

**Board & Working Groups Forum**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, APAFC Pavilion, 7pm**  
**Notes**

1. Welcome

- TH & DJ welcomed everyone to the Forum.

2. Attendance & Apologies

- In attendance
  - Patrizia Beolchi, Chris Duffy, Tim Hart (*ACSR Development Manager*), Julia Howe (*ACSR Core Paths Working Group Chair*), Denise Jackson MBE (*ACSR Chair*), Graham Jackson, Angela Laurie (*A&A CAP Community Connector*), Ian Macfarlane, Fiona Mackintosh (*ACSR Green Spaces Working Group Chair*), Lisa McGraw, Gordon McLeay, Steven Myles, Jamie Ness, Gemma Simpson (*Live Active Leisure Sport Development Officer*), Ian Somerville (*ACSR Trustee*).
- Apologies
  - Silvia Brown, Pam Bryson, Jennifer Clark, Athol Curtis (*Perth & Kinross Council Greenspace Ranger*), Stephen Gardiner, Chic Kiddie, Sheena Munro (*ACSR Treasurer*), Sandy Richardson, Bid Strachan, Paul Tramontanas (*ACSR Trustee*) Alan Watt, Steven Watt (*ACSR Trustee*), Maitland Wilson.

3. Reports / Updates:

- **ACSR Core Paths**
  - TH presented an update on the activities of the *Core Paths* Working Group.
- **ACSR Green Spaces**
  - LMCG shared an update on projects of the *Green Spaces* Working Group.
  - In addition to this update:
    - It was agreed to aim for an opening of the Children's Play Park on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, at 2pm – and to plan this in collaboration with AL and the planned CAP (morning) event in the town. **Action: TH, AL & LMCG**
    - It was agreed that ACSR would ask PKC to keep the new Children's Play fenced off until the opening date in June. **Action: TH**
    - It was hoped the full park opening may be able to take place in October 2023.
    - The Pump Track location was discussed. It was agreed to await more information from the preferred bidder about the costs associated with locations 3 and 4 – and for ACSR's Trustees to make a final decision based on the information provided. **Action: TH & ACSR Board**
    - The lack of public toilets Auchterarder Public Park was raised as a serious concern.
      - TH was asked to raise this at the Community Council meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. **Action: TH**
    - The meeting agreed that ACSR could proceed with a Community Asset Transfer over the Kincardine Park land, if the project became time-critical and if the CAP was not yet constitutionally operational. **Action: TH**
    - TH highlighted an approach from Isobel Woodward (Rothschild & Co) relating to their work with an organisation called SUGi, who plant 'pocket

forests' with native trees in a way to promote biodiversity and reconnect communities with nature.

- Following discussion, a couple of areas of land around the Provost Walk were identified. TH is to communicate these to AC and Isobel Woodward. **Action: TH**

- **ACSR Sport & Recreation**

- TH presented an update on the activities of the Sport & Recreation Working Group.
  - TH had a productive meeting with representatives from Tennis Scotland on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
    - They are keen to help us develop a tennis facility within the town – and there would be funding support available.
    - The meeting agreed TH would convey this to the Community Council meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. **Action: TH**
  - The facilities at the school were raised as a major concern.
    - The meeting agreed both the MUGAs and Astroturf pitch desperately need improvement.
    - It is believed that Councillor Keith Allan is presently investigating this issue.
    - TH was asked to highlight the concerns at the Community Council meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. **Action: TH**
  - The proposed facilities as part of the housing developments behind the school were raised as a major concern.
    - The meeting believes that, because so many houses have been built and sold, the single pitch (lower red highlighted area) should already have been built.
    - The meeting remains very concerned over the lack of progress, and communication from PKC, relating to this project.
    - It is believed that Councillor Keith Allan is presently investigating this issue.
    - TH was asked to highlight the concerns at the Community Council meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. **Action: TH**
    - The meeting agreed to wait until after the next Community Council meeting (27<sup>th</sup> April) to see what progress Councillor Allan is able to make. Thereafter, the group agreed to plan to form sub-group of those from the local community who are interested and to invite PKC and Councillor Allan to join this focus group. DJ would lead this sub-group. **Action: DJ**

- **Partnerships**

- AL presented an update on the activities of A&A CAP – and thanked ACSR, and TH, for the on-going support of the CAP and the CAP's projects.
- AL confirmed that, through the partnership with ACSR, an Expression of Interest was about to be submitted by ACSR to a funder which may enable a programme closely related to the successful 'Cosy Spaces' programme to be delivered next winter (2023-2023).

- **Other Projects**

- Governance
  - TH highlighted the continued progress ACSR was making in this area.
- Membership
  - TH reminded everyone of ACSR's membership scheme – and encourage all Working Group members to join.

4. AOCB

- GJ presented some slides from the recent family holiday – focussing on Core Paths, Greenspaces and Sport & Recreation.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.