

**Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes
Monday 23rd January 2023, 7 – 9pm
Blackness Library and Video Conference Call**

PRESENT: Stephen Cragg Convenor
 Sam Murphy Western Gateway Community/Vice Convenor
 David Martin Cycling Groups/Dundee Cycling Forum
 John Whyman (secretary) Outdoor Access Officer DCC
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 Mary Harwood Scottish Wildlife Trust Dundee Group
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 George Gammack (Member of Living Streets and Sustrans)

APOLOGIES: David Rennie Dundee Ramblers
 Alison Abercrombie Dundee City Council
 Gillian Zealand Sidlaw Path Network Group

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| 1. | Welcome & Introductions Stephen Cragg convenor. | |
| 2. | Minutes of the Previous Meeting 3/10/2022 proposed by Sam M, seconded by David M Matters arising from the minutes 3) Letter to planning committee convenor requesting PANs are included in the weekly list has been prepared, and text agreed. Stephen C advised this would be sent this week. 3) Spaces for Everyone consultation. John W provided a description of the current projects being developed by the council for the Active Freeways, Magdalen Bridge and Bus Priority planning. Each have featured consultations, and more consultation is required as the next stages of funding are secured and the design work develops. All routes should come together in an integrated travel plan for councillors in 2023. John W to keep the forum up to date. 3) Perth Rd surfacing. David McD has not received further information. 5) Gourdie Farm Sam M explained that at the Western Gateway Community Group meetings they have agreed to apply for Ian Findlay Fund from Paths for All to improve the path, including a section of Core Path, which is known for being muddy and impassable in wet weather. Sam M to start the application process (2 stages, design funding and then construction funding) John W to assist. | SC JW SM/JW |
| 3. | Promotion and Infrastructure a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:- http://idoxwam.dundeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/ | |

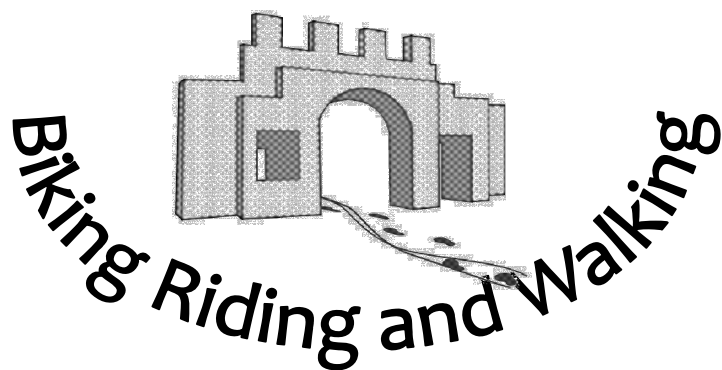
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| | <p>Andrew L explained the Kirkwood PAN which has a live consultation from the developer until 27th January. Discussion around the differences between this and previous rejected applications, highlighting locations of local facilities, bus stop with possible bus route, new path links and SUDS. Noted that the proposal is not on the current LDP as a housing site. Discussion of what would be needed to create a 20minute neighbourhood here. The link from Clearwater Park to Sainsbury's was welcomed, and using the old Linlathen Road as a path was practical, and attractive with its avenue of trees. It was decided to provide a response from the forum highlighting 3 areas of significant concern. 1) impact on biodiversity due to loss of mature trees and proximity to the Dighty, 2) lack of facilities within the 20 minute walk even with the new path routes, 3) lack of public transport as the bus route was still to be secured. Responses from individual members could also be lodged here https://www.kirkwoodconsultations.co.uk/linlathen</p> <p>b) Infrastructure John W advised that the Fithie Bridge was complete and fully open. Broughty Ferry Active Travel Project was progressing along the Esplanade. Over the next few weeks, works at Trottick Ponds will include replacing the old rotten bridge over the historic lade and there will be a diversion for the Green Circular.</p> | JW/SC |
| 4. | <p>Statutory Functions</p> <p>a) Section 11 Application – None</p> <p>b) Section 20 Single Amendment to Core Path 7 Liff to Gray Lane. John W advised that the public consultation period started today, with information on the council website here, and public notices on site and in the local paper. Map was discussed. Several members knew of the area, and did not consider it was a contentious change. Sam M noted that there was a planning application 22/00818/FULL for development of a new house alongside the route of the original Core Path.</p> <p>c) Osbourne Place/Strawberrybank locked gate was discussed. John W has received legal advice, and had questionnaires returned from residents with information. He will be meeting one of the shared owners and the factor in February. John W to report at next meeting and invited any member who wanted to visit the location to contact him.</p> | <p>JW</p> <p>JW/All</p> |
| 5. | <p>AOCB</p> <p>a) Transport Scotland Act 2019 – which brings in the Pavement Parking Ban. George G explained the campaign and act in relations to the provision of exceptions through Pavement Parking Exemption Orders. Guidance was still to be released, but the current timetable is to have the ban in place by the end of 2023, enforced by parking attendants. There was a discussion about the impact of allowing exceptions, the sanctity of the footway for pedestrians and the role of the Access Forum in the exemption consultations (statutory consultation groups are listed here). The Forum should at least have a role in looking at action which restricted the use of Core Paths, which used footways in various parts of the city. John W to make enquiries to the Team Leader, Parking & Sustainable Transport and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Link with Living Streets – George G and John W outlined a suggestion from Stuart Hay of Living Streets for an informal link between BRAW and Living Streets. There is significant overlap between Living Streets' objectives and BRAW. Dundee Cycling Forum are linking with Cycling UK through the Cycling Advocacy Network in a similar way. John and George to find out more from Stuart Hay and bring a proposal to the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Active Freeway Proposals - Funding has been confirmed for feasibility studies, consultation and concept design work on 4 schemes. Information here. Funding applications have been made for development of the Active Freeways, including more consultations. John W to provide information when</p> | <p>JW</p> <p>JW/GG</p> <p>JW</p> |

