**Minutes**

**Open Meeting about a potential path between Broadford and Kyle**

**23rd November 2017 4 – 6pm Broadford Village Hall – Committee Room**

Present:

Adele Beck, Andy Neison, John Finlayson, Caroline Clouston, Ian Sikorski, Mary Sikorski, Brian Easter, Tom Stephens, James Merryweather, Pam Noble, Alastair Macpherson, Lauren Glasgow, Mhairi Matheson, Jo Wawrzyczek, Rhona Buchan, Heather Dibble, Lynsey Finlayson, Al Innes, Michelle Innes, Rachel Robertson, Catriona Lates, Christine Martin, Norma Morrison

Apologies:

**Martin Gardner, Kirsteen Graham, Becky Milne, Andrea Tryer, Steve Bracken, Chris Read**

1. **Adele Beck opened the meeting with a welcome to outline the reason for meeting:**
	1. *To establish the want / need for a path link from Broadford to Kyle, and potentially further afield, including the benefits of better cycle network and longer term opportunities.*
	2. *Funding options for the potential project had been identified, by Andy Neison, from the Low Carbon Travel and Transport and Challenge Fund.*
2. **Background of Transport Scotland’s Low Carbon Travel and Transport and Challenge Fund (LCTT)**

Andy gave a detailed report on the LCTT fund after speaking with advisors from the LCTT and participation in a webinar. Brief outcomes were:

* **Funds available**: 250k to 2million of Capital funding.
* **Criteria:** To be an everyday functional path.
* **Challenge**: LCCT look for match funding of at least 20% and any match funding has to be “clean” i.e. no other European funding, no corporate bodies, no state funding.
1. **Potential route**

Maps of the potential routes were distributed to all present. There appears to be two options:

* Coastal route
* “High” route

After open discussion it was agreed that the most viable route was the **coastal route**.

A copy of the 1995 SUSTRAN feasibility study was discussed and in 1995 the approximate cost of the coastal route was £500k.

1. **Open discussion**

The challenges of the project were discussed, these included:

 Access through land

 Funding

 Availability of local help and support for the project.

Despite the challenges it was overwhelmingly felt that the project should be progressed.

1. **Feasibility of project**

After discussion it was decided that a **working group** would be formed but that they would **not** be submitting an application to the LCTT fund as there was not enough time to get all the relevant information together.

1. **Summary**

Working group to be formed (*Adele Beck, Andy Neison, Janet Ullman, Annice Macleod, Rhona Buchan, Lauren Glasgow, Tom Stephens and representatives from Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust / Council and Kyleakin Community Council*). However, all meetings will be open to anyone who would like to get involved can become part of the working group.

Name for working group needed.

Press release to be prepared and sent out to keep the Community updated. **Action???**

Identify and speak to landowners between Marine Harvest (Kyleakin) and Luthsa. **Action: John Finlayson, Ian Sikorski**

**Prepare a robust plan identifying:**

* Plans
* Potential partners (to include Network rail, SUSTRANS, Marine Harvest, NHS, HIE, Highland Council, Safer routes for school, Stagecoach, Forestry Commission, Community groups, Skye and Lochalsh disabled ramblers)
* Potential funders

**Update feasibility study**

**Contact other groups who have done similar projects.**

John Finlayson suggested speaking to Elgar Finlay who had dealt with similar scenario with landowners: elgar.finlay@theglendaletrust.org

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/route/oban-to-fort-william>

[**https://www.visitfortwilliam.co.uk/fort-william-travel-information-and-travel-services/fort-william-cycle-path-along-a82-to-and-from-torlundy**](https://www.visitfortwilliam.co.uk/fort-william-travel-information-and-travel-services/fort-william-cycle-path-along-a82-to-and-from-torlundy)

1. **Date of next meeting** – not decided yet, will be advertised on Broadford and Strath Community Company website and Facebook page. An email will also be sent to all those on the contact list.