

**Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7 – 8:30pm  
Video Conference Call**

PRESENT:	Stephen Cragg	Convenor
	David Martin	Cycling Groups/Dundee Cycling Forum
	John Whyman	(secretary) Outdoor Access Officer DCC
	Andrew Llanwarne	FoE Tayside
	Sam Murphy	Western Gateway Community Group
	Paul Scofield	Western Gateway Community Group
	David Rennie	Dundee Ramblers
	Jacqui McCracken	
	Mary Harwood	SWT Miley Group
	David McDougal	Stobswell Forum
	Josh Lawton	Dundee City Council

APOLOGIES: Roy Partington  
Alison Abercrombie Dundee City Council

No	Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Stephen Cragg convenor.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting 22/11/2021</b> proposed by Andy, seconded by David M <b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> 2. Western Gateway Feasibility Study has been shared with Forestry and Land Scotland but no response received. 3c. Action for John to ask about evaluation of the Spaces for People interventions, not done. To carry forward, David McD asked if John can also enquire if there are plans to extend further the 20mph zones and to ask what was the total SfP award, what was spent, and what had to be returned. 3d. Swallow Roundabout works not yet begun. David McD asked about the potential for a park and ride here, but this is not in the design which is available in the planning application 18/00149/FULL <a href="http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&amp;keyVal=P5BXRGGCJIH00">http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&amp;keyVal=P5BXRGGCJIH00</a>	JW
3.	<b>Promotion and Infrastructure</b> a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:- <a href="http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/">http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/</a> Stephen advised that he had not had time to go through the applications. John advised that there were no recent developments affecting Core Path, but explained that the Ship Inn had been refused permission for their outside seating area with roof to become permanent. This relates to previous discussion at BRAW Forum about this	

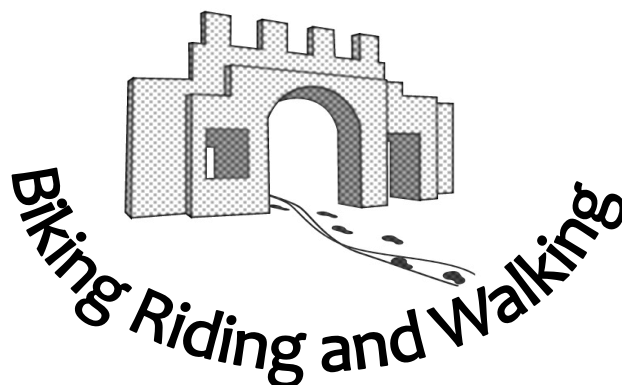
	<p>footway restricting structure and whether more outside dining could become a permanent feature of Dundee (with consideration to footway space).</p> <p>b) Kingsway path improvement – Fibre installation was complete, and work had started on constructing the new surfaced cycle and walking path. BRAW wrote to Transport Scotland in 2020 to ask for this after a complaint from member John Brush</p>	
4.	<p><b>Statutory Functions</b></p> <p>a) Section 11 Application – None</p> <p>b) Core Path issues – Storm Arwen clean up had progressed with most of the Green Circular and other core paths unblocked. However Templeton Woods remains completely closed due to all paths being blocked and a lot of unstable trees. Warning signs are at the entrances. Balgay and Reres Hill also have trees across main paths. These 3 sites will be cleared by a contractor, who has just been given the go ahead to start. John to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	JW
5.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>a) <b>Presentation of Biodiversity Grasslands</b> Josh Lawton from Dundee City Council, provided a presentation update on the Dundee City Council’s grasslands project, aiming to improve biodiversity through a planned reduction in mowing and the creation of wildflower richer areas. Josh explain that there was a public consultation in 2020, asking people for their views on grass management and biodiversity. He explained the types of management being used, and the monitoring that was planned to measure the biodiversity changes, and that these grasslands would amount to 2.5% of all park area. David M explained in the chat that Yellow Rattle being sown is semi parasitic, reduces grass growth and adds biodiversity. Josh opened up to questions and comments</p> <p>Q David asked about an additional area between Coupar Street and Logie St, and shared a link to series of photos from 2021. Josh hopes that more areas will be added in the future, but council was looking to monitor the current locations first.</p> <p>Q David R asked about the sell to the public, as there was a lot of negative Social Media comments focusing on the Council saving money in the name of biodiversity. Josh explained that he was in post partially to improve the image of long grass and wildflowers.</p> <p>Q David McD explained his admiration of long grass and the variety of textures and colours of grasses he had seen in Baxter Park during lockdown. He went on to ask how it was possible to feel positive when volunteers on the Law created wildflower areas only to have the staff mow them before seeding. Josh explained there were significant issues with staffing in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid and instruction was improving. Some cutting regimes were also too complex and being simplified.</p> <p>Q Mary H added her support to the project, saying that she and the SWT have been asking councillors for years for more biodiverse grasslands.</p> <p>Q Jacqui McC asked if the project would be extended, with a candidate at Mains Terrace (although she understands there are ownership issues). Josh advised that he was hopeful for more sites to be added, but they want to get the management regime right on the current sites first.</p> <p>Q Andy raised in the chat concerns about people not wanting to walk through long grass and some not picking up dog fouling in long grass. He suggested some desire line mowing in larger areas. He also raised an example at Western Cemetery where people had initially complained about long grass and lack of management, but later complaints reduced. Josh was not aware of this.</p> <p>Q Andy also asked about the use of Rock Dust for soil fertility. Josh advised that he is aware of some of the uses of Rock Dust, but DCC is not using.</p>	