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| | <p>available.</p> <p>d) Gritting of footways and NCN – David M advised the forum that the NCN from Broughty Ferry to Invergowrie was being gritted before bad weather. John W explained that there had been a period when the electric gritter machine was out of action, but was back on duty again now. Stephen C queried the use of grit rather than brine which was more effective on cycle routes and used in Glasgow. Stephen C also explained that NHS Tayside data demonstrated a reduction in Trips and Falls injuries in the winter, suggesting people were staying indoors possibly because of low confidence in footway winter maintenance. David M advised at Ninewells in the cold snap in December, there were 7 emergency hip replacements in one day.</p> <p>e) Footway Hospitality – Dave R advised before the meeting that Ship Inn now has returned the full width footway.</p> <p>f) Bus Priority – John W advised that in 2022, surveys were carried out leading as supporting bus route appraisal, with information here The surveys are now closed, but it is hoped that the Forum could be involved and help promote with future consultations.</p> <p>g) Sidlaw Path Network Group. David M advised of changes to the Chair and Secretary.</p> <p>h) Magdalen Green Bridge. Andrew L advised the forum that there was a save the cherry trees poster campaign related to the new bridge proposals. John W is aware that there were impacts of replacing the bridge, but the location of the bridge was still being decided, and further consultations were a condition of funding applications. He had also heard that there were already gaps in the avenue where trees had been removed and because of disease.</p> | |
| | Stephen Closed the meeting | |
| 6. | DONM – 3rd April 2023 | |

