

**Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes  
Menziesshill Community Centre, Dundee  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7 – 9pm**

PRESENT: Roy Partington (convenor) Scotways  
 David Martin Cycling Groups/Dundee Cycling Forum  
 Stephen Cragg (vice convenor)  
 John Whyman (secretary) Outdoor Access Officer DCC  
 Mary Holligan Grove Academy Eco Group  
 David McDougall Stobswell Forum  
 Paul Scofield Western Gateway Community Group  
 Sam Murphy Western Gateway Community Group  
 Simon Morgan Western Gateway Community Group

APOLOGIES: Neil Quinney Sustrans Network Ranger Vols  
 Gillian Zealand Sidlaw Path Network Group  
 Andrew Llanwarne FoE/STRIDE  
 David Rennie Ramblers

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2.	<b>Minutes of previous meetings</b> 11th November 2019 were agreed as accurate.	
3.	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of 24/6/19</b> 3. Gritting Routes. Stephen not yet drafted a letter to the new Convenor of City Development Alan Ross, but intends to. 3. Roy gave update on the cycle parking at surgeries with his medical practice at Ancrum One, but the surgery are not going to progress at the moment. 5. Northern Links – David McD reported that the Dundee Decides implementation of walking improvements in Coldside has still not been completed after 2 years. 8. LEZ update – report to committee 63-2020 on the consultation, but no recommendations for the councillors to vote on yet.	SC
4.	<b>Local Spotlight - Active travel and outdoor access in Lochee Ward</b> Sam, Paul and Simon outlined their request to Dundee City Council for improvements in the Denhead of Gray to encourage active travel. The Western Gateway Development Framework describes useable walking and cycling connections from the new houses to the rest of the city's path network, but they are not in place. No start date for the Swallow roundabout path works. Core Path 50 uses Denhead Of Gray road (which does not have a footway), a muddy path and mown lawn to get to Myrekirk Asda, the nearest bus stop etc. CP50 is	

	<p>becoming more popular, and the community group would like to see:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better signage including “no through road except walking and cycling”</li> <li>• Construction of a surfaced path instead of the mud and grass path</li> </ul> <p>CP50 had been discussed at the forum in 2013 as it was known to be difficult to use in icy or wet weather. James Kieller Estates had not carried out surface improvement, which was initially agreed, although had cut back vegetation. The Convenor asked John W to prepare a letter of support to be sent from the Forum to the Chief Executive of City Development. Sam, Paul and Simon advised they would carry on raising with Ward Councillors through the community group and would look into Paths for All grant funding.</p>	JW/RP
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Promotion and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:-  <a href="http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/">http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/</a> David McD asked about the E-Bike scheme, docking stations have featured in the Planning application lists, but still no appeared on the streets. Application did not reference the Northern Links project. No-one present had any more information.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Statutory Functions</b></p> <p>a) Section 11 Application - Camperdown Park/ BBC Radio One Big Weekend proposal was discussed, details provided on a map. The discussion led to points of consensus including:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Closure of Core Path 45, Queen Mother's Drive from 9th May to 30<sup>th</sup> May. The Forum expect the council to follow the legal processes in order to carry out the closure of the path, including the public notices, consultation and seeking confirmation from Scottish Ministers. The Forum accepts the east perimeter path would be an appropriate diversion, however also advise that the gradient and surface is less accessible for cycles.</li> <li>2. Closure of Core Path 45, Laburnum Walk and Core Path 44, Camperdown Main Drive 21st May to 25th May, the Forum understand this is necessary for the event, and that the short term (less than 6 days) process applies.</li> <li>3. Closure of the entire park 21st May to 25th May. Members of the Forum expressed significant concerns about closing the entire park, and decided this was excessive. They advised that as a minimum, access should be provided to avoid the need to walk and cycle on busy roads outside the park, pointing out the lack of footway on Gourdie Brae. They advised that excessive diversions for walkers and cyclists should be avoided, and that the perimeter path should be utilised for a safe alternative route for walkers and cyclists while remaining well away from the event space.</li> <li>4. The Forum appreciate the value of the event for the city, and that some inconvenience is understandable</li> </ol> <p>The Convenor asked John W to share this advice with the DCC event team.</p> <p>b) The Core Path Plan statutory consultation went without objections, and the amended Plan will be adopted shortly.</p>	JW
<b>7</b>	<p><b>AGM Arrangements</b></p> <p>Date 27<sup>th</sup> April (change from 20<sup>th</sup> April), Baxter Park Glass Centre, Nominations for Convenor and Vice Convenor, noted that Stephen C has agreed to accept a nomination for Convenor. John W to arrange venue and refreshments. Possible speakers – Green Health Partnership and Dog Friendly Dundee and Angus, John to make contact.</p>	JW
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>a) Motorcycle Project in Strathmartine – John W briefly outlined the project aiming</p>	