	<p>Q David McD asked about cars parking on the grass at Magdalen Green, Josh explained this would be checked and monitored.</p> <p>Q Stephen C asked how the monitoring would be delivered and the use of citizen science. Josh explained that surveys would be undertaken and a simple increase in numbers of species of flora and fauna would be used as a measure of success.</p> <p>Q Andy asked about using sharing information and experiences with other local authorities, including how to persuade the public. Josh has been learning and sharing with other councils.</p> <p>b) <b>Dundee City Cycle Parking consultation.</b> John shared the document and asked for comments. David M explained that Dundee Cycling Forum was providing some comments too and was meeting with Patrick Harvie MSP about these and other concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- David M commented that there should be some suitable for none standard bikes like trikes and that more covered racks would be better.</li> <li>- Members asked about who would be covering the rates from covered shelters. John advised that the Sustainable Transport Team were aware, and that other cities were getting exceptions.</li> <li>- David McD thought that this could be an opportunity to reduce other dated street clutter.</li> <li>- David M asked if some of the racks could be made more interesting than just toast racks.</li> <li>- Members were concerned that the image example of a covered rack, was insufficiently protecting bikes from rain.</li> </ul> <p>John to feed these comment back to the Sustainable Transport Team, and any other comments can be sent to John.</p>	JW
	<b>Stephen Closed the meeting</b>	
6.	<b>DONM – 4<sup>th</sup> April Location TBC</b>	

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1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Stephen Cragg convenor.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting 24/01/2022</b> proposed by Mary H, seconded by Sam M <b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> 2. Response from Sustainable Transport Team to queries raised:- a) <b>What evaluation is planned or has been carried out for each of the interventions as part of the Space for People programme?</b> TACTRAN was awarded a grant by Sustrans for monitoring and evaluation of Spaces for People projects across the TACTRAN area. These reports have been shared on the TACTRAN website here: <a href="https://www.tactran.gov.uk/projects_activetravel.php">https://www.tactran.gov.uk/projects_activetravel.php</a> (under Tactran Spaces for People). The forthcoming Dundee Walking and Cycling Index 2021 report developed in partnership with Sustrans and the data report to accompany it which has been provided to Dundee City Council includes evaluation of some of the Spaces for People interventions through a survey of 1,282 residents aged 16 or over in Dundee conducted from June to August 2021. b) <b>Are there plans to extend further the 20mph zones? If so, is there any more information I can share with the Forum</b> A report will be coming to Dundee City Council Committee later this year setting out how the council proposes to meet the Scottish Government's ambition to adopt a 20mph speed limit on all appropriate roads in Dundee. c) <b>What was the total SfP (1 and 2) awarded, what was spent, and what was being returned?.</b> Spaces for People first bid award - £460k	