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| 1. | Welcome & Introductions Stephen Cragg convenor. | |
| 2. | Minutes of the Previous Meeting 23/1/2023 proposed by David M, seconded by George Gammack Matters arising from the minutes 2) There has been no response to the letter to DCC Planning, but John W advised that some PANs were now being included in the Weekly List. 3) Dundee Cycling Forum have written to DCC to propose that all district centres are 20mph and ask that NPF4 is delivered through all new developments in the city. 5) Membership/Living Streets representation. George Gammack has been nominated by Living Streets as a local representative. Forum members unanimously agreed, and welcomed George to the Forum. | |
| 3. | Promotion and Infrastructure c) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:- http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/ John W advised that there had been few large planning applications recently, and none affecting Core Paths. The Cycling Forum had concerns about one application where new flats had cycle parking some distance from the property they served. d) Infrastructure John W advised that the bridge replacement over the lade at Trottick was delayed. | |

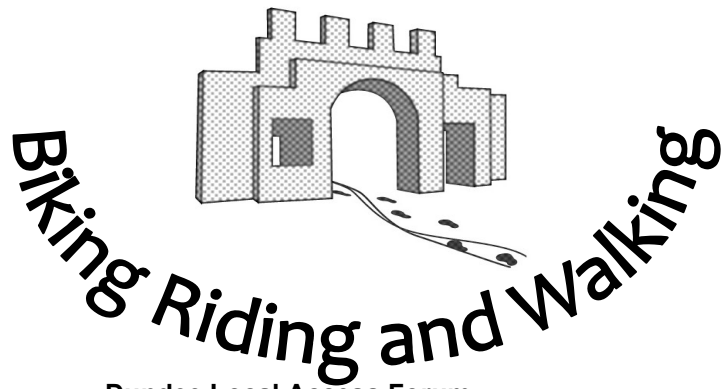
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| | Gourdie Farm/Core Path 7. The Western Gateway Group have been awarded the Paths for All grant for design work and are looking into design engineers to provide quotes for the work. | JW/SM |
| 4. | <p>Statutory Functions</p> <p>d) i) Section 20 Single Amendment – consultation complete, no objections, and Dundee Council will be adopting the amendment. Thank you for all comments. ii) Section 11 – Radio 1 Big Weekend. John W provided an overview of the process, and thanked all for comments and noted that even a “no comment” or looks reasonable” response was valuable. The event went ahead at the weekend, with the necessary public notices and diversion on site and on the council website. There was at least one issue with a blocked path which should not have been blocked, which is being investigated. It is possible that having 2 notices and 2 plans for different periods (construction period and event weekend period) has caused some confusion. Doubts were raised over the need for inclusion of the South Gate in the area removed from access on the short S11.</p> <p>e) Osbourne Place/Strawberrybank – John W reports no progress since the last meeting, and is awaiting legal advice.</p> | <p>JW</p> <p>JW</p> |
| 5. | <p>AOCB</p> <p>i) Creating new woodland – ploughing and fencing at Brackens and sufficient provision for access. Stephen invited Bill Garrigan, local resident to talk. Mr Garrigan explained his history of using the location, the installation of new fencing and tree planting by the council and the impact on use of the site. He explained that a Core Path had been ploughed and damaged, and not adequately reinstated, desire lines he had previously used where fenced and inaccessible, and his concerns about the impact on wildlife with the removal of vegetation and exclusion of deer and foxes. He also explained that his requests to the council to widen some of the corridors between fencing and alongside housing to created wider walking routes had been accommodated. The Forum discussed issues and the Chair agreed a letter (John W to draft) to Neighbourhood Services to ask about the following points:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other plantations locally are well established, and fencing should be removed to allow public access at Admiral Duncan Wood and the Millenium triangle plantations. 2. Core Path 16 Investigate the large puddle, which may have become worse since the works 3. Core Path 16b Plough lines have not been reinstated at the top of the field, and the section between the fences is more uneven than previously. Can the ploughed and uneven sections be releveled. 4. The reduction in area for walking will lead to increased foot traffic wear on the Core Paths. Can the paths be formalised with compacted stone to take the increased use? 5. Is it possible to install gates to allow walking along 2 popular lines through the fenced plantations? <p>j) Active Freeways. David McD advised that community suggestions made during proposed Maryfield routes consultations in 2022 were not included in the resulting route report. Proposals for segregated cycle lanes were now shared use, through narrowing of the road. Proposals for bus lanes on Albert St, did not seem to known by the staff conducting consultation. He also noted that proposed routes also seemed to stop before relevant destinations, or link with established routes like the Green Circular. However David McD did report that requests for 20mph was being considered. David M raised discussion between the Cycling Forum and Fionn Stevenson of Stobswell Forum who have been co-operating on requests for 20mph, resulting in James Mullen, Senior Manager (Sustainable Transportation &</p> | JW/SC |

