

Loch Tay Association Management Committee Meeting
The Reading Rooms, Kenmore
Tuesday 24th September 2024

Present: Bill Oppenheim (Chair), Wilma Harrison, Robin Menzies, Adam Harrison, Nick Dixon, Peter Ely, David O'Donoghue and Jon Iddon

1 Apologies: Steve Thomas, Keith Mitchell, Darren Scott, Nick Dixon and Andy Aitken

2. Minutes of meeting of 3rd June '24
Propose to Accept AH and seconded by BO

3. Code of Conduct:
Good to go! We are going to print. Taymouth Marina will continue to use their own version, specific to their clients. 2000 copies are being printed. A vote of thanks was expressed to **ST** for all his hard work on this.

4. Roads sub-committees:
Update from BO:

Keith and I had a meeting with Darren last Friday to discuss road issues. Darren is hopeful that historic planning consent exists which would enable them to have up to 3 zebra crossings at the Marina which would be very good news. We also discussed various road issues and Darren made the very good suggestion that we get an OS map to find existing signage (around the entire loch) so that, in cooperation with KCC, we might be able to submit a detailed outline of proposed signage to P & K. Keith is going to find a map to start with, and Keith was also very supportive of Andy's observations about the A827 from Kenmore to Killin. Longer term there is also agreement that the idea of a boardwalk from the Marina to Kenmore Beach is worth pursuing.

6.05: NG arrived

6.08: PE arrived

An update was provided by JI of KDCC:

Last K&DCC RSG meeting was 18/6/24.

Subsequently we have had updates from Willie Mahoney from PKC.

U177:

Need for 30mph limit throughout. Passed to Traffic and Road Safety Group. Request they hold a site meeting with ourselves.

Improved passing places east of Inchadney. Added to list of future works.

Addressed runoffs from Drummond Hill. Discussed with local officer and we will carry out survey work here.

C451:

Crossing at the Marina/Ferryman's. Passed to Traffic and Road Safety.

Several bad potholes on this stretch of road. Added to contractors list.

Damage to parapets at Acharn burn. Structures team. (Seeking update).

A827:

Speed mitigation by WW2 pill box. Traffic and Road safety.

Widening road east of Balnaskeag junction. Willie to prepare business case for this.

Consider 'no overnight parking' at Kenmore beach. Traffic and Road safety.

The next site meeting to discuss these points is possibly in 6-8 weeks' time.

AH suggested a white line designating a cycle/pedestrian lane may be worth looking at. The suggestion of "de-listing" the C451 as cycle friendly was not the answer but it is felt that this road is not cycle friendly, as listed.

All road users should be respected. There is a worry that we will end up with an overabundance of signs.

6.25: DO'D arrived

The question of the “mishmash” of signs at the end of the loch was raised again. AH to photograph the signs to record businesses involved. Perhaps a unified board incorporating all interested businesses would be the answer, which is believed to be the original aim of the board.

5. Environment Subcommittee:

The records for septic tanks around the loch vary. SEPA have a record of 170 and PKC have a record of 259. This does not take in Stirling Council which would include Killin. AH will circulate a copy of his draft document to committee members.

RM expressed concern over the situation of the Fish Farm. His belief is that although their license appears to be in order and figures are within the boundaries set by SEPA but he raised concerns that they are not adopting ‘best practice’ in the running of the facility and this is causing untold damage to the loch and river. Tay Salmon Fisheries are aware and SEPA are not showing much interest. Blue Green Algae is prevalent at Dalerb.

Commissioning an Environmental Report may be a possibility. It has been 20 years since the last one. The availability of micro grants may help with purchasing testing kits. Wild swimmers are also keen to assure water quality.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Duncan Twigg of Killin. Duncan was a long-standing member of the LTA Committee and was very involved with environmental issues. His dedication, passion and knowledge are much appreciated.

6. A.O.C.B:

- i) NG reported that The Crannog was doing very well. Work on the water-based Crannog will begin on 1st Oct. RM reported the Crannog have been very good neighbours. The Generator would be removed very soon.
- ii) PE reported that although the plans are in for the walkway from Dalerb to Kenmore were in, The Countryside Trust do not have the funds in place to carry out the work.
- iii) DO'D reported that the front 9 at Taymouth will be ready in the spring. Core paths are still being diverted (temporarily) as work goes on. The Toilets are being cleaned twice a day and was thankful they hadn't been vandalised. 5 families have been contacted in relation to memorial benches. The bins along the shore are to be replaced and continue to be serviced by PKC. Trees and Hedges causing comment from locals and marked for cutting back/removal has been completed. There is to be an open day at the Castle on October 12th. Tickets will be available on-line to residents in PH15, FK21 and PH9 postcodes. Money raised will go to SCAA and DLC will match fund this amount.
It was identified that the borrow pit had exceeded its depth limit and this DLC confessed to PKC. There is a fine attached to this, but DLC are committed to adhering to planning regulations set by PKC. Restoration of the borrow pit is in hand. Kevin Cross is dealing with issues very effectively.
The plans for Taymouth Trading are out to tender.
There have been conversations around ‘run off’, the treatment of which has exceeded the stipulation and expectation of SEPA.
DO'D stated that DLC will not engage with any self-appointed/non-official organisation but with constituted local groups only. i.e. KDCC
Kenmore Hotel has taken longer than expected due to predictable issues associated with the renovation of old buildings.
- iv) LTA Website: We need admin people. WH to meet with PE to get basics done meantime. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this please contact secretary. WH to have a look at members list for possible ‘talent’.

7. Date of next Committee meeting will be arranged via e-mail.

Chair thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting closed 7.15pm