	<p>to reduce illegal use of off road Motorcycles in our green spaces and streets.</p> <p>b) Cycling Forum - David M advised of the Arty Cycle Racks being manufactured as part of the design competition.</p> <p>c) Transport Forum – David McD advised that the Stobswell Forum is represented, (topics include buses, taxis, trains and walking and cycling) and asked if there should be a sharing of information with the Forums. David offered to share contact details with John W with a view to exchanging minutes.</p>	JW/ DMcD
	<b>Roy Closed the meeting</b>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>DONM 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 7-9 – Baxter Park</b>	

Post meeting note

Updated Core Path Plan has been adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> March, Public Notice in the Evening Telegraph on Friday 28th Feb.

Plan can be viewed here:-

[www.dundee.gov.uk/outdoor-access-in-dundee/core-paths](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/outdoor-access-in-dundee/core-paths)

It is hoped that a new interactive map can be made available for the public to see more detailed information about the locations of the Core Paths.



**Dundee Local Access Forum  
Annual General Meeting  
Held by Zoom, video meeting  
On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 7:30pm**

**Present**

**Core Group:**

Roy Partington	(Convenor) Scotways
John Whyman	(Secretary) Outdoor Access Officer
David Martin	Cycling Groups
Stephen Cragg	
Mary Colvin	Eco Schools
Andy Llanwarne	Friends of the Earth Tayside

**Wider Membership / In Attendance:**

Alison Abercrombie	DCC Greenspace Officer
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**Apologies:**

Graham Cross	Ardler Environment Group/Bonnie Dundee
Pam Watson	British Horse Society
David MacDougall	Stobswell Forum

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1.	Convenor Roy Partington, opened the meeting	
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes Of 2019 Annual General Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Motion to adopt, proposed David Martin, seconded Stephen Cragg. Matters arising. Andy advised that the LEZ was delayed as a result of Covid-19 and would now not be in place until 2021. Roy is concerned about the effect of Covid-19 on the ability for people to use the bus instead of using the car in the LEZ.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Presentation of Annual Report Roy Partington (chair/convenor)</u></b></p> <p>Roy provided a written report circulated by email to the group before the meeting (attached below), and open up for questions. Andy asked about Roy's thoughts on the current projects encouraging active travel including the Spaces for People projects. Roy is encouraged by the projects which provide segregation for cars, cycles and pedestrians. He has noticed more walkers and cyclists and less car parking in the streets around Ninewells. Andy raised the criticism from some groups for DCC not doing enough. He went on to say that the effect at Douglas Terrace Modal Filter was excellent, but there could have been more attractive signage/placemaking such as planters. 20mph zones in Fintry, Douglas, Perth Rd also recognised as being introduced in the next couple of months. David raised the second Dundee bid for Spaces for People, and Dundee Cycling Forum campaigning, with a petition and some consultation into the content of the bid submitted last week. Roy raised the issue of secure cycle parking required at residences and destinations.</p>	

