</p>	<p>John explained there has been little progress except for the near completion of the Strategy Environmental Assessment. Andrew explained that the SEA Environmental Report would have to be submitted to the government agencies before the public consultation.</p>	<p>JW</p>	
<p>9 Dundee Dog Awareness</p>			

Pam reported on the success of the Dog Meets Horse event in Templeton Woods. John offered thanks to the forum members who supported the event. The next meeting of the sub group is on Thursday 25th August. John to distribute the notes of the sub-group with these minutes.

JW/PG 25 Aug

10 AOCB

- Capital Access Projects 2010-11 complete - report below
- Capital Access Projects 2011-12 proposed - report below
- Cycling on pavements and footways. Roy outlined some examples, reported that the problem is getting worse in many cities including Dundee and expressed concern that an accident is going to happen and he fears cyclists rights will suffer. It was agreed that the city needs to be more bike friendly. Andrew suggested there is some confusion as cycling on some pavements is allowed where there is a traffic order in place. Ideas to improve knowledge and awareness among cyclists are welcomed.

All

- Suggestion that to help encourage more people to public transport, a common ticket system between Stagecoach and Travel Dundee should be adopted.

- No further ideas on extending membership

JW

- Mountain bike trails pack to be circulated to all attending.

- Mountain Bike Skills Trails development in green spaces.

John outlined a proposed Feasibility Study to look at developing a Mountain Bike facility in either Caird Park, Douglas, Templeton of Clatto. John putting together a funding application.

JW Sep 11

- Alan reported Riverside Nature Park is now open and worth a visit

- Andrew explained a proposed cycling event and city cycling festival next May, where there may be an opportunity to promote responsible cycling.

- George showed the Dundee Simple Pleasures Easily Found leaflet and activity Bag Dangle from SNH

- Andrew provided copies of the Monifieth and East Dundee walking and cycling map.

- The Annual Local/National Access Forum meeting is on Wednesday 19 October at Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park HQ in Balloch. More information and booking from John.

All ASAP

Dates of next meetings.

21st November 2011

23rd January 2012

23rd April 2012 (AGM) possibly in the Wildlife Centre

Education Suite

Venues to be confirmed

10. AOCB - Capital Access Project 2010-11 complete

1. Templeton Woods. New surfaced yellow trail path with waymarkers and signs, improved drainage at Visitor Centre, people, horse and cycle counter at Clatto exit from Templeton, Car Counter in Car Park (suggests 40,000 cars in per year). £12,111.56 from Forestry Commission, DCC £9,040.39
2. Ardler Woods. New paths through pocket woodland, viewing area at pond, seating and kid friendly sculptures. £9,508.73 from Forestry Commission, £2412.00 from Community Regeneration Fund, DCC £10,499.49
3. Green Circular and Greenways barrier improvement and signage. Chicanes stretched to allow electric wheelchairs and bikes with trailers (to meet current standards), new signs with the walking/cycling time to destination. DCC £7275.60
4. Green Circular new and replaced information boards. DCC £8256.88

Totals External funding £24,032.29, DCC £35,072.36

Grand total £59,104.65

10. AOCB - Capital Access Projects 2011-12 under preparation

1. Green Circular re surface, drainage and alterations to motorcycle barriers at Trottick, Core Path 5 re surface and drainage at Camperdown, improvement to waymarkers on trails in Camperdown, Templeton and Balgay.
2. Possible signage of rural Core Paths if funding allows.

Post Meeting Note

5 Core Path 22 Volunteers

Hopefully volunteers will be working with the Dightly Connect Project and covered by their insurances. Paths for All only seem to offer insurance (free cover) to trained walk leaders for leading walks. Some Community Path Groups get Public Liability Insurance from Zurich Municipal through BTCV. According to their website, cover starts at £100 for CLAN members. Membership costs £38 per year (and this gives access to other benefits training courses etc). They also can help groups access funding (which could cover the costs of the insurance).

The Ramblers also offer insurance for local Ramblers Groups who do path maintenance work, and as far as I can make out, it is free. There is lots of great information on their website, including simple safety check sheets, and practical guidance, including information specific to Scotland.



