**Joint Shared Use Path Group**

**Minutes of meeting held on Friday 16th February 2024 at Murray Studios, Anstruther.**

**Present**: Gerald Cooper, Carl van der Lee, Peter Mills, Jim Woods, Nigel Mathers, Cllr Sean Dillon, Holly Hunter, Joanne Stewart and Elizabeth Riches.

**Apologies**: Cllrs Fiona Corps and Alycia Hayes, Margaret Wardlaw, John Marston, Ali McCleod, Allan Maclean and Gillian Clark

1. **Minutes of last meeting:** proposed and seconded by PM and CvdL, (with Margaret Wardlaw’s name corrected)
2. **Sustrans/FC/ENCAP**
3. **Sustrans.** Joanne was welcomed and she explained that she and HH were checking that Sustrans had all the necessary papers. She explained that by 2025 Transport Scotland will administer the Active Travel Fund.
4. **Fife Council’s** Active travel consultation is looking at roads/routes at a high level initially and smaller more local routes will be developed through the Local Plans. GC requested that the Crawhill route should be added from the B9131 just below F12 to the blue dotted route (Core Path) from F8. This is signed as a cycle route.

**National Cycle Network.** Attention is being given to ‘fixing the parts in need of being fixed’ but an interest has also been expressed in the idea of the proposed link between St Andrews and Kirkcaldy.

1. **ENCAP**: No action points came from a recent meeting. The new housing development plans are not resolved with respect to drainage problems, and further meetings with Scottish Water will follow.
2. **Joint Working Group updates**
3. **Land negotiation progress and programme: Savills** have been contacting local landowners but have again asked for copies of plans with which they had already been provided. The time taken over all of this risks alienating landowners because of the delays.
4. **Maintenance agreement**. This appears to only be of concern at later stages of any project. HH will check that the Pay Back team is still willing to provide basic maintenance for the Core Path. PM stressed that no one in the Pittenweem Community was willing to do this. A surface with a 15 year life span should not present many concerns over structural maintenance. HH will also investigate possible alternative surfaces that may be more environmentally friendly.
5. and d) **Dreelside northern path bollard, Replacement of LEDs on existing Dreelside Park path and completion of lining for Barnett’s to St Andrews Road**. HH will check progress over these with Mark Burns, being outstanding parts of the recent contract.

e) **Future Programme** – as per stated in FCs Active Travel page, but losing momentum.

**Anstruther SUPG Updates**

1. **Outstanding Signposting** in Priority 1 of the Small Works Programme. Required for signing towards Dreelside. HH & MB.
2. **Safer Routes to School** . ER had met with Dawn Redman of Waid Academy. DR explained that with free bus travel very few pupils choose to cycle to school. Bike storage was currently catered for in the secure service yard as the original provision had not proved to be satisfactory. No revision of Safer Routes to School from nearly ten years ago has taken place. Concentration is on the safety of the school campus with regards to lining and signing for cars and buses etc. This is gritted by the school janitors and Fife Council are responsible for gritting the adopted section of the road from St Andrews Road up to the large roundabout. She was keen to work with the group if the pupils could help with collecting data of path usage etc. HH will check the adoption status of the new paths and Cllr SD will check gritting criteria.

**AOCB**

1. PM informed the meeting about Sestrans actions for Active Travel around the Levenmouth area. We were all disappointed to hear that there would appear to be no links to, nor awareness of, what is being developed to the east of Levenmouth. There are no links east from Glenrothes/Leven to Pittenweem/Cupar. It was decided to arrange a meeting with the local Councillors involved. SD.
2. Those responsible for the success of the development of Dreelside Playpark are keen to share a celebration of their work and of the new paths. It was agreed to respond positively over this and to arrange a suitable event.
3. New Cycle rack at Cellardyke Pool to be added to Small Works Programme – GC.

**DONM Friday 5th April at 2.00 pm in Pittenweem New Town Hall**