

Minutes of the Paths Working Group – 8 October 2018 at 6.30 p.m

Venue: Fire Station, Strontian

Present: Izzy Baker (Chair); Jean Campbell; Catriona Hunter; Alistair McDougall; Alison McDougall; Sheila McKenzie; Sue Metcalfe; Sheila Wilson

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Karl Bungey; John Jones; Morag Jones; Michelle Hilder and Dean Mann.

2. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record subject to the correct spelling of De tha Dol in Minute 3.

3. **Routes for Leaflet**

- a. **List:** IB tabled list of walks to be completed for leaflet.
- b. **Routes Walked:** It was noted that Phemies, Ardnastang Common Grazings and the Community Woodland had been walked with the Community Woodland walk also mapped. Information had been handed in for Phemies with photos. Noted that drainage on the Common Grazings walk may be improved with a section of pipe work. Any work relating to this would have to be agreed with the common grazings committee.
- c. **Next Walks:** Noted walks still to be completed were High Road, Coffin Trail to Corrantee Mines, Ardnastang Beach, Longrigg Burn, Back Road, Hotel to Village, Ariundle and Fairies Walk. Agreed that next walk would be on 23 October 2018. Those able to come to meet at 9.30 at the village green. The walk or walks to be decided on the day. SM has list of walks and tick sheets for information and will bring along with her on the day.

4. **Benches – where should they go?**

JC reported that following a previous piece of work by herself and Gill Wilson on the possible location of benches she thought she had given to IB a report on their proposals. IB will look for this. IB reported that two benches had now been made by the Mens Shed and just remained to be treated; the wood had been cut for three more benches and would have backs. It was noted that at this stage it was too late to ask for a bench with plastic legs but that it had been suggested the broken bench in the community woodland could be repaired with plastic legs.

SM proposed that those involved in creating and putting up the benches should be consulted on the proposed locations of the benches. IB will discuss with them.

5. **GPS Mapping**

Noted that the instruction sheet for GPS mapping should be ready for the next walk.

6. **Any other business**

CH raised the situation of a village resident who, following a recent operation, is having difficulty getting out within his own garden due to steepness of land. CH asking whether providing assistance with a path could potentially fall within the remit of the group. The group agreed they would not be against this in principle. In the meantime IB agreed to look at the land to ascertain what may be possible.

A question was asked about whether following IB's request any photos of local walks had been sent in by group members. IB reported that a number of good photos had been provided by various members of the group. SW provided IB with a disc containing further photos.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

12 November 2018 at 6.30 in the Fire Station