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| | <p>Roads) agreeing that 20mph for Alberts St should go to committee later in the year. DCF have also met with Cllr John Alexander who has agreed that 20mph should be installed in all the district centres. There was no information as to whether these would be 20mph limits (no traffic calming) or 20mph zones (calmed). There was further concern that there was a lack of communication between those working on Active Freeways and Bus Priority proposals.</p> <p>k) NCN Green Circular bridge. The Dighty bridge on the NCN1 was being removed and would not be reopened until September 2023. A diversion was signed to use the roads on the north of the railway, with a 20mph limit being extended just for the diversion.</p> <p>l) Dundee Voice projects are available to view here. https://dundeVOICE.communitychoices.scot/ There was a lack of walking and cycling projects in 2023</p> <p>m) Transport Scotland Act 2019 – George G advised that consultants Arup have carried out a survey proposing sections of street to be exempt from the Pavement Parking ban.</p> <p>n) Arrangements for the AGM. Suggestions included asking Neil Quinney to talk about the Active Freeways project and progress, Colin Hunter who is working in Birkhill engaging schools in streets, and Walking Buses with the Ancrum Active Travel Officers. John to set up a Doodle Pole to find the best date.</p> | <p>GG</p> <p>JW</p> |
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Dundee Local Access Forum
Annual General Meeting
Dykes of Gray, Core Path 7
On Monday 18th September 2023 6:00pm

Present

Core Group:

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| Stephen Cragg | (Convenor) |
| John Whyman | (Secretary) Outdoor Access Officer |
| David Martin | Cycling Groups |
| Bill Batchelor | Western Gateway Community Group |
| Mary Harwood | Scottish Wildlife Trust |
| Nick Cole | Perth and Kinross LAF/National Access Forum |
| Alison Abercrombie | DCC Greenspace Officer/Nature Conservation Rep |

Apologies:

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| Roy Partington | Walking/Scotways rep |
| George Gammack | Living Streets |
| Neil Quinney | DCC Sustainable Transport Team |
| Sam Murphy | Western Gateway Community Group |
| David Rennie | Ramblers |
| Gill Town | |
| John Brush | Sidlaw Path Network Group |
| Evelyn Archibald | Caledonian Hillwalking Club |
| Anne | Dundee Access Group |
| Dave MacDougall | Stobswell Forum |
| Andy Llanwarne | FoE Tayside |
| Kate Treharne | Dundee Community Food Growing Spaces |

In Attendance:

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| Josh Lawton | DCC Community Environment Officer |
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| 1. | Convenor Stephen Cragg, opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited introductions. | |
| 2. | <p><u>Core Path 7 Gourdie Access Improvement Project</u> Bill Batchelor, Western Gateway Community Group</p> <p>Bill introduced the campaigning work of the Western Gateway Community Group including requests for primary school and walking and cycling facilities to link the new homes to local facilities and for leisure access.</p> <p>After walking to site, John explained the history of the plans for the site with Forestry and Land Scotland's unfunded adopted plan. Bill described the traditional use of the path, the recent work to install a water main pipe that reduced the condition of the path and makes the path inaccessible at times, the DCC funding Active Travel Study by Jacobs that provided evidence of the need of local path improvement and highlighted through what</p> | |

