

# Inverclyde Local Access Forum

## Minute of Quarterly Meeting

Held at 7pm on 11-Feb-2020 at Inverclyde Community Development Trust 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> John Wood Street, Port Glasgow

**1. WELCOME:** Shona welcomed everyone, especially new ILAF member Ian, and thanked them for their attendance.

### 2. APOLOGIES:

Giulia Canata (Equestrian Representative)

Mike Holcombe (Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Representative (CMRP))

### 3. PRESENT:

Shona Morris (Cycling UK / Belles on Bikes) Retiring Chair

Yvonne Christie (Community Council Representative)

Alex Wooler (On foot recreational user's representative)

Ash Hamilton (Inverclyde Council (IC) – Planning Policy)

Councillor John Crowther (Inverclyde Council Representative)

Kieran Wild (Sustrans)

Ian Crighton (Community Tracks Inverclyde (CTI), part of Inverclyde Community Development Trust)

Lorna McCartney (Water sport representative)

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved

**Proposed** - Alex Wooler    **Seconded** - John Crowther

### 5 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Ash has emailed Ardgowan Estate with a legal letter regarding agreement to remove access near house, wrt curtilage.

- Draft guidance. Yvonne has fed back through National Park Access Officer. This will be a really useful document.

- Waterfront consultation. Ocean Terminal, regarding re-alignment of Core Path in NCN 75. No objections have been received to Stopping Up Order. Amendment objection from Sustrans means that the path width will be increased from 2m to 3m between the Beacon and Ocean Terminal.

- New chair: Yvonne offered to be the chair for a 2 meeting trial. Alex offered to be deputy chair.

- Terms of Reference deferred until next meeting

- Review of members of ILAF, especially land owners. IC can look at ScotList to see landowners Land Information System. This is in the public domain. May be able to find this information on the Renfrewshire Joint Evaluation Board.

**Action: Ash** will contact the Young Farmers.

**Action: Shona** will forward All Ability contact to Ash.

#### James Watt Dock:

Sustrans & Inverclyde Community Development Trust (The Trust) have consultation events on 20<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Kieran showed diagrams of land ownership (eg Peel Ports) in the area. ILAF were asked to attend the consultation if possible and respond to the consultation via email.

Alex & Shona had met with Alan Williams and the land owners and reached agreement that, until the marina moves, the path can go through the 2 (currently locked) gates then round the back of the Sugar Sheds (ie between the sheds & the A8).

**Action: Kieran** to progress with Gordon in IC Roads Dept, including fence and path improvements.

Gourock Pierhead – Gourock Train Station & CMAL. Network Rail are happy to open the 2 gates cycle track within the station if Scotrail is happy. Sustrans & The Trust have a meeting with CMAL next week regarding the 2 cycle track gates at the CMAL end of the station.

**Action: Kieran** to feed back on progress

Cove Road – There was a discussion around who owns the triangle of land where the blue boat is being used as a planter next to the ramp connecting it to Tarbet Street. This is part of NCN 75.

**Action: Kieran** will do an ownership search.

**Action: Yvonne** will invite Kieran to the March meeting of the Greenock West and Cardwell Bay Community Council

Cycling Steering Group (CSG): Ian updated us on the new CSG. Members of the public were invited to the meeting, for input and ideas from the community.

## **6. ACCESS ENQUIRIES:**

- No official updates.

- Glen Avenue – 1 person reported anti-social behaviour to Safer Communities regarding the path that connects to Caledonia Crescent/Manor Crescent. Ash is awaiting direction from IC. The feeling of the ILAF was that we are opposed to the closure of the path. Closure would set a very undesirable precedent.

## **10. UPDATES & AOB**

- Bothy Maps: The forum reviewed the Bothy 'Routes Around Inverclyde' Maps.

- Auchmountain Glen Project: the paths have been reworked. The top bridge repair is for 5-10 years – IC. The plan is to open the route up from the start of the Glen to Whinhill.

- Update from Mike Holcombe will be circulated by email

- Planning application for old IBM site is for businesses + 400 houses. ILAF would like links to 2 nearby core paths – the Greenock Cut and Flatterton, and shared access paths 4m wide and provision for storing bikes, eg sheds for flats. The application will be shared once validated, and the documents made available online.

- **Action: Yvonne** will send a link to "Local Access Forums – A Guide to Good Practise"

**Next ILAF meeting: 12-May-2020**