

Sunart Community Company  
**Paths Maps Trails Working Group**  
**Minutes**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 6-7.30pm

**Present:** John Jones (Chair), Izzy Baker (LDO), Eilidh-Ann Philips, Sue Metcalf, John Metcalf, Chris Millar-Craig, Laura Harvey, Karl Bungey, Robert Dunn, Sheila Wilson, Sheila Makenzie, Morag Jones.

**Apologies:** Kate Campbell, Peter Grubb, James Hilder, Richard Laybourne, Gill Wilson, Justine Dunn, Rory Sinclair, David Barker,

1. Terms of Reference – Copies to be circulated via email and comments will be received by Izzy ahead of the next meeting. It was agreed that the group should have its own mission statement ***'To improve and promote the network of paths and trails in Sunart'***
2. Structure of group agreed  
 Chair – John Jones  
 Vice Chair – Robert Dunn  
 Minute Secretary – Sheila MaKenzie
3. Next Steps
  - i. Agreed that an Audit of routes is necessary. IB to circulate an Audit Template
  - ii. Agreed that we should investigate technology and software for mapping routes and marking gates. Karl Bungey and Izzy to work on that.

**Key Action Points Listed Below:**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>By Who</b>	<b>When By</b>
a)	Terms of reference circulated by Izzy	Read by all and any comments / suggestions sent to Izzy	Comments before 9 <sup>th</sup> May
b)	Audit Template	Izzy Baker to draft and circulate EA to email Highland Council example	
c)	GPS device and software for use by the group – Research into types and pricings	Karl Bungey and Izzy Baker	
d)	Ordinance Survey Membership	Izzy and Karl to investigate	
e)	Forestry Commission (FC) – communicate with them that this group has formed and what sites we are looking at on their land	IB to contact EA to send IB contact details	
f)	FC = Coffin Trail – Corran Tee mines waymarkers needed	EA to see if Access Officer has completed an Audit for Coffin Trail link.	
g)	FC = Tom an T' Seithen – Waymarkers are needed to show link from Carnoch Plantation	IB to contact FC	
h)	Hydro Scheme Tracks through Glen Tarbet and South side of Loch Sunart – Where are they, mapping etc. Suggestion that they could have the small 'Walkers Welcome Sign'	Waiting on GPS and Audit Template	
i)	Where Access points are to Mountain tracks – gates / styles – Create a map of these	Waiting on GPS and Audit Template	
j)	Ardnastang Beach – Complete Audit	Waiting on GPS and Audit Template EA and RD	
k)	Ardnastang – speak with owner of access route Andy Goodison for permission.		
l)	Ardnastang Parking potentially at the Hatchery Shed		
m)	Access for All routes (primarily wheelchair and pram)	Waiting on GPS and Audit Template	

	- Road behind Hotel - Audit to be completed - Back Road - Back Road is Core Path – will be a HC audit	Sue and John Metcalf? to look at track behind hotel EA to send HCouncil audit for Back Road from highschool road over bridge by the church.	
n)	Longrigg Burn – Robert Dunn’s land. Audit to be completed.	RD and EA	
o)	Collecting Information.	All	
p)	Village Signage – what we have, what works and doesn’t (Audit)	To be allocated	
q)	<b>Leaflets</b> etc Collect copies of each leaflet and compile list of things which could be used for future.		Ongoing
r)	What is <b>online</b> currently for Walks in Sunart? HC – Strontian Village walks Walk Highlands website	To be allocated	

#### 4. Communication

- i. Agreed it was important to advertise ‘Working Party Days’ to get some extra hands and also create an event for the community to get together.
- ii. Important to promote the work that has been done so that routes are used more and people are likely to come forward with other suggestions or wanting to be involved.

#### 5. Things to bear in mind

- i. Agreed that it was best to avoid promoting mountain tracks as liability issue but that a map with access points would be useful
- ii. Need to be aware of Scottish Outdoor Access Code and potential Liabilities or insurance.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 pm Dail Mhor  
(please sign in in the visitors book opposite the main entrance)