

ACHMORE AND STROME PATH GROUP MEETING – 21 AUGUST 2024

Present – Colin Parsons, Marion Howat, Chris Cartwright, Iseabail Howat, Mhairi Macrae, Mary MacBeth

Apologies – Kath Smith, Claudia Weegan, Sunil Pullaperuma

PREVIOUS MINUTE AND ACTIONS	AMENDMENTS/UPDATES	COMPLETED	WHO	DATE
1. Previous Minute		Approved		
2. AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO	TARGET DATE
3. Local Place Plan	The Local Place Plan has been updated to include the corrections made by the group. The updated Active Travel Plan has not been shared yet, but we have been assured by Nick Wright this is the one that will be referenced in the Local Place Plan.	Completed – 21/08/2024	All	
Action points from last meeting - <u>3.1.ii)</u>	<u>3.1.ii) Group Governance - Update re Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust</u> The KLPT are in a recruitment process just now, so action carried forward.	Explore possibility of ASP Group joining KLCT.	CP	Next Meeting
3.2.i.) Achmore/Strome Routes - Road	<u>3.2.i) Road Update – IH</u> Seek support from our Local Councillor in trying to have roadside path survey done and potentially the path then funded from the Council budget on basis of safety, when Council funds become available. (section 25, Roads (Scotland) Act 1984). Informal chat with Local Councillor at next CCM.	Informal chat with Local Councillor	August CCM	Next meeting
3.6.iii) Achmore/Strome Routes – gate and signage	<u>Hill Path and gate – Achmore and Strome route</u> CP has been to the store and got a gate for the hill path. CP advised there are several gates available for these types of projects but that given their awkward size with frame sides attached a pick-up or trailer would be needed to collect any more. Colin managed to get a random small wooden one.	Hang gate.	Next couple of months	Update – next meeting.

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	M MacB asked for clarification as to whether this path was a designated Right of Way. CP said it was. It had been included in a return he made on all the Rights of Way in the area for the National Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW) a considerable number of years ago. His research at the time included speaking to the oldest residents in the villages for their input on Rights of Way they used going back to the 1920/30's.			
3.8.i) Strome Beach Track	<u>8.i) Tidy Up</u> Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the final clear up. It was agreed it that making this an annual event should prevent the track getting into as poor a state as it was so this will become a new held item for next year.	Completed – 13/07/2024 - new held item for next year.	Volunteers	
10.i) Promoting Paths Group	<u>10.i) Stromeferry and Achmore web page</u> Agreed to put all back minutes on the web page. There was discussion about adding back correspondence too.	Previous minutes to CP - pass to M McB for inclusion.	IH	Before next meeting.
5. Held items	Core Path – Raised Beach M McB gave an update on the state of the gates on this path. The strainers on the upside gates are no longer fit for purpose. Colin will see if he can get strainers from his contacts in Glenelg the next time, he is over. M McB will check the cost of strainers the last time they were bought at Fernaig.	Try and obtain strainers free Cost if bought – M McB		
6. AOB	1). The group acknowledged and wished to thank KB and RB for all the informative and helpful contributions and suggestions they made to the group. 2). The idea of walking the hill path so we all know the route was agreed. This will be on either Sat 14 th Sept or Sat 21 st Sept at 10am depending on which day has the best weather forecast. The plan is to meet and start at the gate next to Stromeferry Woods and work back up the path.	Hill path tidy up.	Volunteers	14 th or 21 st September

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	3). CP will check who maintains the Stromeferry Woods path to talk to them about maintenance work. MH had said some maintenance had started on the 'view point' path but seemed to have stopped.			
7. Date of Next Meeting	18 th September 2024 in the hall at 7pm.			

APPROVED