

Skye Cycle Way Action Group - Open Meeting

8th November 2018, 6 – 7.30pm, Broadford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: 21 attendees.

Chaired by Adele Beck. Minutes by Norma Morrison.

1 Welcome

Adele welcomed everyone to the meeting, our first since April 2018.

2 Apologies

Four apologies received.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes approved.

4 Matters arising

All matters arising covered in agenda.

5 Route update

5.1 Route

Proposed starting point: *Kyle Train Station*. Proposed finish point: *Sleat junction*.

- All four main landowners have now agreed to the route going along the north (seaward) side of the A87 with a road crossing just before the Sleat turn off.
- The Crofters along the main road in Breakish are also being approached and, so far, the feedback has been positive.
- It was noted by an attendee that the Ashaig road could be considered but it was felt that for funding opportunities a direct route was the best fit for Active Travel. The option to use the more scenic route would always be available.

5.2 Liaison with Highland Council / Planning

- A pre planning application has been submitted on the 25th September 2018. Awaiting feedback.

5.3 Advice

- Andy met with Bob Brown, Upland path management for National Trust for Scotland, for advice.
- The SCW now has a Sustrans officer, Bo Hickey. Bo has also been working with the Edinbane community who have just secured £80,000 for paths.



- It was suggested that the SCW contact the [Lochearn Railway paths](#) group who have run a similar project.

6 Development funding update

6.1 Sustrans – [Community Links Programme](#)

- The group will progress an application to the Community Links Programme. The first application will be for the preliminary design and we can then make a second application for the full design. The second fund opens in March 2019.
- A tender document will be required – *Adele has templates* that can be used. It was suggested that Malcolm Henry, Camping Skye Project Manager, may be contacted with a view to with the SCW Project – *Adele to contact*.
- BSCC Treasurer requested information on how funding is paid by Sustrans – in arrears. He also asked for an indication of the size of the fund the group will be looking for. If to the “gold standard” of 3m wide sealed surface an indication of cost is £1k / metre – 2.8 million.

6.2 Skye Connect

- No update from Skye Connect as yet. *Andy to contact*.

7 Public engagement

7.1 Conference

- Andy attended the Scottish Rural Transport conference where he received a lot of positive feedback and advice on the SCW project.

8 Volunteer opportunity

8.1 Action Day

- Action day planned for the 24th of November. More info will be issued closer to the time. It was suggested that we have better signage for the event as a few people struggled to find the group the last time.

8.2 Social media

- Nick Drummond offered to help with the SCW facebook page.

8.3 Duke of Edinburgh

- Andy was contacted by Portree High School offering DOE volunteers to carry out work if needed.

9 AOB

9.1 Publicity

- Volunteers to contact Danny MacAskill to see if he would endorse the path.

9.2 Cycling Friendly Community

- Broadford will be registered as a [Cycling Friendly Community](#) – *Action Andy*.



7 Date of next meeting

- 6pm on the 17th January, Broadford Village Hall

