

## **Minutes: Paths Group Meeting 4/02/19 at 6.30 pm**

**Venue:** Strontian Fire Station

**Present:** John Jones (Chair), Izzy Baker, Dean Mann, Robert Dunn, Alastair MacDougall, Alison MacDougall, Morag Jones, Sheila Wilson, David Barker.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jean Campbell, Sue Metcalfe, Karl Bungay, Sheila McKenzie and Eilidh-Ann Philips.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

### **3. Leaflet – Final Draft**

IB went through final amendments to the Leaflet.

A number of text changes to the background information page were required. These were minor with the exception of a rewrite regarding the closure of the lead mines to add their use for the mining of barite up to the 1970's.

Amendments within the map page:

Walk 7 -

- Relocate the viewpoint symbol.
- Relocate the walk symbol.
- The Fairies Rd walk (8) should be extended to meet the starting point of the Tom an t-Sithein extension.
- The routing of the walk through the community woods requires redrawing.

Walk 3 -

- After discussion, it was agreed to leave the depiction on the walk as it currently stands.
- Move text 'community hydro dam' to the confluence of the two streams half an inch to the left on the map.

Walk 6 -

- Remove the red dots adjacent to the main road.
- Remove the hotel symbol on Longrigg Rd.

Walk 10 -

- The second sentence in the description of the walk requires amendment.

Walk 5 -

- Move symbol for the floating church to within the bay.

Other Amendments –

- Keep featured walk symbol in the key as shown.
- The road after the bridge to Kilcamb Hotel needs to be redrawn.
- The road from the bridge to the school (currently coloured white) should be coloured yellow.
- Remove the road section around symbol 10 on map.
- Remove the road coloured white to Drimnattoran farmhouse but keep the road coloured white to the burial ground.
- Insert charity number next to 'Sunart Community Council' on the front page of the leaflet.

- The heading fonts ' Paths around Strontian' and ' Paths Around Sunart' should be changed to the match the font used for the route headings on the map page.

**Action: IB to find out if this font change is possible.**

#### **4. Benches**

Once the proposed locations for the benches have been agreed, we need to write to the Highland Council/Forestry Commission with our proposals including taking on responsibility for their upkeep. It was suggested that each bench should have a plaque with Sunart Community Company on it.

Potential Bench Locations:

- Two at Ardnastang beach, one of which could be on the island accessible at low tide. The owners of the land fronting the beach to be approached.
- One at the ' teddy-bears picnic' location
- One behind the Strontian Hotel within the community woodland.
- One on the Back Rd. looking over the river near Drimnatorran Bridge.
- One on the old school plot

There was also discussion regarding a new picnic bench opposite the Telephone Exchange on School Rd.

The topic of path signs was raised.

**Action: The Chair will contact Fusion Marine for costings for 3 metre posts for the signs.**

#### **5. Working Party Days**

- a) Old School House Plot – 16<sup>th</sup> March
- b) Back Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### **6. GPS Mapping**

DM presented the group members work that he has done using GPS extracts to show terrain profiles for the paths which can be accessed via the website. If the gpx files are made available he can add the walks and additional information to the Community Company website, which was agreed as an excellent idea.

There was discussion regarding the need for laminated information sheets and presentation on how the GPS operates and also to have available the GPS instructions manual.

**Action: Chair to contact KB.**

Date of next meeting: to be arranged. Chair to consult KB on his availability.