

Loch of Clunie Preservation Group meeting number 7

11th July 2023 in Clunie Hall at 1900 hours

Meeting organised due to incidents at premises which required police and led to arrests. The residents no longer feel safe in their home.

Residents don't want the parking area near their property. The main question from person was "Does the right to roam and enjoy the beautiful environment trump our right to live in peace, safety and comfort in our own home?"

People are not sure who owns the land where the layby is, or the area where people camp? It doesn't belong to the council and the layby came about by people using it.

Key action points:

Limit the ability to camp: person plan placement of boulders in order to remove tent space. See how this goes before removing parking access.

Outdoor access code does not provide legal methods to stop people camping. Continued review of the code and continued pushing of government to improve it.

Red lines: People still parking and paying fines. Another way of saying 'it is a clearway' would be red lines. All agreed that local councillor would look into organising that.

Report crimes and gather as much evidence as possible. In order to move forward with strategies such as an alcohol ban for example you need evidence of anti-social behaviour.

Wildlife crime was discussed. We will put a webpage link to the wildlife crime webpage for Tayside. Notes on a talk by Blair Wilkie (Tayside Wildlife Crime Officer) will be shared with those who didn't have it.

The idea of a nature reserve and what that means? Look at Loch of the Lowes for example. Person will research and ask ranger if required.

CCTV? Visitor Management recommended this. Discussed that even signs saying there is CCTV might put people off. To discuss further as some people not keen.

Noise disturbance is a problem. councillor told us about the Noise App which means you can record noise on your mobile device and send it to the council

<https://www.thenoiseapp.com/#/> To use create an account and search for Perth and Kinross council which comes up. Then fill in the rest of your details and a password.

The ranger service provided statistics: 1st June to end of July: 1130 people visit, 357 vehicles, 184 tents, 201 BBQs, 309 fires, 159 bags rubbish collected by rangers and 130 bags of recycling.