**Shared Use Path Group**

**Minutes of meeting held by Teams on Friday 7th March 2025**

**Present**: Gerald Cooper, Peter Mills, Carl van der Lee, Holly Watson, Jim Woods,

**Apologies**: John Marston, Nigel Mathers and Elizabeth Riches; Cllrs Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes and Fiona Corps.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** were proposed and seconded as correct by JW and CL.
2. **Sustrans/FC/ENCAP**:

Sustrans will start their monitoring counts in April with a screenline west of Anstruther across the A917 and the Core Path. HW will send details of the sites, dates, and whether to be counts or interviews.

HW said that her post was being reviewed. We all hoped that she will continue because progress is being restricted owing to lack of staff.

The national cycle network is keeping an eye on the remainder of East Neuk 50. Their work isn’t yet funded.

FC are continuing with their Active Travel Strategy which should go to the May Committee.

ENCAP has some money to fund the work of Galbraith, and HW will provide Pittenweem with an update. Further work awaits funding.

1. **Joint Working Group Updates**
2. Land negotiation progress and programme. HW had sent the corrected maps and landtake to Andrew Manson (with landtake on correct side of SUP) in January. He had, however, received further questions from Galbraith, and Gillian had also helped. Questions included Mr W’s access to a field, key for bollard, drainage (would FC be liable for sorting the drainage beyond the SUP’s verge. HW also asked if we had a copy of Mr Wilson’s lease agreement with Seabox, which we don’t.

\* Electronic and hard copies of revised plans have still not been sent to GC.

\* Our meeting on 1st November 2024 stated that the FC designer should be asked to ‘include the missing link near Milton Cottage, probably with ramped approaches from the N-S side track’. The group was disappointed to hear that the designer didn’t think that that was required, but we had had no feedback nor discussion. The group unanimously agreed that GC should write to FC asking for this to be undertaken, as per the recent Metaflake crossing. We couldn’t have a new length of SUP crossing a dirt track causing difficulties for wheelers, prams etc.

1. **Draft Heads of Terms** – At our last meeting in January**,** owing to the lack of progress,Andrew Manson had been tasked with sending the draft Heads of Terms to the JSUP group by the end of January. These have still not been received, even though

**\*** they have been asked for several times,

**\*** GC has sent his own version on 8th December 2024,

**\*** we already have the previous 2018 agreed Heads of Terms, and

**\*** we stated that we wanted to see Andrew’s version without areas and costs etc, which could come later.

**\*** any ongoing or forthcoming comments from affected bodies can be taken on board once the draft Heads of Terms have been sent out.

The Group made progress last year by organising lands meetings with land owners, tenants, and agents. Andrew attended those two, but has not attended any progress meetings, which are also available online. We are making no progress(especially this year) with Savills. It was agreed that GC should speak with Alan Paul. ER is now going to do that.

1. **Scottish Water** – GC still awaits the details of the Scottish Water contact from Andrew Manson after many weeks of asking. Any discussions we have with SW will not affect our ‘progress’. GC just wishes to discuss a possible redesign to overcome their objection.
2. **Tradesbox** is gifting the land**.** HW stated that Heads of Terms will still be needed, but not as detailed.
3. **Dreelside Park eastern bollard** will be placed as part of the Small Works Programme.

**4.** **Anstruther SUPG Update: a)Barnetts to St Andrews Road edge lining**

b) **Missing LEDs on Crail Road SUP at Kilrenny**

Both of these will be undertaken as part of the Small Works Programme next

financial year.

**5) FC Small Works contract programme progress on signposting, especially Metaflake to St Andrews Road.** No directional signposts have been erected but all routes have signage to show the use by cyclists (except the west side of St Andrews Road). GC is awaiting further contact from Mark Burns to identify locations.

**6) AOCB a) Waste bins on Metaflake path to Co-op -** GC to contact local C’llrs re their provision

b) Request for payment for use of Murray Studios for SUP meetings is with HW.

c) PM unlikely to attend future meetings if no progress is seen to be made. [Very little progress has been made in spite of employing Savills, nor on SUP design. The Group’s requests and directions are not being acted upon].

**7) DONM: Friday 4th April 2.00 pm in the Murray Studios.**