

Clunie Loch meeting 2

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Parking and Clearway:**

- 1) At the bridge
- 2) Between 1 and the road down from Craigie
- 3) The large layby just after road down from Craigie
- 4) Opposite "The Beach"
- 5) Just before the bend at end of loch

Suggested clearway: Along A923 where it is presently. All along the loch side where the yellow roadway is and up the road to Craigie and past there. Along past the Clunie Church almost to the Hall. A distance up the road to Bishopryfauld.

Objective is an overview of what is going on.

People are happy to say the proposed parking places can go ahead. This will be done by the council roads department with hardcore and recycled planings. No timescale given but would hope to have done by Spring. Then get signs in place for the Clearway.

Big sign point out private road at Craigie as well as other entrances.

Leaflet and who to contact if comments. Issue with Lochside cottage? Nobody lives there as such?

Letters will be put out to make sure Craigie residents are happy with clearway.

Logie Brae goes right down to the roadway and so parking space as well as freeway relevant to them.

By the bridge could encroach on landowners field.

Any other ways to prevent vehicles going down and ploughing up the land. Try to get some more large rocks from surrounding land.

Biggest no 3 parking area make a kind of wall of rocks to channel people to one entrance to area with sign. At moment 10 tracks down to the loch side.

Proceed as described.

**Alcohol ban:**

Advised needs agreement from the group and then a public meeting would be required. The council would have a written consultation and write to everybody.

Not sure how wide the consultation has to be? If Craigie and Clunie then not such a big process. When public meeting ask at that point. Wait for council to say what we need to do and how.

**Historic Environment Scotland update:** Came to look at Island and various archaeological remains around the West end of the loch. There is not much they can do other than come back to us with the guidelines on fires in designated sites. They are not sure if this is enforceable. They have updated their records with all the sites around the loch and will communicate with Nature Scot with some of the problems. Monitor and manage a bit better. Nature Scot coming again regarding more of the environmental aspects. Should be paying a visit shortly and strengthen our hand on the alcohol ban. Restrict numbers of people visiting. Also if byelaw good they know

**Fishing:** More complicated than we thought. Call with Fisheries management Scotland FSN. They will be able to provide detail from fishing clubs and how they work. Three owners have fishing rights on the loch and all are on board about managing it in a more disciplined way. One person was interested in doing a fishing club. There would be a code of conduct.

Too much fishing tackle on the bank or on the water that is not good for wildlife. Nature Scot might tidy that up as well with regard to wildlife?

**Fires:** One person asked if we should supply fire bowls? Maybe old car wheels from the scrap heap? The council could supply scrap wood from trimmings. If don't work then can take away.

Other people said ideally no fires and some asked if we provide fires and firewood then are we going to get more fires?

**Signage:** Advised keep it very simple and straight forward. Less is more.

With the clearway there needs to be a clear line to show the end of the parking space and indication you will be fined £75. If we can find someone to do the parking tickets. Council advised volunteers or parking wardens.

Signs are the most expensive thing. Laybys take half a day with a digger and road planings. £40 k to install? Waiting for instructions.

**Algae:** Local swimmer advised they had to abort a few swims recently. Does it get tested regularly. There is a blooming algae map but no official signs which have been present in the past. Environmental health were contacted and they said that if algae then signs can be put up.

More harmful to animals than humans as dogs will drink it.

Phosphates from the burns can add to the algae problem.

**People defecating around lochside:**

Options are to get people to bury faeces 30m from the water but the area is not suitable for that. Bag it and take it away may not be adhered to. Roadside camping while not wild camping is still legal by Nature Scot. The Outdoor access code has not been updated in a number of ways.

**Policing:**

Police have been good this summer

Council provided community wardens

It will need continuance of that input.

If not happy back away and call the police.