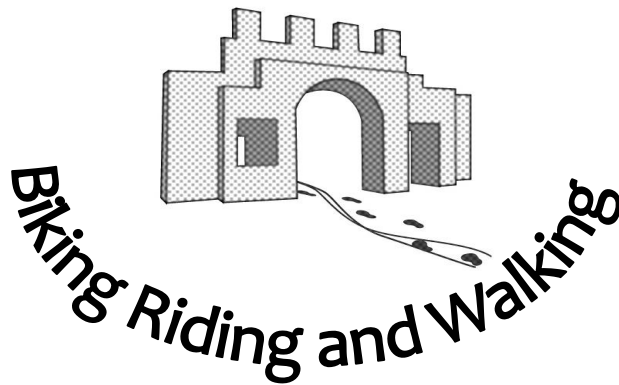
	<p>Spaces for People second bid award - £2 million  “Spent” £2,260,000 although £63K has been carried over to 22/23 to finish works.  £200k was returned.</p> <p>There followed a discussion on 20mph limits (no calming engineering) and 20mph zones (with rumble strips, chicanes etc) and lack of police enforcement. All members welcomed more 20mph limits, to make streets more comfortable for walking and cycling, but noted that speeding was very common, though sometimes reduced by busy traffic. Noted that as the 20mph became more wide spread, and established that greater compliance was possible. Also noted that some traffic calming engineering could be funding through community funding. Stephen C explained that the use of paint only Zebra crossings was being investigated nationally, and could help highlight the change in the Highway Code that gives pedestrians priority at side road junctions. These Zebras are not yet approved in the UK.</p> <p>David McD thanked John for making the enquiries.</p> <p>3b) Kingsway path improvement – work was continuing, with both paths being resurfaced</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Promotion and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>c) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:-  <a href="http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/">http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/</a> Planning Application for outdoor catering, seating, barriers and planters for the V&amp;A at the location where BRAW and the Cycling Forum were asked for comments on conflict by DCC. BRAW have previously advised there was too much street clutter. Details can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>d) Denhead of Gray Path is open and complete. Sam M explained the increase in use and the value in particular for disabled neighbours and those with buggies, because of great surface and the dropped kerbs.</p> <p>e) Spaces for People largely completed, with vegetation work on the Green Circular completed last month. Some signage installations still to be done. There is some carry over of funds to FY 2022/3, but no major work is expected. All schemes have become permanent, possibly with the exception of Ninewells and Perth Rd cycle lanes, which may still be altered.</p> <p>f) Fithie Bridge – Green Circular. John W advised that the wooden bridge at Baldovie Rd, which takes the Green Circular across the Fithie is to be replaced this year. There will need to be a diversion for an extended period. Possible diversion discussed using Balunie Drive. John to raise with Cycle Forum too.</p> <p>g) Swallow Hotel crossings. Sam M gave an update on communication received through the Western Gateway Group. Springfield have advised there are design changes and further landowner approvals waiting. The Western Gateway Community Group are very concerned that the real reason for delays are for the developer to save money or at least delay spend. David McD thought that the Planning Conditions should have been enforced and that the Community Group could contact the local gov ombudsman <a href="https://www.spsso.org.uk">https://www.spsso.org.uk</a>. Stephen C asked Sam to let the Forum know if any support is needed.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>SM</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Statutory Functions</b></p> <p>c) Section 11 Application – None, though some events were discussed – Westfest and Eden events using green spaces in the city this year.</p> <p>d) Reports of Conflicts on Shared Use Paths. John W advised that he had received complaints about conflict on the Green Circular at Riverside, and was investigating some new signs.</p>	

	e) Core Path issues – Storm Arwen clean up had progressed with most of the Green Circular and other core paths unblocked. Templeton Woods target for opening was Easter 2022, though paths would still be uneven and large lorries would still be in the woods regularly removing timber. Reres Hill and the majority of Balgay paths were open, with just one path on Dundee Law requiring a couple of trees removed. Stephen C asked if this was reasonable and John W advised it was, due to the extent of the damage and the limited number of contractors and DCC foresters available. There were still main paths in Tentsmuir Forest and other local woods closed.	
5.	<b>AOCB</b> <b>The Miley</b> – Mary advised that the flooding issue was being managed locally with regular rodding of the pipe, and other work to clear ditches. There had been no work from DCC to improve the bridge’s drain. There was a recent flood at the bridge, but it cleared without an extended problem. The local Scottish Wildlife Trust group had organised a clean up day on Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April all welcome to come and help from 10am to 3pm.	
	<b>Stephen Closed the meeting</b>	
6.	<b>DONM – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 AGM TBC possibly City Chambers</b>	

