

## SKYE & LOCHALSH LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

MEETING on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Agenda Item	4
Report No	SLLAF-02-14

### LOCAL ACCESS ISSUES

#### Report by the Access Officer

#### SUMMARY

This Report details local access issues in Skye & Lochalsh and recommends, where appropriate, a course of action to be taken.

#### 1 SL24.02/01 Public Access at Ord House

##### 1.1 Background

Since buying Ord House in 2011, the current owners have disputed the right of members of the public to be on a short linking path within their grounds with measures to discourage access deployed at various times since then. The owners submitted proposals to the AO involving a different route through their grounds which would afford them more privacy. A meeting of the Forum, following a site visit to look at the proposals, established that the proposed route was too great a diversion and that there would be privacy issues for residents close to the new line just as significant as what was being experienced currently by the owners of Ord House. An alternative route was identified at the site visit. This is close to the existing line but outside the deer fence surrounding the grounds. With steep cross slopes and protruding bedrock, establishing this route requires hand building a benched path into the slope to create walking conditions to a similar standard to the rest of the route.

##### 1.2 Current Status

The contractor has commenced work at the time of writing.

#### 2 SL11.01/01 Public Access, Ramasaig to Lorgill

##### 2.1 Background

The AO received a complaint from a member of the public regarding unacceptable walking conditions due to deep slurry at the start of the route near the farm steadings.

##### 2.2 Current Status

The AO is in discussion with the estate looking ways of diverting the general public around the farm management areas.

3 **SL16.08 Public Access to Cave of Gold, Borneskitaig**

**3.1 Background**

Further to issues regarding this route raised at previous forum meetings the land manager has contacted the AO to ascertain what measures could be taken to alleviate problems of visitors disturbing livestock.

**3.2 Current Status**

Signage encouraging visitors wanting to access the headland to follow a way marked route was agreed between the AO and the land manager. Posts and signage have been installed.

4 **SL04.13/01 Sanitation and Litter Issues, Fairy Pools Car Park**

**4.1 Background**

The AO received an enquiry from Minginish CC regarding lack of toilet facilities and associated problems at the Fairy Pool car park

**4.2 Current Status**

The AO is in discussion with other council services to explore measures that might alleviate the problem.

**4.0 Recommendation**

The Forum is invited to note the Report

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Background Papers