

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE

Agenda Item	14
Report No	PDI 48/14

5 NOVEMBER 2014

APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL ACCESS FORA

Report by Director of Development and Infrastructure

Summary

Following resignations from the Caithness Local Access Forum and the Inverness and Nairn Local Access Forum, this report invites Committee to consider and approve new Forum members required to maintain representative Local Access Fora in these areas.

Nominations for the Caithness Local Access Forum were considered by the Caithness and Sutherland Area Committee at its September meeting. Members for Wards 13-21 have recently been consulted on the nominations for the Inverness and Nairn Local Access Forum. In each case the nominations attached (appendices 1-4) have been recommended for approval by the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee.

Committee is invited to consider and approve the appointment of members to the Caithness and the Inverness and Nairn Local Access Fora recommended by, respectively, the Caithness and Sutherland Area Committee and the Members for Wards 13-21.

1. Background

- 1.1 Local Access Fora were formed in 2005 in response to the requirements of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. The Caithness and Inverness and Nairn Local Access Fora are two of six in the Highland Council area.
- 1.2 Local Access Fora advise the Highland Council on countryside access issues. They provide assistance in dispute resolution in relation to the exercise of access rights, the delineation and existence of rights of way and the drawing up of core path plans. Fora also have the facility to form sub groups to carry out specific investigations or to co-opt specialist advisers.
- 1.3 The maximum number of Forum members is 9 plus 2 Councillors. Access Fora must have a balanced representation with 3 nominees selected from each of the following categories:
 - Land managers – estate owners, farmers, crofters, foresters

- Access users – walkers, cyclists, horse riders, canoeists
- Community groups – community councils, environmental organisations, local path development groups

The Council, via the Planning Development and Infrastructure Committee, appoints members to Access Fora.

1.4 Members of Access Fora are entitled to claim travel and out of pocket expenses, which are paid by the Council.

2. New member nominations

2.1 Recent resignations from the Caithness Access Forum and the Inverness and Nairn Forum have created vacancies in the following areas:

- Land Managers – 2
- Access Users – 2

2.2 The following have been recommended by the Caithness and Sutherland Area Committee to fill vacancies in the Caithness Local Access Forum:

- Land Managers – Mrs Islay J. W. MacLeod.
- Access Users – Mrs Carol Graham.

2.3 Nomination forms for both are appended to this report (Appendix 1 and 2). Committee is invited to consider and approve these Area Committee recommendations.

2.4 The following have been recommended by Members of Wards 13-21 to fill vacancies in the Inverness and Nairn Local Access Forum:

- Land Managers – Mr Iain Pocock
- Access Users – Mr John McGlade

2.5 Nomination forms for both are appended to this report (Appendix 3 and 4). Committee is invited to consider and approve these Ward Member recommendations.

3. Implications

3.1 Resource implications

There are no additional resource implications attached to this report. Local Access Fora are funded by the Development and Infrastructure Service from within existing resources.

3.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report. The Highland Council as Access Authority is required to establish and maintain at least one Local Access Forum. This paper seeks to maintain appropriate representation on two Access Fora.

3.3 Equalities implications

Membership of the Access Forum is open to all those who qualify within one of

the three membership categories (Para 1.3 above).

3.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever implications

Forum members are encouraged to share transport to meetings and when site meetings are necessary an appropriate vehicle is hired to transport all forum members to the site.

3.5 Risk implications

There are no risk implications attached to this report.

3.6 Rural implications

The Access Forum advises on access provision in rural and urban areas.

Recommendation

Committee is invited to consider and approve the appointment of members to the Caithness and the Inverness and Nairn Local Access Fora as recommended by, respectively, the Caithness and Sutherland Area Committee and the Members for Wards 13-21.

Designation: Director of Development and Infrastructure

Date: 13th October 2014

Author: George Hamilton, Head of Environment and Economic Development (Ext 2252)

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NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

NOTE: Before filling in this form, please read the accompanying notes for guidance.

A. APPLICANT DETAILS

NAME	CAROL GRAHAM
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LOCATION OF FORUM APPLIED FOR (e.g. Inverness, Lochaber)	CATHNESS
CATEGORY OF REPRESENTATION (e.g. land owner, access user, community group etc)	EQUESTRIAN USERS
ORGANISATION DETAILS/RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY ACCESS REPRESENTATIVE HIGHLAND NORTH
DETAILS OF ANY PREVIOUS PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS?	NONE

P.T.O.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO:

Access Team, Planning & Development Service, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness,
IV3 5NX e.mail access@highland.gov.uk

B. SKILLS/ABILITIES RELEVANT TO THE POST:


Please outline below how you believe you will be able to contribute to the work of a Local Access Forum (in approximately 250 words) Please continue on a separate sheet if needed.