4.	<p><b><u>Election of Office Bearers</u></b></p> <p>As the minutes of the last AGM note, Roy was standing down after 4 years. There has been one nomination for a new Convenor, Stephen Cragg, proposed by Roy and seconded by David. All present indicated agreement and Stephen's offer was accepted unanimously.</p> <p>Roy handed over to Stephen at this point.</p> <p>Other positions. No nominations for Vice Convenor. Roy agreed to remain on the Forum as Scotways Rep and Mary as Eco Groups Rep. Andy advised that STRIDE was no longer active, and was not involved with Dighty Connect, but asked if his work with Friends of the Earth Tayside qualified for representation. This was agreed by all present.</p> <p>Nature Conservation Rep. Since George Potts left the Forum, there has been little involvement from the Countryside Rangers. Alison Abercrombie, DCC Greenspace Officer has offered to take up this role, and agreed by all present.</p> <p>British Horse Society Rep. Pam Watson has indicated that she is not able to attend and is stepping down. There is no other replacement. Pam has been involved with the forum since 2001 before it was formally established, and was regularly involved for over 15 years.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Outdoor Access Strategy</u></b> John provided a written update on the Access Strategy and explained that while the strategy was only supposed to run until 2017, it is still being monitored. John is carrying out an assessment of the Strategy to inform the council whether it should be reviewed and rewritten or whether other documents have superseded its place. Dundee has other strategies in place now such as the Cycling Strategy, Physical Activity Strategy and Outdoor Learning Strategy. Most other local authorities do not have an Outdoor Access Strategy. Stephen agreed that the strategy should form content of a future meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Dundee Cycling</u></b> David M gave a brief outline of the work of the Dundee Cycling Forum including events such as Pedal on Parliament and the fun Cycletastic in Victoria Park. The forum has held meetings with politicians and DCC officers, instigated changes to developments through planning application comments, ran a cycle rack design competition and manage active website and social media. It has been a busy year, and the meetings continue to attract good attendances. The Convenor Laurie Bidwell has stepped down, with David as Vice Convenor/acting Convenor until an AGM can be held.</p> <p><b><u>Forum Development</u></b> Stephen explained some of the content he would like to raise at future meeting including more Active Travel work and the Access Strategy. He would also proposed improving links with for example disability groups such as the Disability and Age Action Group.</p> <p><b><u>Biodiversity</u></b> Alison raised the current council project to leave more areas unmown. Hopefully sufficient cutting to ease access through desire lines may be possible. All present welcomed the introduction of no mow areas. Roy pointed out some of the areas he had enjoyed seeing wildflowers. More information is here:-  <a href="https://www.dundee.gov.uk/news/article?article_ref=3652">https://www.dundee.gov.uk/news/article?article_ref=3652</a></p> <p><b><u>Friends of the Earth Tayside</u></b> Andy advised of the planning application comments and consultations that were part of the work of the local FoE group.</p> <p><b><u>Housing Developments</u></b> Mary raised an issue with access around the Western Gateway and the possibility of including more attractive walking and cycling links between and through developments at the planning stage, in particular the Western</p>	

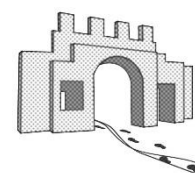
	<p>Gateway links to Camperdown. Discussion on commenting on planning applications.</p> <p>Dates For Meetings, times and locations TBC</p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2021</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (AGM)</b></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b>  Roy thanked all members and contributors over the 4 years of his Convenorship. All present thanked Roy in return, and look forward to continuing to work together. Stephen thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b> possibly a wider internet video meeting</p>	

## Convenors Report

### DUNDEE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (BRAW)

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

ROY PARTINGTON      CONVENOR



#### 1 Introduction.

In the current circumstances of Lockdown the usual format has been replaced by a narrative form, based on the Minutes of the group meetings.

#### 2 Meetings.

There were three meetings held as follows with numbers attending and apologies in brackets.

June 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Whitefield Community Centre (4 att; 7 apols)

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Arthurstone Library (6 att; 3 apols)

February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Menzieshill Community Centre (9 att; 3 apols)

#### 3 Statutory Matters

Section 11. There was considerable discussion about a potential application relating to a major event at Camperdown In May 2020, but this did not happen because of the Lockdown. There have been no reported Access problems with Core Path though there have been incidents reported in the press relating to conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians at Grassy Beach and the path to West Ferry.

#### 4 Commentary on the work of the Forum.

The updated Core Path Plan (see Report for AGM 2018/2019) was adopted by Dundee City Council on March 1st 2020. This good news as it is a rewarding conclusion for the hard work put in by John Whyman our Access Officer and

Secretary of the Forum with the support of members of the Forum in surveying the Core Path Network.

