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The Clackmannanshire Access Forum

Note of Clackmannanshire Access Forum visit to Coalpots Way, Fishcross on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015

	<u>Action</u>
Present	
Landowners/Land Managers representatives: John Wilson	
User group representatives: Linda Howson, John Hutcheson, Barbara Maddox	
Community group representatives: Dick Clark (Chair)	
Agency and advisory representatives: None	
Council officers: Martin Dean, Andy Wyse (Legal Services)	
<u>1.0 Apologies</u> Martin reported that he had received apologies from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Anderson • Caroline Crawford • James Cullens • Eric Davidson • Alison Fox • Brian Poett 	
<u>2.0 Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003</u>	
2.1 Martin advised that Section 25 of the Act places a duty on local authorities to establish an Access Forum and for that to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advise on access rights • assist in disputes 	
<u>3.0 Background on Coalpots Way</u>	

<p>3.1 Martin gave background to the issues and distributed background papers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 - summary • Scottish Outdoor Access Code - selected parts • British Horse Society Scotland - Dung Guidance 	
<p><u>4.0 Issues</u></p>	
<p>4.1 Martin reported that the issues included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access rights • obstruction • horse fouling • privacy • muddying • Tuley 	
<p><u>5.0 Site visit and discussion</u></p>	
<p>5.1 Forum members walked the route and considered the issues.</p>	
<p><u>6.0 Advice from Clackmannanshire Access Forum</u></p>	
<p>6.1 The Access Forum advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access rights do apply to Coalpots Way • the locked gate was an obstruction • muddying at the gap could be alleviated by laying hard core • diverting access takers through the margin of the golf course could alleviate the problem, although it was recognised this would require the consent of the golf club and need to take account of safety issues 	
<p>6.2 It was agreed that Forum members would be updated on the outcome of the meeting with residents.</p>	MD