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| | <p>each route could become. Bill and John explained the process of application for the Ian Findlay Funding, and the current stage of the project, which after tendering for the design stage, is about to issue the instruction to one company to start. Design work should be complete by January 2024 and enable the application for the construction funding. £15000 was the design funding award from Paths for All, for 100% of the design stage. It is possible that the construction cost may be as much as £100,000. The project is much larger than anything the Community Group has undertaken previously, and support from DCC and Paths For All has provided the group with the confidence to progress the project, which will be significantly ahead of the other routes identified through the Jacobs Active Travel Study.</p> <p>Bill and John answered questions throughout the walk and talk. The designer will be including seating, planting and drainage as well as the compacted surface/chippy dust path. FLS have committed to vegetation cutting along the path when complete. Stephen thanked Bill for his contribution to the meeting in Sam's absence.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Minutes Of 2022 Annual General Meeting Monday 20th June 2022</u> Motion to adopt, proposed Mary Harwood, seconded David Martin. Matters arising – Point 6 PAN for Camperdown Park football stadium, retail and crematorium. Consultation events were held in September (Landmark Hotel) and October (on line) with information available here https://dbph.co.uk/ Alison and John confirmed that the developers were in contact with Dundee City Council advising that they would be developing a full planning application. Point 6 Core Path 7 diversion – S20 amendment to the Core Path Plan was completed.</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Presentation of Annual Report - Stephen Cragg (convenor)</u> Stephen provided a written report circulated by email to the group before the meeting (attached below), and open up for questions. John similarly provided an update on the Outdoor Access Strategy, also attached below. Stephen commented that it took a long time to remove Storm Arwen fallen trees, John advised that Angus Council had recently started on removing fallen trees blocking paths in Monikie and Crombie Parks.</p> | |
| 5. | <p><u>Election of Office Bearers</u> Stephen advised that he would be standing down, as no longer resident in Dundee, and that Sam Murphy has been nominated, and accepted nomination to take over as Convenor. No other nominations. Proposed by Stephen, seconded by John. Carried by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>AOCB</u> Nick provided some information on the issues at other Access Fora and discussions at the National Access Forum, including support from Access Authorities, recruiting and retaining land manager representatives and the varying amounts of Land Reform Act associated Forum work. Dates for Meetings TBA</p> | |
| 7. | <p><u>Close of Meeting</u> Stephen thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> TBA</p> | |

Convenors Report

DUNDEE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (BRAW)

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Stephen Cragg - Convenor

Introduction

Our primary purpose remains the same as ever as set out in the Land Reform Act which is to assist Dundee City Council with access issues. The basic tenets of the act are set out in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Meetings

Since the last AGM on 20th June 2022, we have had 3 meetings held at Blackness Library with the option for members to join online. Attendance has been steady with 8 or 9 people present.

Statutory Matters

This year we had a Section 20 amendment to Core Path 7. No objections were made and the Council adopted the amendment.

News that BBC's Radio One Big Weekend was to be Camperdown Park was broke in January 2023 but no details of Section 11 closures were available until after the 23rd January BRAW meeting.

There were two Section 11 exemptions – a Long S11 requiring Scottish Government approval for the event build and deconstruction phase, and a Short S11 covering a wider area for the event period requiring only Local Authority approval. Both included sections of Core Paths in Camperdown Park. On 20th February, members of the Forum were provided all details of the Long S11 (including proposed Core Path Diversion) and some information about the Short S11. This was also the date of the start of the statutory public consultation of the Long S11.

The council received no objections from the public or the BRAW Forum for the Long S11. Vice Convenor Sam visited the park to see the affected areas, Dave from Dundee Ramblers also provided feedback without issue raised.

Information about the Short Term (5 days or less) exemption was provided to the Forum on 31st March. Feedback from David Martin and Dave Rennie highlighted one area of exclusion at the South Gate which was predicted to cause considerable extension to the diversion route and inconvenience to public at the edge of the excluded area. John Whyman took these comments back to the One Big Weekend event team, who explained that access to the South Gate had to be prevented due to security reasons, and the proximity to performers preparation area. The Short S11 process did not allow any further reconsideration.