Other matters which have been discussed by the Forum are as follows.

The City Local Emission Zone (LEZ), improvements to synchronisation of Puffin pedestrian crossings, and the Northern Link proposals have provided interesting discussions and are developments which we have supported. The Forum noted with disappointment the failure of the Dundee City Council to secure the go ahead for the more transformational Northern Links project.

We have supported the proposals in the City and applaud the growing support for separation of routes for Pedestrian, Cyclists and Cars in the Sustrans funded Broughty Ferry Active Travel Project.

Looking back over the past few years we have rarely had specific local matters brought to the table at our meetings. Previously we have spoken about the Glens Housing Scheme 20mph zone and the Albert St possible one-way with segregated cycle lanes. This year we had a full presentation by local residents requesting an improved active travel route between the Western Gateway houses and Myrekirk Road. We were happy to help and support their proposals. We note the hoped for essential improvements at the Swallow Roundabout have not been taken forward and remains in a state of limbo.

## 5 The Future

Looking ahead to the possibilities noted in the local press such as a Dundee Eden Project, and the proposed improvements to the roads, cycleways and pavements one can only be optimistic and hope that they all come to pass. We are often told much about a 'new normal' but historically humans change only slowly.

A remarkable side effect of Covid-19 has been the significant increase the use of our paths and open spaces for walking and cycling. Quieter roads and reduction in bus use have encouraged key workers to take up active travel, helped with a long warm spring. Outdoor Access has become a key part of people's lives.

In the short term the following issues will have to be confronted.

1. A future for the public transport service assuming long term social distancing.
2. Considerable increase of the use of electric assist cycles and electric scooters.
3. Long term city redesign to keep cycles, e-bikes and e-scooters separate from walkers and safe from motor vehicles.
4. Clarification of the laws applying to e-bikes and scooters on our paths and footways.

In the medium and long term much will depend on forces outside our local control, but we will adapt, and it has to be recognised in our own essentially human and messy way.

*“For everything to remain the same, everything must change”, as spoken by Tancredi in the ‘The Leopard’ by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa.*

## 6 Final remarks

On that note I am very hopeful that I will be able to hand over to a new Convenor, who has accepted a nomination as Convenor of the Dundee Local Access Forum (BRAW) who will provide us all with the leadership we need. The future will be interesting and will involve us all. I wish them well in their period in office.

I wish to thank all the members of the BRAW forum for their support, knowledge and enthusiasm over the last 4 years.

Finally I would like to thank all of you, especially John Whyman our Access Officer and Forum Secretary, for your patient tolerance of my losing minutes and eccentricities. John has been a model of calm reassurance to me while putting me right in respect of my e-mails on the state of the footpaths and usage by some members of the public.

It has been very interesting, enjoyable and a privilege to be able assist in the development of the infrastructure of this fine City, which has been my family home for 54 years.

Best wishes to you all

Roy Partington

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy Update

### **Outdoor Access Strategy monitoring 2020**

Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy was approved in 2012 to be reviewed in 2017. Its actions have been monitored annually from 2013 to 2020. Since the adoption of the strategy, the Dundee Cycling Strategy, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Outdoor Learning Strategy have contributed to delivery of Outdoor Access Strategy actions.

Each year the City Council invests in outdoor access infrastructure through improvement (widening and upgrading the surface) or refreshes them to “as new”. Recent projects include replacing 300 rotten steps on the Law and investment in the Green Circular along the Tay and in the Docks. Our green spaces have seen new projects to improve outdoor access including the Giant Hogweed Control programme and Green Flag Award spaces increasing from 4 to 6. The Green Circular and Core Paths are regularly checked.

Dundee Core Path Plan is up to date after the reviewed plan was adopted in 2020. Planning Applications are checked to ensure Core Paths are protected and improved where possible. The City has attracted outside funding for improvements to Active Travel Infrastructure.