I REPRESENT ALL HORSE RIDERS & I AM A KEEN RIDER & WALKER. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH EQUESTRIAN ACCESS FOR MANY YEARS IN MY PREVIOUS LOCATION & MORE RECENTLY IN CURRENT LOCATION, WAS VICE CHAIR OF "CRAG" NOW DISBANDED. I CAN ADVISE OF SUITABLE ROUTES, SURFACES, GATES ETC. CATHNESS IS SEVERLY LACKING IN EQUESTRIAN ACCESS. IN BEING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BHS I CAN ADVISE ON RESPONSIBLE ACCESS & DRAW UPON THE MANY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE AREA FOR SUPPORT. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS NOT AN EQUESTRIAN REP ON THIS LOCAL FORUM & I HOPE I COULD BE A VALUED MEMBER FOR INPUT.

C. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

 Date 4 July 2014

D. ENDORSEMENT BY OFFICE BEARER OF SUPPORTING ORGANISATION (if applicable)

 Date 21/7/14
Helene Mauchlen
The British Horse Society Director for Scotland

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DATE RECEIVED:
12 JUN 2014

A. APPLICANT DETAILS

NAME	ISLAY J.W. MACLEOD
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LOCATION OF FORUM APPLIED FOR (e.g. Inverness, Lochaber)	
CATEGORY OF REPRESENTATION (e.g. land owner, access user, community group etc)	LAND OWNER (Thromster Estate Factor) ALSO REPRESENTING YARROWS HERITAGE TRUST (vice-chair)
ORGANISATION DETAILS/RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	COMMUNITY GROUP APPLICANT vice-chair
DETAILS OF ANY PREVIOUS PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS?	—

YHT Agrees its nomination of the applicant to represent the Trust on L.A.F.

P.D. Whynne 07/05/2014

P.T.O.

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B. SKILLS/ABILITIES RELEVANT TO THE POST:

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C. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

..... *Steph Mankie* Date *05/06/14*

D. ENDORSEMENT BY OFFICE BEARER OF SUPPORTING ORGANISATION (if applicable)

..... Date

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NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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A. APPLICANT DETAILS

NAME	Iain Pocock
ADDRESS	KEEPERS COTTAGE, COUSIE, TOMICH, CANNICH, BEAULY IV6 7LY
CONTACT TEL NO.	01456 415 323
E:MAIL ADDRESS	INVERNESS AND NAIRN → IAINPOCOCK@ROCKETMAIL.COM
LOCATION OF FORUM APPLIED FOR (e.g. Inverness, Lochaber)	
CATEGORY OF REPRESENTATION (e.g. land owner, access user, community group etc)	CROFTER, HORSE RIDER, HILL WALKER
ORGANISATION DETAILS/RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	HIGHLAND TREKKING AND TRAIL RIDING SPOUSE/EMPLOYER
DETAILS OF ANY PREVIOUS PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS?	N/A

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B. SKILLS/ABILITIES RELEVANT TO THE POST:

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- * KEEN HORSE RIDER.
- * KEEN HILL WALKER.
- * KEEN DEER STACKER AND TRAINED HUNTER.
- * CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND MAPS WELL.
- * CAN IDENTIFY WHERE ACCESS IS NEEDED.
- * WORKED IN FORESTRY FOR MANY YEARS SO CAN READ GROUND CONDITIONS WELL.
- * I AM FRIENDLY AND ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WELL WITH PEOPLE.
- * CAN BE DIPLOMATIC WHEN NEEDED.
- * I CAN UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF OTHER LAND USERS BOTH FOR BUSINESS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.
- * I PARTICIPATE IN ALL TYPES OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SO TEND NOT TO BE BIASED TOWARDS ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL.

C. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

 Date 17th March 2014

D. ENDORSEMENT BY OFFICE BEARER OF SUPPORTING ORGANISATION (if applicable)

 Date 17/3/14

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A. APPLICANT DETAILS

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LOCATION OF FORUM APPLIED FOR (e.g. Inverness, Lochaber)	INVERNESS AND NAIRN
CATEGORY OF REPRESENTATION (e.g. land owner, access user, community group etc)	LAND MANAGER - FORESTRY CONSULTANT
ORGANISATION DETAILS/RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	OWNER OF FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONTRACTING BUSINESS
DETAILS OF ANY PREVIOUS PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS?	HIGHLAND FORESTRY FORUM - MEMBER FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEMBER & PREVIOUS CHAIR.

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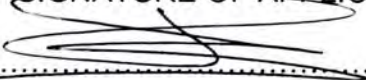
B. SKILLS/ABILITIES RELEVANT TO THE POST:

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I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH LAND MANAGEMENT IN THE AREA FOR THE PAST 25 YRS THROUGH FOREST & WOODLAND MANAGEMENT. THROUGH MY FORESTRY INVOLVEMENT I CAN SEE THE ISSUES FROM BOTH THE LANDOWNERS POINT OF VIEW AND THE PUBLIC. I AM INVOLVED ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH MAINTAINING ACCESS THROUGH NEW WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTS AND OR IMPROVING ACCESS THROUGH GRANT FUNDING AND OTHER MEANS.

I CAN ALSO BE INVOLVED WHERE ACCESS HAS TO BE RESTRICTED DUE TO FORESTRY OPERATIONS AND THE HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED.

C. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT


..... Date 27/11/13

D. ENDORSEMENT BY OFFICE BEARER OF SUPPORTING ORGANISATION (if applicable)

..... Date