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**Dundee Local Access Forum  
Annual General Meeting  
Baxter Park  
On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 7:00pm**

**Present**

**Core Group:**

Stephen Cragg	(Convenor)
John Whyman	(Secretary) Outdoor Access Officer
David Martin	Cycling Groups
Sam Murphy	Western Gateway Community Group
Paul Scofield	Western Gateway Community Group
David Rennie	Ramblers
Mary Harwood	Scottish Wildlife Trust

**Apologies:**

Roy Partington	Walking/Scotways rep
Alison Abercrombie	DCC Greenspace Officer/Nature Conservation Rep
George Cammack	
Nicola Fraser	
Sheena Wellington	
Nick Cole	Perth and Kinross LAF/National Access Forum
Neil Quinney	DCC Sustainable Transport Team
Alison Mitchell	Aberdeen LOAF

**In Attendance:**

Josh Lawton	DCC Community Environment Officer
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No	Item	Action
1.	Convenor Stephen Cragg, opened the meeting, welcomed everyone to Baxter Park and invited introductions.	
2.	<p><b><u>Presentation – Dundee’s Biodiversity Grasslands</u></b> Josh Lawton, DCC Community Environment Officer</p> <p>Josh provided an update on the Council’s changes to grassland management, which forms part of the response to the Climate Emergency. Areas of reduced grass cutting are present at 27 parks across the city, making up about 5% of the grassland area. The project has capitalised on the period of extended no mow in 2020 during the first part of the Covid-19 pandemic, when many people appreciated the appearance of the long grass areas. The benefits are not just to biodiversity of the site, but also reducing visits by mowers saves cash and reduces petrol and diesel use.</p> <p>Josh explained that each site is cut once or twice a year, and each are monitored for species richness. Monitoring will help plan further development such as sowing wildflower seed or planting bulbs, some sites will be in partnership with the Eden Project. There will be volunteer seeding sessions to help people get involved, and it is hoped the amount of</p>	

	<p>grassland allowed to become wild will increase. Josh opened to a Q7A session and then outside to examine a site in Baxter Park.</p> <p>Q. Stephen C – Do you anticipate trampling reducing the biodiversity value? Josh – Not significantly, though some local desire paths may develop.</p> <p>Q. Dave R – Why is the meadow at Monifieth fenced? Josh did not know this location in Angus, but that there were no plans to exclude people from Dundee wild grasslands. John W knows the site and explained it was a much older site, supported by the local Community and Angus Council.</p> <p>Q. Mary H – All kids used to love to play in long grass, is this okay? Josh – Yes, kids should be exploring long grass. Ticks are not common in Dundee Parks, but should be removed as soon as they are found.</p> <p>Q. John W – It is correct that the value of biodiversity grasslands increases when the grasses flower? Josh – Yes, the grass seed are eaten by seed eating birds.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes Of 2021 Annual General Meeting</u></b>  Motion to adopt, proposed David Martin, seconded Sam Murphy.  Matters arising – Point 3 Sam and Paul explained that at Denhead of Gray there is now a lovely new shared use path. However, the bollard at the east end of the path is missing.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Presentation of Annual Report - Stephen Cragg (convenor)</u></b>  Stephen provided a written report circulated by email to the group before the meeting (attached below), and open up for questions.  Q Steve C. Has the pavement widening and reduced traffic lanes on the Hilltown done anything to change people’s habits? Mary H. Much better for pedestrians, but at some times the traffic has to wait much longer.  Comment David M – The Cycle Forum has raised issues with the recently installed cycle lanes.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Election of Office Bearers</u></b>  Stephen asked if there had been nominations for Convenor, and as no nominations received, Stephen agreed to remain as Convenor for the next year.  Other positions. Sam Murphy was nominated for Vice Convenor by John W, seconded by David M, and after some discussion about the role, unanimously accepted by all members present. No other nominations.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b>  <b><u>Outdoor Access Strategy</u></b> John provided a written update on the Access Strategy attached in full below</p> <p><b><u>Dundee Cycling</u></b> David Martin gave a short update on the work of the Cycling Forum including the Kidical Mass event on the 18<sup>th</sup> June (a first for Dundee) and some of the campaigning work. Members are to meet Patrick Harvie.</p> <p><b><u>Core Path 7</u></b> Sam and Paul raised a recent path diversion at Gray Lane to Liff, which was shared through the Western Gateway Community Group. John had just been made aware of the work, but had not yet investigated whether it was a permanent or temporary change and would contact the land owner at Inverarity Farms.</p> <p><b><u>Possible Walking Festival</u></b> John and Dave discussed the possible Walking Festival and how Ramblers Dundee Group could get involved. John to discuss with Dave after the meeting. A Public Art Trail with artwork all over Dundee was also discussed.</p> <p><b><u>Camperdown PAN (Proposal of Application Notice)</u></b> Paul and Sam raised the PAN for Camperdown Park, where a possible development of football stadium, crematorium,</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>All</p>



