

Caithness Local Access Forum
Action note
14 April 2016
Ross Institute, Halkirk.

Chair – Chris Hobson

Present	In attendance
Chris Hobson (CH) – Chair – Land Manager David Glass (DG) – Community Group Ben McGregor (BM) – Access taker/user William Bruce (WB) – Community Group Cllr Willie Mackay (WM) – Landward Member.	Marina Swanson (MS) – Caithness East Ranger, Highland Council Matt Dent (MD) – Access Officer. Highland Council. Alex Macmanus (AM) – Clerk, Highland Council

Item		Action
1.	Apologies Cllr Roger Saxon, George Duff and Kirstie Rosie.	
2	Notes from meeting of 25th November 2015 Agreed	
3	<p>Action points from 2 above not covered in agenda</p> <p>Ackergill to the Tower – Community Services to install a new gate at village play park.</p> <p>Crosskirk – Work completed. Chains and signs still in place until Historic Scotland inspect works. Would expect this to take place by the end of May at the very latest.</p> <p>Halkirk to Sibster path – Land owner now not interested. SSE track 0.4 of a mile from village boundary. Would local Community Council or Village Council be interested in taking this project forward? MD to take forward with input from Cllr David Bremner. ACTION</p> <p>Jessan's bridge – Land owner is same for both banks of burn. CH has spoken to Chair of local Community Council. Look to get them to take this issue forward. ACTION</p> <p>Ormlie Moors – Police are aware of what is happening and surveillance is being carried out. WM would speak again to Police Scotland. MD can assist with advice but cannot be driver. ACTION</p> <p>Scrabster to Quarry path – locked gate still in place. MD would investigate again. ACTION</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>CH</p> <p>WM</p> <p>MD</p>
4.	Caithness Disability Access Panel (CDAP) report No report. Latest minutes of CDAP meeting to be sent out to	

	CLAF members.	ACTION	AM
5.	<p>Local Access Officers report - MD</p> <p>Braemore – The Estate are still interested in making a diversion around the cottage. May have a better idea of the way forward after discussion with Factor. Improve signage? Sight visit may prove beneficial for CLAF members</p> <p>Council improvements - at Dunnet Head and Dunnet Bay to include seats, car park and sign posting. MD at both sites.</p> <p>East path at JofG – 4’ deep hole beyond camp site. Local Community Council to take forward. MD estimate one days’ work would sort. MD to e-mail CH and contact Paul Castle, Ranger Service.</p> <p>JofG Trail – Being launched by Jay Wilson in May at Thrumster House. Route from Inverness up the East Coast to JofG. Web page and Facebook page. http://www.jogt.org.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/johnogroatstrail/ Ranger Service - http://www.outdoorhighlands.co.uk/</p> <p>Members of CLAF generally in favour of this project and wish them well</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
6.	<p>Date of meetings and venues for 2016</p> <p>Tuesday 13th September 2016 or an earlier date if business dictates.</p>		