**Minutes**

**Path between Broadford and Kyle**

**11th December 2017 6pm Broadford Village Hall – Committee Room**

**Present:**

Adele Beck, Andy Neison, Ian Sikorski, Mary Sikorski, Tom Stephens, Chris Read, Barbara Williams, Andrea Tryer, Norma Morrison, Lynne Heaney, Nick Thomson.

Apologies:

**John Finlayson, Annice Macleod, Lauren Glasgow.**

1. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 23rd November 2017 were proposed by Ian Sikorski and seconded by Adele Beck.

1. **Access along potential / preferred routes:**

* Ian Sikorski contacted the owner of the land from the quarry to Luthsa. The landowner indicated he would not have an objection up to the site of the old weather station.
* It was suggested that the path could potentially run along the main road at this point.
* Chris Read, Marine Harvest, requested a copy of the proposed route.
* Clarification needed over sections where objections do/do not exist

1. **Funding Opportunities**

Chris Read, Marine Harvest, indicated that Marine Harvest would be keen to support in some capacity but a firm project outline would need to be in place first.

Andy Neison reported on meetings with SUSTRAN and Leader.

Sustran key points:

* Consider / explore possibility of developing path adjacent to the trunk road where possible.
* Aim for Highland Council to adopt ownership and maintenance of path when finished.
* In order for Highland Council to adopt it would need to be a “sealed” finish which improves longevity and ease of maintenance.
* Potential to include Broadford to Kyle route in Sustran 'Route to the isles' feasibility study (tenders not going out till January).
* Need to start making case / evidencing including survey monkey, counter, target groups, Transport Scotland, Highland Council, HIGHTRANS, road improvements schemes.

Leader key points:

* Project is eligible for potential funding if path is sealed.
* Match funding is permitted (although not other European sources of funding)
* £280K currently in the Leader pot for Skye and Lochalsh.
* Deadline for applications is May 2018 although sooner rather than later is best.
* Expression of Interest needs to be submitted in the first instance.
* If successful, payment of any grant would be in arrears.

1. **Name of Project:**

A name is needed for the Project. It was suggested that a post goes out on the BSCC facebook page asking for suggestions.

1. **Action points:**

* **CLEAR PROJECT PROPOSAL NEEDED Action All**
* Adele to send a map with proposed path to Chris Read: **Action Adele Beck**
* Adele to meet with Ian Sikorski to go over land ownership: **Action Adele Beck / Ian Sikorski**
* Expression of interest to be sent to Leader fund (to be reviewed by BSCC board before submission): **Action Andy Neison**
* Contact Transport Scotland: **Action Chris Read** / **Adele Beck**
* Contact BEAR Scotland for advice: **Action Tom Stephens**
* Confirm whether Skye to Kyle route can be included in the Route to the Isles feasibility study: **Action Andy Neison**
* Speak to John Finlayson re Highland Council ownership of old road: **Action Norma Morrison**
* Speak to Lauren Glasgow to see if she would be happy to draft a post re the Project name for facebook: **Action Norma Morrison**

1. **Date of next meeting** – 22nd January, Broadford Village Hall Committee Room.@ 6pm