	<p>housing etc would affect part of Camperdown Park and an access to the park which is a Core Path. All agreed to look out for the full planning applications.</p> <p>Dates for Meetings</p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b> – location depending on Covid restrictions  <b>Further dates to be arranged</b></p>	
7.	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b>  Stephen thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting</p>	
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  <b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7pm location TBC</b></p>	

## Convenors Report

DUNDEE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (BRAW)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

Stephen Cragg - Convenor

### Introduction

Our primary purpose remains the same as ever as set out in the Land Reform Act which is to assist Dundee City Council with access issues. The basic tenets of the act are set out in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

When we met at Fruitbowls last year, my introduction focussed on COVID and that has certainly not gone away although is having far less of an impact on our lives than then. Coming swiftly in behind COVID though is the Cost of Living and in the context of BRAW the cost of petrol and diesel is anecdotally leading more people to look at walking and cycling rather than driving.

Looking longer-term, the Scottish Government in early 2021 set a bold policy ambition to reduce car kilometres by 20% by 2030. If that ambition is realised, it will also lead to more people walking and cycling in Dundee.

The Scottish Government has, through the second Strategic Transport Projects Review, set out its recommendations for transport investment for the next 20 years. The first group of recommended actions are to improve active travel infrastructure including 'Connected Neighbourhoods' and 'Active Freeways'. Both of these projects involve delivering a fairer balance of space for different modes of travel with active freeways providing high quality direct active travel routes, segregated from traffic.

I would hope that, if not already part, these routes will be incorporated into Dundee's Core Path network.

### Meetings

Since the last AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, we have had 4 meetings, one in person outside the V&A with the remainder online. Attendance remains at similar levels with between 6 and 11 of us at the meetings.

### **Statutory Matters**

None.

### **Non-statutory Matters**

Last year, we supported the Western Gateway Community Group for the upgrade of Core Path 50 and it was great to see an improvement to the path delivered.

Last year we wrote to Transport Scotland about the Kingsway Path after a member noted the poor state of a section of the Dundee Kingsway path. It should have been upgraded in Spring 2021 and was eventually started in Spring 2022. What I've seen on our Facebook page looks good.

Finally on infrastructure, it's good to see the positive synergy with the flood protection work in Broughty Ferry and the delivery of improved active travel opportunities.

Moving on from infrastructure, this year we contributed views to Dundee's V&A team who are looking at the conflicts between various users of the outside space around the V&A.

Discussions have been taking place on the issues with Core Path 7 to the west of the City. This path is unusable except in dry conditions. Forestry and Land Scotland have plans, but no funding to do anything so this remains an active issue.

Broadly in the same area, there have been delays to resolving the access links around the Swallow (Landmark) hotel.

Some of our core paths go through woodland areas notably Templeton and Camperdown. In late November last year Storm Arwen brought down trees across these paths. Disappointingly 2 months later access to Templeton had still not been restored.

On a more positive note, whilst Dundee is predominantly an urban area, we do have access to both blue and greenspaces. In our greenspaces, the Council are taking positive steps to improve biodiversity. At the start of the year, Josh Lawton explained what the council did in 2021 and what its plans were for 2022 and it was a pleasure to have Josh back again to give an update on this important work.