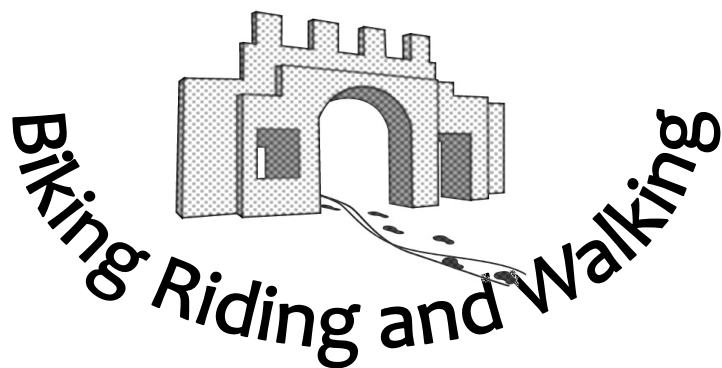


Outdoor Access is promoted through Health Walks, Green Health Partnership, Countryside Rangers and others. The Cycle Map is updated regularly, and the city has seen initiatives such as the Oor Wullie trail, Heritage Trails and Pokemon Go encouraging people out and about. Dundee now has a dedicated Mountain Bike Skills Trail. Responsible access and promotion of the Outdoor Access Code is carried out through the Management Rules, targeted leaflets and events.

There has been no progress on developing the missing link in Core Path 22, although other aspirational Core Paths have been constructed. There is limited involvement of volunteers in maintaining the path network. There has been no significant improvement in cycle parking at shopping areas or providing safe cycle routes to schools.

The schools "Hands-Up Survey" indicates that less pupils are walking to school (50% in 2012 down to 46%) in 2018 but more are cycling (1% in 2012 to 4% in 2018). Cycling on the Green Circular has not changed significantly from 34000 cycle movements per year in 2011 to 34780 in 2019.

John Whyman, Outdoor Access Officer, Dundee City Council. 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020



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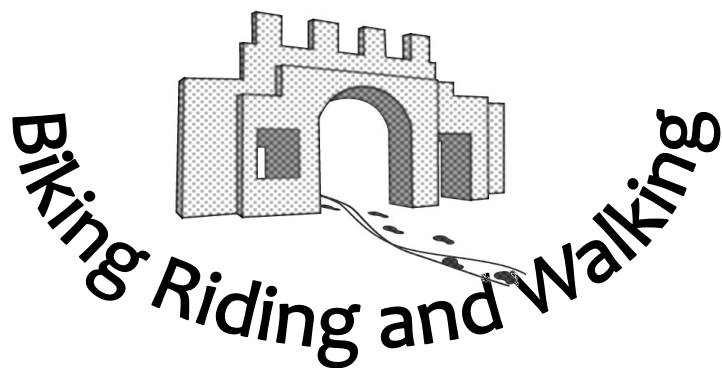
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4.	<p><b>Update from Cycling Forum</b></p> <p>The cycling forum has not had a meeting since January, and is without an elected Convenor. Committee members have been active and pressing views to influence Spaces for People and planning applications. They have also been corresponding with the council on the Broughty Ferry Active Travel Project. Access Forum agreed to thank the Cycling Forum for its action in pressing for a second Spaces for People bid.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Covid-19 Impact on Outdoor Access</b></p> <p>A range of views were heard. There still needs to be more counter data collected, but there is evidence of a significant increase of active leisure, in particular during the initial lockdown period. Other points include: -</p> <p><u>Impact on sites</u> – more litter left in out greenspaces, car parking congestion in beauty spots in some instances because of reduced car sharing.</p> <p><u>Travel Restriction</u> – the 5 mile limit particularly impacted rural communities, where people may not have had access to any usable greenspace.</p> <p><u>Shielding</u> – Graham reported that he could not leave his house for more than 90 days due to self-isolating and shielding. He found the first trips out very difficult and is still not as active as before lockdown.</p> <p><u>Volunteer groups</u> (Bonnie Dundee and Ardler Environment Group for example), have hardly been able to meet, their projects have suffered and the health benefits to members lost.</p> <p><u>Biodiversity</u> – Roy was delighted with the wildflowers which appeared without the mowing in verges and parks, although most areas were now cut. John W reported that the naturalised area project had some hiccups, but the council would try again next with a wider consultation coming soon.</p> <p><u>Access etiquette</u> – Issues such as not social distancing and walking on country roads with the back to traffic were raised.</p>	
6	<p><b>Promotion and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:-  <a href="http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/">http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/</a> Very few major applications coming through. Little relevance to outdoor access. Cycling Forum has been commenting on applications such as drive through eateries considered to promote unnecessary motor vehicle use.</p> <p>b) Spaces for People (SfP). This is funding from Scottish Government to deliver mainly temporary changes during the Covid-19 pandemic. DCC has been awarded 2 grants totalling over £2 million. Modal filters (reducing vehicle traffic to encourage walking and cycling in the road) and 20mph zones are already in place, improvements to the Green Circular and pop-up cycle lanes are being planned. Green Circular Riverside Nature Park to Perth Rd was highlighted as a potential SfP action. Stephen asked if there was any input possible from Access Forum. John W advised that no consultation was required to use the funding</p>	
7.	<p><b>Statutory Functions</b></p> <p>a) Section 11 Application – None</p> <p>b) The Core Path Plan (updated) was adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020</p> <p>c) Path issues – Discussion on the Kingsway, raised in the Core Path consultations as a barrier to access. Improvements at Myrekirk Circle and Caird Park Toucans noted. John B raised the very rough damaged tarmac path on the south of the Kingsway between Strathmartine Road and Forfar Rd. John W advised that this is under Transport Scotland rather than the council. John W to draft a letter requesting the path is resurfaced.</p>	JW

