

Loch of Clunie Steering Group Meeting 4

15th July 2022 in Clunie Hall at 1830

Waste

People not using portaloos. Problems with present portaloos due to items flushed down them. Another one or two portaloos can be placed at the bridge as the distance could be a deterrent.

Emptying the bins more frequently, such as Friday and Monday? Visitor Management will communicate with waste services to see what is possible.

Trials with no bins have resulted in less rubbish to pick up. Visitor Management will acquire data with a planned trial of no bins on Foss Road, Pitlochry. This will include 3 weeks non holiday and 3 weeks holiday time. Visitor management will communicate, following a review of the data. This may be compared with other UK trials.

Roadway

Clearway is now permanent.

Yellow lines and red line discussed. A red line relates to a clearway and so if implemented would make more sense. Visitor management to find out if any other area in P&K has a red line.

More of the large "A frame" signs saying no parking on clearway will be arranged.

Ticketing has improved with staffing increase. Visitor Management will provide some feedback as to how this is doing. £30 fine is not necessarily a deterrent but as the fee is set nationally this would be difficult to increase.

Signage

Advised that educational signage made a difference in the Angus Glen. It can change the mindset of people and therefore the culture. Peer policing can take place. Photographs of the Angus Glen signage will be shared.

Funding would be required for good quality expensive signs. A councillor advised that funding could be through the Investing in Communities Fund (ICF).

Individual showed a PowerPoint presentation on photographs of signs she had taken. Difficult to read or uninspiring signs were compared with signs which were visually stimulating and provoked curiosity. A sign at Barton Broad was picked out as it showed under the water as well as above. This was a series of signs showing the improvement in water quality after it had been polluted and misused compared to after Norfolk Wildlife Trust had improved it. This method could work with two signs. Loch of Clunie with rubbish and irresponsible fishing for example and then another with a cared-for Loch.

Two members will communicate on this and one person will collect information that can be filtered. Contact will be made with a local historian, Historic Environment Scotland as well as Nature Scot.

Visitor Management advised P&K council have designers who can assist and then the facilities to make the signs. He will ask a designer about case studies.

The need for a national public information campaign on the outdoor access code was discussed. This would need Members of Scottish Parliament to be lobbied by community councils and councils. For this you need case studies and evidence which is what places like Loch of Clunie can provide.

Fishing

This will be The Clunie Loch Angling Conservation Group. Members are to be screened and will pay a small subscription. The objective is to protect the loch from bad fishing practice. Signs still to be done and allocated parking spaces.

The person who would manage the fishing group, has made a code of conduct which members are to adhere to and includes a catch and release policy.

Visitor management asked for rangers to be included such that they could join. They can purvey the information to the loch visitors.

Alcohol Ban

It was decided not to apply for this as it requires evidence and policing which can be difficult. Police can be called in the case of antisocial behaviour if required.