In January, we also saw draft plans for the location and types of cycle parking across the city centre. John passed our comments on to that team.

Moving on to other activities which have or aim to improve outdoor access in Dundee, the Council has improved sections of the Green Circular and other footways albeit not without some criticism of the addition of asphalt to a path through Camperdown. Whilst this has made access easier for some groups, particularly those with mobility difficulties, others felt that this was inappropriate surfacing for this particular location.

Elsewhere, footways have been widened, more 20mph zones, routes to school and protected cycle lanes have been delivered or in the pipeline.

As John is not a statistician, I will forgive him for adding in an inappropriate trend line on this bar chart showing cycle usage on the Green Circular. What the bars show though is how much people took advantage of our access to the outdoors when other activities were restricted.

For those who like data, I would like to draw attention to the Dundee Walking and Cycling Index which was published last month by Sustrans.

### **Wider Links**

The Dundee Cycling Forum continue to be active and a number of members of BRAW are active with the DCF. To join visit [www.dundeecycling.co.uk](http://www.dundeecycling.co.uk).

### **Looking Forward**

John is keen to return to meetings taking place across the city. Slightly challenging for me, now that I live in Perth, but I fully support this principle and if possible we will try and still provide an online option for those who wish to attend but can't be physically present.

After many years of excellent service to BRAW, my predecessor Roy Partington has decided to step down. Roy has been a fabulous advocate for pedestrians and that voice will be sorely missed. Roy regularly highlighted the conflict between pedestrians and cyclists when accessing the outdoors. One of the roles for BRAW is to help the Council perform its functions which includes working to resolve this conflict.

In the two years I've been convenor, we've not had a vice-convenor. It would be great if someone were interested in taking on this role with a view to becoming convenor in 2023.

At the start of my report I mentioned some of the wider initiatives taking place in Scotland and there will be more local ones too which we will need to support.

Thanks to John for regularly posting updates on the BRAW Facebook page.

Finally, I would once again like to thank all the members of the forum for their support over the year.

### **Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy Update - monitoring 2020**

Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy was approved in 2012 to be reviewed in 2017. Its actions have been monitored annually. 2022 monitoring will be carried out later this year. Other strategies contribute to the delivery of the Outdoor Access Strategy Outcomes including the Dundee Cycling Strategy and Physical Activity Strategy.

Each year the City Council invests in outdoor access infrastructure, with main budgets being held by the City Development Department. In the last year, improvement has been in active travel routes through the flood defence project at Broughty Ferry, Spaces for People and the Den Head of Gray path. Funding comes from a mixture of Scottish Government grants and DCC budgets.

The Green Circular is Dundee's main promoted route and is checked twice a year. Core Paths checked once every 2 years – more if problems are reported. Storm Arwen blocked Core Paths across the city, requiring significant surveying, tree work by DCC and contractors, and

path repair work is still being planned. Templeton Woods has finally been reopened completely. Core Path 7 has reopened, but there remain issues with the path not being usable in wet weather. Forestry and Land Scotland have not allocated a budget for improving the path. DCC have received queries about Core Path 7 Liff link diverted by the land owner.

Other paths. 2 other complaints about paths being blocked have been received. Dundee City Council Planning Team and Legal Team are supporting investigations, and provide advice about intervention.

Dundee Core Path Plan is up to date after the reviewed plan was adopted in 2020. Planning Applications are checked to ensure Core Paths are protected.

Path works funding through the Scottish Government's Covid response have continued to be implemented. Some of the work has been made permanent such as at Union Street. Other work completed in the last 12 months includes completing the Green Circular route through Camperdown in Tarmac, artwork and planters in Eliza St and Craigie St. Some improvement to routes-to-schools has been completed. A protected cycle at Ninewells Ave has been installed and is Dundee's longest protected cycle lane.

