

**Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum
Draft Minutes of Meeting 57
June 2015– Sittyton Farm, Newmachar**

Present: Hamish Booth, David Culshaw, Alison Espie (Chair), Chris York, Adam Wallace, P Oddie, John Fyall, Judy Middleton Gordon McKilligan

Council officers present: Marsaili Aspinall, Matthew Watt.

Observers present: Rob Mackay and John Imrie, Ruth Riddle, BHS

Highlighted text indicates Action Points for next meeting

	Apologies: Cllr Graeme Clark, Mark Andrew, Andrew Robertson, Robin Maitland, David Fyffe, Joanna Dick ,John Hughes, Colin Miller, Alison Mitchell	Action
1	<p>Minutes of Meeting 56 and matters arising</p> <p>No update on Robin Maitland's situation.</p> <p>Minutes agreed</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>AE welcomed Rob Mackay and John Imrie who had expressed interest in being a Community Representative on the Forum</p> <p>AE thanked JF for hosting the meeting at Sittyton.</p> <p>Wildlife Crime presentation confirmed 23 November 2015</p> <p>AE re-elected as Chair following circulation of nominations previously.</p> <p>HB indicated that he would be willing to serve a second term as Vice Chair with the election to take place at the next Forum meeting (5/10).</p> <p>MW and MA to circulate the necessary paperwork.</p> <p>David Fyffe to be contacted re membership and attendance given Robin Maitland's illness</p> <p>Turriff Show</p> <p>MA circulated an attendance rota for members to sign up. MA to circulate finalised rota and tickets before the show</p> <p>Focus of stand to be core path maps.</p> <p>Moray joint event</p> <p>MLOAF have indicated they would be interested in an annual event.</p>	<p>MW/MA</p> <p>AE</p> <p>MA</p>

	The meeting discussed this and agreed that outreach should be wider than just Moray.	
	Access consultations, issues etc.	
	<p>Cllr Oddie raised the recently issues Community Empowerment Bill and proposed it was discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p>A96 dualling. ALOAF to participate in the consultations as there would be opportunities for decommissioned infrastructure as well as possible access issues. ALOAF would not be lobbying a particular route but seeking engagement. Action- Consultants to be asked to 5 October meeting</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Landscape Areas consultation invitation. The meeting discussed whether this was inappropriate for ALOAF.</p> <p>Fraserburgh/Peterhead Project. Concern expressed over the potential reopening of the railway and the impact this would have on recreation. ALOAF to lodge a comment as an interested party, invite a representative to meet with an ALOAF sub group (possibly MW, CY and JF)</p> <p>Fish report potential conflict between fishing and canoeing if Sunday fishing restrictions removed. MA to draft response;</p> <p>NAF update Discussion on trodden ground in SRDF schemes. Access Officers to send ALOAF leaflet to SNH.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MW</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA/MW</p>
	<p>Site visit The remainder of the meeting was a tour of Sittyton Farm lead by John Fyall who discussed a range of access and land management issues.</p>	
	<p>2015 Meetings</p> <p>Dates, <u>5 October, 23 November.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue <u>Gordon House Council Chamber</u> 	