



## The Clackmannanshire Access Forum

### Minute of open meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Alloa Town Hall

	<b>Action</b>
<b><u>Present</u></b>	
<b>Landowners/Land Managers:</b> Andrew Thompson, James Cullens, Jane Coull, Sir Robert Stewart	
<b>Agency representatives:</b> Alistair Lawson	
<b>Advisors:</b> Colin Ward	
<b>Community group representatives:</b> Dugdale Bradley, Dick Clark, David Scott, Caroline Crawford	
<b>User group representatives:</b> Ella Galletly, Anna Gilmartin, Alastair Scott, John Ferguson, Beryl Clarke, Archie Douglas, Frank McFadyen, Gordon Durward, Ray Finlay, Hilary Thomson, Walter Morton, Ken Wiles, Shona Chalmers, Enid Trevett, Linda Howson, Catriona Finlay, Denis Taylor, Margaret Cook, Drew Michie, Elaine Stevenson, Colin Thomson	
<b>Council officers:</b> Martin Dean	
<b>Apologies:</b> Mike Shepherd, Niall Urquhart, Euan Hills, Councillor Harry McLaren, Councillor Walter McAdam, Brian Poett	
<b><u>1.0 Report on the legislative basis for the Forum, its role and its achievements by the Chair of the Clackmannanshire Access Forum</u></b>	
<b>1.1</b> Alistair Lawson welcomed everybody to the Open Meeting of the Forum.	
<b>1.2</b> He reported that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 places	

a statutory duty on local authorities to establish a Local Access Forum.	
<b>1.3</b> He also reported that the Forum's role is to advise the Local Authority on access rights, rights of way and Core Path Plans.	
<b>1.4</b> He then highlighted some of the achievements of the Forum, notably with regard to the Core Paths Plan.	
<b><u>2.0 Presentation on Access in Clackmannanshire by Access and Countryside Projects Officer</u></b>	
<b>2.1</b> Martin Dean looked at the context of access in Clackmannanshire by considering its size, land use and population; its accessibility from other parts of Central Scotland and its natural and historical attractions.	
<b>2.2</b> He then identified the different types of access identified in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. These include pastimes, family and social activities, active pursuits and participation in events.	
<b>2.3</b> The benefits that access brings to health and to active travel were briefly considered, as was the different path types that exist across the County and the irresponsible access that is undertaken by a minority.	
<b>2.4</b> Statutory duties were also highlighted and future tasks identified.	
<b><u>3.0 Election of Forum members to stakeholder groups</u></b>	
<b>3.1</b> Alistair identified that vacancies existed in each of the four stakeholder groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land managers - 1</li> <li>• Agencies - 2</li> <li>• Community groups - 2</li> <li>• Users - 2</li> </ul>	
<b>3.2</b> He then highlighted how these would be filled and elections took place.	
<b>3.3</b> The following were elected to the Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community groups - David Scott</li> <li>• Users - Gordon Durward and Colin Thomson</li> </ul>	
<b>3.4</b> Jane Coull was re-elected to the land managers group.	
<b>3.5</b> 1 vacancy remains in community groups and 2 vacancies remain in agencies.	
<b>3.6</b> Current members of the Forum are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land managers - Sir Robert Stewart, Jane Coull, James Cullens and Brian Poett</li> <li>• Agencies - Alistair Lawson (Chair) and Mike Shepherd</li> <li>• Community groups - Dick Clark (Vice Chair), Caroline Crawford and David Scott</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Users - Drew Michie, Linda Howson, Gordon Durward and Colin Thomson</li><li>• Council - Councillor Harry McLaren, Councillor Walter McAdam, Martin Dean, Niall Urquhart and Euan Hills</li></ul>	
<b><u>4.0 Questions and discussion</u></b>	
<b>4.1</b> Alistair invited questions, after which he thanked people for attending and concluded the meeting.	