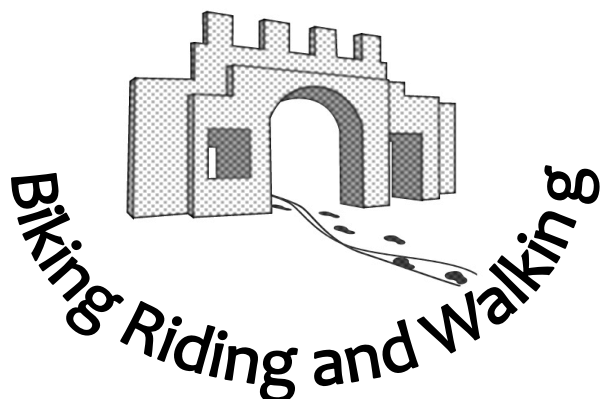
Responsible access and promotion of the Outdoor Access Code is carried out through the Management Rules and targeted campaigns, which includes the Professional Dog Walking Accreditation Scheme, Skylark nesting campaign and the 4-legged Friends event.

There has been no progress on developing the missing link in Core Path 22. There is limited involvement of volunteers in maintaining the path network – now mainly through DCF and park Friends Groups.

Cycling on the Green Circular at the Compass House counter had not changed significantly from 34000 cycle movements per year in 2011 to 34780 in 2019. However in 2020, this increased significantly to 69510. In 2021 the counter failed and has yet to be repaired, but the counter at Riverside Nature Park indicates usage continues to be higher than before the pandemic, but at about 50% of the peak in 2020.

Dundee Walking and Cycling Index has been prepared, printed and launched. Copies here.

John Whyman, Outdoor Access Officer, Dundee City Council. 20th June 2022



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No	Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Stephen Cragg convenor.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting 24/01/2022</b> proposed by Sam M, seconded by David M <b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> 2) <b>20mph Zones</b> David McD advised that a Committee report outlining plans for extending the 20mph areas was approved in September 2022. The report is here:- <a href="https://www.dundee.gov.uk/minutes/report?rep_id=210-2022">https://www.dundee.gov.uk/minutes/report?rep_id=210-2022</a> 2) <b>Dundee Walking and Cycling Index 2021</b> is available here <a href="https://www.sustrans.org.uk/media/10444/dundee-walking-and-cycling-index-2021.pdf">https://www.sustrans.org.uk/media/10444/dundee-walking-and-cycling-index-2021.pdf</a> 2) <b>Kingsway path improvement</b> – John W advised work was complete (although a pair of dropped kerbs are outstanding). The paths are much better, wider and smoother for a cycle. The Convenor thanked John Brush for raising the issues with this path at a meeting some years ago, which resulted in a letter from the Convenor to Transport Scotland and securing the commitment to improvement 3b) <b>Denhead of Gray Path.</b> Sam reported the bollards were replaced and are much more solid. 3c) <b>Ninewells Ave cycle lane</b> David W advised that the lane has been narrowed. No change to the Perth Rd lanes, though DCF have raised concerns about the junction with Riverside Dr with the council. 3d) <b>Green Circular Fithie Bridge</b> John W explained the bridge has been replaced but is still closed awaiting an anti-slip surface. 3e) <b>Swallow Hotel Circle upgrade</b> Sam reported that the land ownership issues seem to have been settled, and expect progress with upgrade to be soon.	