	David asked about Core Path 52 in Dudhope Park and the Covid Testing centre, which was blocking access. John W to visit.	JW
8.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>a) Travel Friction – raised by Dundee Cycling Forum member Donald Baddon after repeated comments raised on social media blaming either walkers, dog walkers, cyclists, joggers or music listeners for not being responsible in their access on shared paths. The discussion focused on education and promotion (engineering solutions are too late for many paths and enforcement too labour intensive). Value of Bikeability in schools was recognised by members.</p> <p>b) Highway Code consultation. Stephen’s draft response was discussed and comments to be sent directly to him by 2<sup>nd</sup> October. In discussion overtaking cyclists on narrow roads and the education of drivers in the Primary and Secondary road position used by cyclists.</p> <p>c) Mapping Scotland’s Paths project by the Ramblers Scotland. After a trial in the west central belt, the project was going to launched nationwide. More information here:- <a href="https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/out-there/out-there-getting-paths-on-maps.aspx">https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/out-there/out-there-getting-paths-on-maps.aspx</a></p> <p>The forum recognised the value of well used paths, which were not promoted as Core Paths or other routes and not mapped as Rights of Way were vital to outdoor access. Many local paths in East Dundee have already been mapped in the STRIDE project. It may be that this data can be used again. Other ways of helping are to become a local volunteer doing audits. More information to follow when available.</p> <p>d) Stephen has set up an independent email address for the Forum <a href="mailto:brawdundee@outlook.com">brawdundee@outlook.com</a>. This will be passed to future Convenors and will be used for receiving the regular Planning List.</p>	All
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3.	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of 21/9/20</b> 3. Gritting Routes. Stephen had a discussion with Glasgow Council who have new vehicles using brine rather than salt. These are grant aided by Sustrans linked to Glasgow's new segregated cycle lanes. Stephen will make an approach to Dundee Council. 3. Denhead of Gray/Core Path 50 – John W contacted Alistair Hilton of DCC Planning for a response to the forum's letter. No reply as yet. John W to continue to make enquiries. Simon advised that the community group is continuing its approaches to DCC, Councillors, the new landowner and have applied for a Paths for All Grant. Simon also advised that the Conditions for planning approval tied Springfield to improvement to the Swallow Hotel circle by completion of house 270. 300 houses are occupied. Simon reported that	SC  JW