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Alan Young	West End Community Council
Andrew Llanwarne	Dighty Connect/STRIDE
Roy Partington	Scotways
Bruce Forsyth	Outdoor Education
Mike Echevarria	Community Safety Warden

APOLOGIES: None received

No	Item	ACTION	DATE
1	Welcome and Introductions Peter Glen, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and led introductions for Mike from the Community Warden Team		
2	Minutes of previous meeting 22nd August 2011 The minutes were approved by Roy and seconded by George.		
3	Matters Arising from these Minutes Riverside Nature Park. The council is to discuss the reduction in the speed along Riverside Drive/Avenue from 50 to 40. As this road has been seen as a barrier to access in path consultations, the Forum agreed to support a reduction to 40 and hope that pedestrian operated crossings may be installed too.		
4	Section 11 Applications John reported no applications received.		
5	Reported problems with access to land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Core Path 1b Kingsway under passes drains now cleared. 9. Core Path 11 The Miley, Core Path 32 Seven Arches, Core Paths 5b and 5c Camperdown perimeter path, flooding problems, actions are progressing. 		

	<p>10. Core Path 1e Green Circular blocked for over 12 months with development work at Mill o' Mains. Diversion in place, which is reasonably well sign posted. Core Path will be reopened when work is complete.</p>		
	<p>11. Core Path 16 Baldragon blocked with development John to visit and place information sign on fence.</p>	JW	ASAP
	<p>12. Core Path 12 Dunisane Industrial Estate blocked with stalled development. John to contact City Development Dept.</p>	JW	ASAP
	<p>13. Core Path 23b Linlathen blocked as dangerous bridge is being renovated. No action required.</p>		
	<p>14. Core Path 22 Balgillo Road is now clear.</p>		
	<p>Also reported at the meeting:-</p>		
	<p>1. Core Path 50 Denhead of Gray, David reports as impassable due to mud. John to visit.</p>	JW	Nov11
	<p>2. Link from Core Path 20 to 1g blocked with mud. John to contact Parks Duty Officer.</p>	JW	Nov11
	<p>3. Cycle Lanes marking and dropped kerb by Baxter Park Core Path 6b, John to contact engineers.</p>	JW	Nov11
<p>6</p>	<p>Community Safety Wardens</p>		
	<p>Mike Echevarria provided an introduction of the work of the Community Safety Wardens, which started as a pilot project over 7 years ago, but is now permanent, and a successful part of Dundee's management of anti-social behaviour especially relating to youth crime. They have a wide remit which includes streets, open spaces, parks and cemeteries patrolling from 3pm to midnight. Regular communications between the police ensure they patrol any hotspots covering issues such as youth noise, drinking, fly-tipping, vandalism and drug use. John and George welcomed the wardens activities and have noticed significant reduction in burnt out cars and drinking dens for example. Their busiest night is bonfire night.</p>		
	<p>The Forum thanked Mike, and asked if more information including statistics could be made available. It was also agreed that the Forum would co-opt Mike on to the forum in his capacity as representative.</p>	ME	Jan12
	<p>To contact the Community Safety Team phone 01382 436333</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p>Dighty Heritage Trail Project</p>		
	<p>No action as yet. It was proposed that Ann Lolly and Dighty Connect may wish to include the trail in a funding bid they are submitting to the Lottery.</p>		
<p>8</p>	<p>Outdoor Access Strategy Review</p>		
	<p>John distributed the Draft Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy and requested comments by 23rd December 2011. There may be some more detail in proposed actions from Dundee City Council's Sustainable Transport Officer.</p>		
<p>9</p>	<p>Dundee Dog Awareness</p>	ALL	23 Dec
	<p>A further successful Horse meets Dog event took place in October. George suggested this could be used as a example</p>		

of good practise next year. The group has also met at Castle Green, and would like to produce a Dundee Dog Friendly Parks leaflet providing information on places to walk dogs, with advice about responsible dog walking.

10 AOCB

- Capital Access Project 2011-12 proposed. As the works identified this year will cost less than anticipated, members of the group were invited to suggest other path works for consideration before 9th December

ALL

9thDec

- Cycling on Pavements. Incidents discussed.

- Membership. Mike welcomed as op-opted member. No further suggestions.

- Gourdie Farm proposed woodland. Proposal plans were viewed.

- Gritting key cycling and walking commuter routes. Last year's weather showed significant differences between treatments on different routes. The Forum members were asked to look out for routes which are a problem this winter, to put forward to the gritting planners for consideration for next year.

ALL

Jan12

- Letter received from Angus Access Forum acknowledging receipt of the Christmas Tree Field copy letter.

- Copy of letter from Sidlaw Path Network Group proposing the Coupar Angus Road Pegasus Crossing sent to Dundee's Chief Executive. The group are to arrange a meeting on site. The Forum agreed their support for the proposal for a Pegasus Crossing. John is to arrange to attend the site meeting.

JW

ASAP

Dates of next meetings.

23rd January 2012

23rd April 2012 (AGM) possibly in the Wildlife Centre Education Suite

Venues to be confirmed