The One Big Weekend ran over the weekend of 26th – 28th May. All excluded area and diversions were in the locations and at the times advised to the Forum.

Less successfully, the issue over the locked gate at Osbourne Place / Strawberrybank still remains to be resolved.

Non-statutory Matters

The poor state of the path on the Kingsway was raised in 2021 by John Brush. Work eventually commenced in Spring 2022 and was completed by the Summer resulting in much improved facilities for walking and cycling.

There have been a number of consultations this year covering Active Freeways, Magdalen Bridge and Bus Priority planning.

We were delighted to welcome George Gammack to the forum as the local representative for Living Streets.

An important role for the forum is helping all parties in dispute over access issues. In 2023, Dundee City Council commenced with creating further new woodland in the Brackens area. This involved ploughing and the installation of deer fencing. A local resident was invited to the forum to set out his concerns. This was followed up with a site visit, by myself, Sam and John.

The forum wrote to the Council asking for a number of issues to be rectified.

Wider Links

The Dundee Cycling Forum continue to be active and a number of members of BRAW are active with the DCF. To join visit www.dundeecycling.co.uk.

Looking Forward

I am delighted that Sam Murphy is taking on the role of Convenor of BRAW. As I'm no longer a resident of Dundee and only visit now for BRAW meetings, I shall be stepping down from BRAW.

Thanks to John for regularly posting updates on the BRAW Facebook page and for providing the secretariat for us.

Finally, I would once again like to thank all the members of the forum for their support over the year.

Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy Update - monitoring 2022/23

Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy was approved in 2012, monitored annually. Other strategies contribute to the delivery of the Outdoor Access Strategy Outcomes including the Dundee Cycling Strategy and Physical Activity Strategy. A Sustainable Transport Delivery Plan will be out for consultation later in 2023, which will no doubt use some of the routes used in outdoor access.

Each year the City Council invests in outdoor access infrastructure, with main budgets being held by the City Development Department. In the last year, improvement has been in active travel routes through the flood defence project at Broughty Ferry, Kingsway Cycle Path upgrade and a replacement bridge on the Green Circular. Currently underway in our parks are new steps for Reres Hill, and minor works at Dundee Law and Trottick Ponds. Consultation on the Dundee Active Freeways and the Magdalen Green bridge has also begun. Funding comes from a mixture of Scottish Government grants and DCC budgets.

The Green Circular is Dundee's main promoted route and is checked twice a year. Core Paths are checked once every couple of years, the last full check was in 2020 and the current check

is about 50% complete. Storm Arwen fallen trees have all be cleared up, with only 2 paths in Templeton awaiting repair. Core Path 7 has an improvement plan in development at Gourdie Farm, in partnership with the Western Gateway Community Group and Paths for All.

Other paths. A complaint about a locked gate resulted in investigation and legal advice being sought. A history of the gate being locked, and intended to be locked, together with proximity to private residences resulted in a letter to residents and owners advising that no action could be taken

Dundee Core Path Plan is up to date after the reviewed plan was adopted in 2020 and amended in 2023. Planning Applications are checked to ensure Core Paths are protected. Core Path 7 Liff link diverted by the land owner, with the consultation process and the diversion having been adopted.

