

Sunart Community Company
Paths Network Working Group

MINUTES

Tuesday 6th June 2017 Dail Mhor 6.30 pm

Present: John Jones (Chair), Izzy Baker (Development Officer), David Barker, Karl Bungey, Jean Campbell, Robert Dunn, Katrina Hunter, Morag Jones, Bob Lovell, Sue Lovell, Sue Metcalfe, Sheila McKenzie, Gill Wilson, Sheila Wilson, Aidan

1. **Apologies**

John Metcalfe

2. **Agree Terms of Reference**

Copies of the Terms of Reference were passed round and members of the Group asked to give Izzy Baker (IB) any final comments prior to agreement.

3. **Paths for All Grant Application**

IB handed out copies of the draft Paths For All application for discussion and approval of the Group. The Group went through the Questions and Answers as set out on the draft and made a number of amendments. As well as minor changes to the draft application the Group agreed to: identify the reason the Ardnastang beach was a historically important place in the application; to highlight more clearly the health and well-being and educational benefits of the project; to the use of questionnaires and feedback from those taking part in monitoring and evaluating the success of the project and to analysing this information at future Group meetings for assessment.

There was a discussion on whether publicising the existence and use of paths created an insurance issue for landowners where paths were located. It was agreed IB and Robert Dunn would raise this with Eilidh Ann Philips to clarify the exact position.

The Group also considered the draft breakdown in costs for the project. It was noted that the figures for stone and hire of dumper were estimates and could be much less than shown. IB showed the Group drawings of different bench types and it was agreed that benches with backs would be preferable. It was noted that the People's Shed project may be able to make benches as their first project. There was a lengthy discussion on benches and it was agreed that whilst appropriate costings would be added to the application once the final cost of stone etc was known a survey of current benches and locations of new benches in local walks should be undertaken. Gill Wilson and Jean Campbell agreed to do this and it was noted that they would seek the input of others through probably a sign on the notice board outside the shop.

IB will finalise application in line with Group discussion and ensure this is submitted by 16 June 2017 in accordance with application guidelines.

4. **GPS and Mapping**

Noted Karl Bungey still testing out and researching options.

5. Other Routes

Noted that RD had measured the Back Road and estimated the volume of stone required. RD proposed that the upgrade of this path to all access level should be progressed with a submission to the Common Good Fund for funding. IB advised information, advice and support should first be sought from Access Officer based on Skye. IB and RD will take forward.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

18 July 2017 at 6.30 provisionally agreed