**Minutes**

**Skye Cycle Way**

**22nd January 2018 6pm - Broadford Village Hall – Committee Room**

**Present:**

Ross Nicolson, Adele Beck, Andy Neison, Ian Sikorski, Mary Sikorski, Tom Stephens, Alistair Macpherson, Christine Davis, Graham Finnie, Norma Morrison, Donald Kennedy,

**Apologies:**

Annice Macleod, Lauren Glasgow, Chris Read, Mark Crowe, Andrea Tryer, Rhona Buchan, Ann Murchison

1. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 11th December 2017 were proposed by Ian Sikorski and seconded by Adele Beck.

1. **Project Name:**

Following on from a successful social media post it was decided, by those present, that the project should be named the **Skye Cycle Way**, which was suggested by Della Cheshire.The post had a fantastic reach of 3041 people and lots of great suggestions.

1. **Route proposal / maps**

* Ian and Adele met with Ian passing on his extensive local knowledge about the potential route – thanks to Ian.
* There was a discussion about where the path goes and the potential number of crossings – currently at 4 but felt that it was too many crossings.
* SSE are to bury cables from Broadford to Kyleakin. *Andy to speak to Sandy Murray* to clarify where the cables are to be buried.
* *Tom to speak to Breakish grazing’s committee* to gauge feeling about the path. Also to invite the committee to become involved in Skye Cycle Path discussions.
* The inclusion of the Waterloo to Breakish path was discussed but felt that this was not a straight forward route and would have large cost implications due to access.
* Donald Kennedy, Highland Council, could potentially help with mapping.
* MGL (currently working at new Community Campsite in Broadford) previously completed a cycle path beside the A9. *Adele Beck to speak to Malcolm Henry* (Campsite Project Manager) to see if he can get a contact from MGL for the group to speak to.

1. **Landowner update**

* Ongoing conversations with one of the landowners, Neil Graham, who is supportive of where the path goes up to a certain point but would then like it to cross the road – *possibility of running path alongside the road was raised.*
* Chris Read (Marine Harvest) has said that Marine Harvest would like the proposed path to bypass Marine Harvest.

1. **Funding Update**

* Leader funding – preferred route to be agreed and consents need to be in place. August 2018 is the latest for paper application to be submitted.
* Paths for All – application to be made.
* Ward Discretionary Fund – successful application made. £1000 awarded towards the project but not yet received.
* Generous donation of £500 offered by Tom Stephen – thanks Tom!
* *Norma to contact HIE* regarding new funds that maybe suitable.
* Other possible funds discussed included, Highland Lottery Fund, Co-op Fund, Broadford and Strath, Kyleakin and Kyle Community Councils, Quarry Funding, Skye Connect.

1. **Next Steps**

* Establish route
* Letters of support from landowners
* Costings
* Establish the need for such a project through public engagement.
* Invite other partners to the meetings including, Grazing’s Committee (TS), Disabled Ramblers (DK), Kyleakin and Kyle Community Councils.

1. **Terms of reference**

The group agreed the Terms of reference for the working group, Skye Cycle Way, under the umbrella of the Broadford and Strath Community Company.

1. **Public engagement**

* Agreed to set up own Skye Cycle Way Facebook page
* Organise events (CD)
* Survey to be developed and sent to schools in the area, Navy Base, Railway Station, Disabled Ramblers.

1. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 8th March 2018 @ 6pm in the Broadford Village Hall.