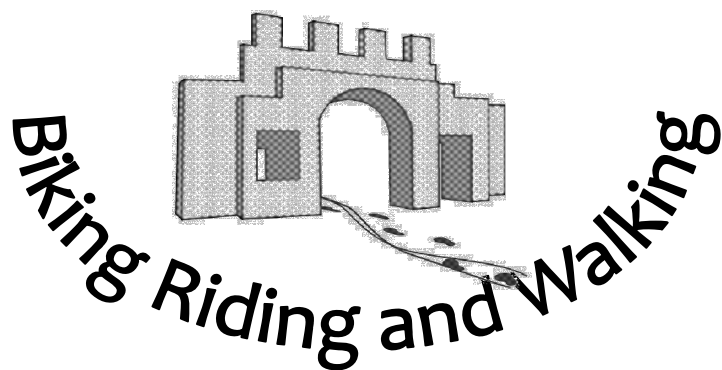
Dundee's first Section 11 orders were used to remove access rights to allow for the preparation and delivery of the Radio One Big Weekend. Unlike the C56 music event, the gates, fencing and diversions were in the correct places, public notices and consultations all arranged as required in the LRSA. One complaint was received, partially due to some misinformation provided by stewards to an access taker trying to access parts of the park still legally available and partially due to confusion between the Short and Long S11 maps. It is appreciated now that while Forum consultation is required for the Short S11 process, the event organisers and council are not required to take on changes requested by the Forum. Forum comments or objections for Long S11 are shared with the Scottish Govn before Ministers confirmation of a Long S11 Order.

Responsible access and promotion of the Outdoor Access Code is carried out through the Management Rules and targeted campaigns, which includes the Professional Dog Walking Accreditation Scheme, Skylark nesting campaign and the 4-legged Friends event. Muirhead Stables continue to support the 4-legged Friends events. Action has also been taken on illegal motorcycle use with a multi-agency team, new technology and new signs in our parks.

Cycling on the Green Circular increased significantly during the Covid 19 pandemic, but has largely returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Personal highlights for me for 2022/23 were the experiences of the Section 11 processes for the One Big Weekend and the Section 20 single amendment to the Core Path Plan.

John Whyman, Outdoor Access Officer, Dundee City Council. 15th September 2023



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| 2. | Minutes of the Previous Meeting 29/5/2023 proposed by David M, seconded by George Gammack | |
| 3. | Matters arising from the minutes 3b) The bridge over the lade at Trottick is complete, and survived recent flooding. 4b) John W and Dundee City Council legal team carried out a thorough review of the evidence and the legislation and have concluded that there was no legal action the council could take. This was because 1) The gate is a shared garden gate, historically kept locked and opened by someone not authorised by the owner 2) There is evidence of interference with privacy and proximity to private residents' front doors. The council has written to all neighbours, owners and councillors who had been in contact with the council. 5a) John W advised that DCC had responded to the 5 points raised :- 1. The old fencing would be removed by 31 st March 2024 2. The puddle is historic and not increased by the recent work 3. The damaged desire line has been levelled and returned to previous state 4. Funding for access improvement is being looked at and the Forum will be informed as soon as a funded plan is in place. 5. The council has considered, but discounted additional gates. Experience from other tree plantations in Dundee has resulted in antisocial behaviour, specifically the use of plantations to deliberately trap deer to be chased by dogs. Update at the next meeting | JW |

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| | <p>r) Storm Damage impact John W explained that there were 2 main effects of Storm Babet and Ciaran – trees falling on paths, and flood water washing out paths. Fallen trees were still being removed in residential areas, and parks would follow. Additional Forestry staff were being brought in. Washed out paths in Camperdown had been repaired as a priority to enable the weekly ParkRun to restart. The Green Circular at the Dighty faired well, but some other paths have been washed out.</p> <p>The Miley Mary reported that the Miley path had suffered from the volume of water which poured into the cutting during the storms, and large pools were continuing to form across the path. However the pipe under the Harefield Road bridge was still running effectively. John agreed to show David M the silt trap to assist with keeping it clear.</p> <p>s) Broughty Ferry Active Travel Project. The NCN Dighty bridge replacement is nearing completion but opening has been delayed. A celebration open event is planned for March 2024. John will share invitations when available.</p> <p>t) Draft Sustainable Transport Delivery Plan consultation. While time was running out, there was a brief discussion about the STDP. All present to send comments to John on the draft plan which is available here https://www.dundee.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/sustainable_transport_development_plan_accessible.pdf Comments by Friday 15th, and John will collate and send out a draft response on Monday 18th</p> | <p>DM/JW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>All/JW</p> |
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