	<p>Western Gateway Planning Framework was to be</p> <p>3. David McDougal has responded to request for contact in the Transport Forum John W to speak to John Berry in DCC.</p> <p>7c Kingsway Path – letter received from Transport Scotland advising of a £350,000 investment in the path with new surface and dropped kerbs before end of the financial year. Suggested that the Forum put out a press release.</p> <p>7c Dudhope Core Path 52 was confirmed to be open for walking and cycling.</p> <p>8b Highway Code consultation response was submitted by Stephen.</p> <p>8c More information from Ramblers about the Mapping project has been received and shared with members in meeting papers <a href="https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/out-there/out-there-getting-paths-on-maps.aspx">https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/out-there/out-there-getting-paths-on-maps.aspx</a></p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW/SC</p>
4.	<p><b>Update from Cycling Forum</b></p> <p>The cycling forum is to hold its AGM on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November by Zoom, delayed from March. Members have been keeping up with dialogue with DCC and others including the bus companies. Planning Applications have been committed on, and members are making representation to the council tonight.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Covid-19 Impact on Outdoor Access</b></p> <p>John shared data in meeting papers from a counter on the Green Circular which illustrated the increase in use at the start of lockdown. Numbers over the whole monitoring period have increased 100%. Unfortunately pedestrian numbers are not monitored at this point.</p>	
6	<p><b>Promotion and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>c) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:- <a href="http://idoxwam.dundeeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/">http://idoxwam.dundeeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/</a> David McDougal had contacted the Forum to explain that Stobswell Forum have put in an objection to the housing development at Mains Loan due to lack of walking and cycling provision. Link to details is here:- <a href="http://idoxwam.dundeeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&amp;keyVal=Q5U5UKGCHLR00">http://idoxwam.dundeeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&amp;keyVal=Q5U5UKGCHLR00</a> although the public commenting period has closed.</p> <p>d) Spaces for People (SfP). This is funding from Scottish Government to deliver mainly temporary changes during the Covid-19 pandemic. DCC has been awarded 2 grants totalling over £2 million. Modal filters (reducing vehicle traffic to encourage walking and cycling in the road) and 20mph zones are already in place from Phase 1. SfP2 improvements will resurface and widen sections of Green Circular, create off road routes to some schools including Baldragon Academy on Harestane Rd and create pop-up cycle lanes. The Forum discussed the benefit of temporary installations being used to trial measures which could be contentious if not used. John W advised that he had been informed the council were working on making all interventions permanent from the start. Most measures were at an advanced design stage, apart from the Pop-Up Cycle lanes. BRAW to discuss with the Cycling Forum and to contact the council to promote innovation through temporary trials.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Statutory Functions</b></p> <p>d) Section 11 Application – None</p> <p>e) Core Path issues – Core Path 7 from Dykes of Gray to Whitelawson Cottages is closed with a contractor working for Springfield installing a water main. Council investigations are underway. Also requests to have the path reinstated to a useable condition.</p>	<p>JW</p>
8.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	

	<p>e) Alison A raised the consultation into the changes to mowing regimes in some parks. Consultation ends 31<sup>st</sup> Dec and is here <a href="http://www.dundee.gov.uk/consultations-and-surveys/creating-biodiversity-grasslands-and-naturalised-grasslands-in-dundeek-parks-and-greenspaces-a">www.dundee.gov.uk/consultations-and-surveys/creating-biodiversity-grasslands-and-naturalised-grasslands-in-dundeek-parks-and-greenspaces-a</a></p> <p>f) Replacement white lining at Glamis Rd Ninewells Ave shared use path after resurfacing raised by Roy P. John W to contact engineers.</p> <p>g) Discussion of the use of busy roads for cycling when a shared use path was alongside. Several reasons for some cyclists to use road space rather than shared spaces were raised.</p> <p>h) Dave R explained that local Ramblers groups were having groups walks. The Ramblers Association has provided guidance and local members have identified Covid officers to ensure everyone stays safe. All forum members welcomed this.</p> <p>i) Stephen mentioned a campaign to reduce single use plastic in our streets and green spaces, which detracts from our enjoyment of access.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JW</p> <p>DR</p>
	<b>Stephen Closed the meeting</b>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>DONM - 1st February 2021, possibly via Zoom</b>	

Post meeting information.

Sidlaw Path Network Group AGM will be held on Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm by Zoom. Members wanting more information to contact John W.

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