	<p>4c) <b>Storm Arwen.</b> John W advised that all paths blocked by fallen trees are now open.</p> <p>5a) <b>Miley Clean up.</b> David M joined the SWT and Dundee Conservation Volunteers for their annual session.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Promotion and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>h) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:-  <a href="http://idoxwam.dundeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/">http://idoxwam.dundeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/</a> Stephen advised that he was no longer receiving the weekly list. He will check the email settings and also add Sam. David McD thought that the PANs should be on the weekly list and requested a letter to be prepared from the Forum to Convenor of Planning Baillie Will Dawson to ask PANs to be included. The Convenor agreed. PAN for Camperdown Park was raised. Some initial engagement events have taken place but it was noted they were poorly advertised</p> <p>i) Spaces for Everyone. David McD raised concerns about community information and explained that there was a difference between engagement and consultation, and both had a role in large projects. John W will make enquires to find out what consultation and engagement was planned.</p> <p>j) Magdalen Green Rail Bridge replacement – initial consultation is now closed and information about the project is here.  <a href="https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/news/article?article_ref=4233">https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/news/article?article_ref=4233</a></p> <p>k) Broughty Ferry Active Travel Project Member reported the initial works from Douglas Terrace to Broughty Castle and close to Broughty Castle were complete, and that work was underway on the Esplanade. David McD thought the surface was excellent, unlike the Perth Rd which had been dug up and reinstated poorly. David has contacted the councillor who advised the surface will be checked in the next 7 days. David to let the secretary know of outcome.</p>	<p>SC/JW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>DMcD</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Statutory Functions</b></p> <p>f) Section 11 Application – None</p> <p>g) Reports of Conflicts on Shared Use Paths. John W reported that signs have been ordered for Riverside Green Circular/NCN77, and hopes they will be installed over the winter.</p> <p>h) Core Path issues – Core Path 7 As advised by Sam and Paul at the AGM, spur to Liff village has been diverted with a new section of track replacing the original route. John W has met with the farmer and discussed with the Council solicitor using the procedures in Section 20 of the Land Reform Act for a single amendment of the Core Path Plan, which requires a public consultation process. To be advised when underway.</p> <p>i) Osbourne Place/Strawberrybank locked gate was discussed. John W is getting advice from the Council solicitors and will be writing to owners and residents to seek information. John W to report at next meeting</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>a) Dundee City Council Café outdoor spaces policy was approved at the 5<sup>th</sup> September committee with some amendments to the policy submitted. Information is in the minute of the minute  <a href="https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/minutes/fulltext?meeting_ref=7423">https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/minutes/fulltext?meeting_ref=7423</a> David McD advised that some of the conditions would prove difficult or expensive for some owners. Stephen expressed his concerns that the footways must provide adequate space for the easy movement of people with buggies, wheelchairs and those on foot.</p> <p>b) Active Freeway Proposals. The council has awarded a contract for consultants (Sweco) to prepare concept design proposals for some potential active travel routes in Dundee. John to share details when available and ask that BRAW is involved in initial engagement. Discussion followed about</p>	<p>JW</p>

	<p>excluding through traffic from residential and shopping streets in particular HGV through town traffic.</p> <p>c) Blue and Green Infrastructure. Alison advised that Scottish Water and Dundee Council were looking at areas of Dundee for managing flood water and drainage in sustainable ways, including spaces for walking and cycling. St Leonards Place designs are at an advanced stage. Dens Road is also an area of interest.</p> <p>d) Bus Priority Routes. Dundee is looking at routes using funding from Scottish Government for bus priority measures. Also noted that many Dundee streets did not have sufficient space for bus lanes. Study will be running over the next 6-8 months. Question raised – how could the council decide what was the priority in a tight urban area for bus infrastructure, cycling infrastructure and walking infrastructure? Stephen advised that a Local Transport Strategy could help set the priorities and guide plans for infrastructure. David McD advised that the bus study has been a reason for not progressing active travel and place making projects in Stobswell. He also was concerned about displaced car parking issues. David M suggested the value of bus priority in Dundee was limited to shaving a minute or two off a journey, possibly after waiting 30 minutes for a bus.</p> <p>e) Gourdie Farm Sam advised that Western Gateway Community Group were looking into using the Paths for All Ian Findlay Fund to enable path improvements Core Path 7 Gourdie Farm link to Myrekirk Rd. Early days, but the wet weather impassable route was well known to the Forum. John W to meet with landowner Forestry and Land Scotland looking for support and advice. Roles need to be matched to people and organisations. Then funding applications for design work (if needed) and construction. Alison suggested that Robertsons are looking for community benefit projects and could assist with junior engineer time for design work.</p>	SM/JW
	<b>Stephen Closed the meeting</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>DONM – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>	

DCF = Dundee Cycling Forum  
DCC = Dundee City Council  
LDP = Local Development Plan  
NCN = National Cycle Network

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#### *Active Freeways proposals information*

[https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/news/article?article\\_ref=4254](https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/news/article?article_ref=4254) The applications are for concept and route option stage consultants and are through Places for Everyone.

*The Council have submitted Places for Everyone bids for developing concept designs and route options stage for routes at Western Gateway, East End Community Campus, Bell Street MSCP Active Travel Links and Ninewells.*

*Further bids are being developed for St. Leonard Park, Magdalen Green bridge and Union Street.*