

SKYE & LOCHALSH LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

MEETING on 27th February 2015

Agenda Item	6
Report No	SLLAF-01-15

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 or better than the rest of the route.

1.2 Current Status

The works were completed in September 2014 and to date there has been no issues associated with it other than a concern that the start of the re-alignment is quite steep for the less able.

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 had offered to attend a site meeting with representatives of the estate to discuss ways of diverting the general public around the farm management areas. The estate has not responded to this offer.

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

3.1 Background

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

3.2 Current Status

The AO is in discussion with other council services to explore measures that might alleviate the problem. Work to repair the path is scheduled to start on 16th February 2015.

4. SL03.23/01 Locked gate at new access tracks to Loch Lonachen

4.1 Background

The AO has been alerted by a member of the public that a gate at the start of new access tracks commencing from the Broadford Heaste road to water supply infrastructure at Loch Lonachen and Loch Buidhe is padlocked.

4.2 Current Status

The AO is in discussion with Scottish Water regarding the provision of non vehicular access.

<h3>5 Recommendation</h3>

<p>The Forum is invited to note the Report</p>
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Designation: Skye & Lochalsh Access Officer

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Background Papers