PREVIOUS MINUTE AND ACTIONS	AMENDMENTS/UPDATES	COMPLETED	WHO	DATE
ARISING				
1. Previous Minute		Approved		
2. AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO	TARGET DATE
3. Local Place Plan	The ASP Group focussed attention mainly on the parts of the Lochalsh Local Place Plan (LLLP) concerning active travel. The Kyle and Lochalsh Active Travel Initiative – Proposals and Recommendations for Active Travel (May 2024) was welcomed, and the group were delighted a footpath along the A890 between Achmore and Stromeferry was highlighted as one of the 6 priority routes included for early selection. Some of the narrative in this report was not completely accurate and the ASP agreed to write to the author initially to ask if these can be corrected by him if the document is in draft form. This wasn't clear. The corrections requested were 1. include that the footpath along the A890 was <u>for pedestrian safety</u> and to provide ease of access. (Section 25 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 gives the Council a power to put in pavements where they agree there is a safety issue for pedestrians and if they have money. The safety criteria would seem obvious as walking the road is the only way to access the station from Achmore area and the only way to access the village hall from Stromeferry. 2. To ask that the preference for a pavement is the northwest side to avoid the need to cross the road twice and as it is more sheltered. 3. Correct the owners of the land the Dairy – Portchullin path crosses 4. Correct reference to Fernaig Community Crofts to Fernaig Community Trust	IH to email the report author	ASAP	Feedback 19/06/2024

Present – Colin Parsons, Marion Howat, Claudia Weegan, Sunil Pullperuma,Iseabail Howat Apologies – Mhairi Macrae, Chris Cartwright, Kath Smith, Mary MacBeth, Kate Biss, Rory Biss

	It was noted the map in the preliminary LLPP for Achmore and Stromeferry was discussed as the aspirational walking and cycling route between the two villages is different from the old Right of Way Hill Path the ASP Group are trying to re- establish. This to be highlighted as part of the LLPP consultation. There was also some discussion about the Strome Beach path particularly if it was to be threatened by any new industrial development (alongside the impact an industrial type of development would have on those overlooking the site). IH advised that Stewart Hawthorn (Managing Directror of Loch Long Salmon) is quoted as saying in The National Newspaper – Special Report of 21/05/2023) that that "the location on Loch Long was chosen in conjunction with park officials and that it cannot be seen from any houses or walking routes" . It is known Loch Long Salmon have an interest in the site at Stromeferry. In terms of the LLPP and industrial development the Group agreed the Community Council's next meeting was the forum for raising concerns about 'vacant sites' and how the community would like to see them used to assist their consultation feedback.			
Action points from last meeting - <u>3.1.ii)</u>	 3.1.ii) Update from Fernaig Community Trust. FCT members Letter sent to FCT, which was discussed at the FCT Meeting. Awaiting formal reply for discussion at next meeting. The ASP group Meeting agreed that time was passing however in which we have been unable to apply for grants and other options should be explored and decided on at the next meeting. To consider The ASP Group Meeting agreed that time was passing however in which we have been unable to apply for grants and other options should be explored and decided on at the next meeting. To consider 	Feedback and discussion at next meeting	ІН	19/06/2024
	 The ASP formally constituting as a self-contained group. Would this be incorporated or un-incorporated Explore whether there are other groups in the wider area that the ASP could join. The Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust which the Community Council and Fernaig Community Trust are affiliated to. 	Explore options 3 and 4 and 5 before next meeting	ІН	19/06/2024

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	4. The Skye and Lochalsh Footpath Focus Group which we have attended in the			
	past – if it is still running.			
	past – If it is still fullilling.			
3.2.i.) Achmore/Strome	3.2.i) Road Update – IH			
Routes				
Koules	Neil Young (Project Manager HC Active Travel) got back to say that "The active travel funding landscape has changed recently and unfortunately communities no longer can access funding to appoint a consultant to conduct feasibility studies". He kindly offered to help us prepare a brief and appoint a consultant if we obtained funding from elsewhere. Although likely to be a long term aim the group discussed how we might pursue a pavement through Highland Regional Council's power under Section 25 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.			
	"Section 25 Provision of footways.			
	A roads authority shall provide, wherever it appears to them necessary or desirable for the safety or convenience of pedestrians so to do, proper and sufficient footways for public roads".	Informal chat with Local Councillor	IH will arrange	19/06/2024
	The group felt informally sounding out our local councillor and asking the Community Council if they would support that there is a safety need for this footway would be a good initial step. It was recognised the Community Council would be busy with the LLPP consultation so seeking their support did not need to be immediate.	Decide when to take to Community Council	ASP Group	19/06/2024
3.6.ii) and 3.6.iii) Rights of Way signage and Insurance	Hill Path and gate – Achmore and Strome route CP advised the owner is happy for signage to be put in and for a new gate to be fitted. IH advised the gate is available for pre- arranged pick up from Inverness.	Arrange pick up	СР	At discretion of others

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	IH advised Stewart Easthaugh had sent on more potential funding sources and			
	sign examples that can be applied for once the Group is able to do this.			
	He also advised of an online Meet the Funder Event open to anyone to attend.			
3.8.i <u>) </u> Strome Beach	8.i) Write to landowners again.		Any ASP	
Track			Group	
	IH wrote again after the last meeting to advise volunteers planned to cut back	Tidy morning	members	15/06/2024
	the vegetation on the path. There has been no reply. It was agreed that we		able to	
	should just go ahead and arrange a day to do this. Saturday 15 th June 10.00am -		help.	
	12.00pm was agreed.	To be put on the		
		Community		
		WhatsApp	IH	
		Group for		
		anyone		
		interested in		
		coming along.		
4. Promoting Paths	CP shared a brief he had written to be put on the Stromeferry and Achmore	To be put on	CP and	
Group	webpage. The group discussed and agreed a narrative.	webpage.	Mary M	
5. Held items	Not discussed.			
6. Hall fees		Payment to Hall	IH	Every
		Treasurer.		meeting
Date of next meeting	Date of next meeting will be 19 th June 2024 at 7pm in the hall.			
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