

**Loch of Clunie Preservation Group public meeting**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Clunie Hall 7pm till 9pm**

**Key Points and Actions**

**New Visitor Management Service**

Perth and Kinross Rangers will now be Support and Enforcement Officers who will partner with other essential services. There is funding for Portaloo's.

Action: If any questions or information required, please contact Janice Willsher (Secretary of the Loch of Clunie Preservation Group) [secretary@lochofclunie.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lochofclunie.org.uk) who will attend meetings with the Visitor Management Service

Volunteer needed: to be a backup secretary when Janice cannot attend meetings.

**Behavioural Sign**

A behavioural sign was designed and can be made and erected as soon as we give the agreed sign to Frank Campbell (Perth and Kinross Council)

Action: Decide upon the wording for the sign, with the consideration of the loch being SSSI and SAC and the enforcement abilities of police. Do this as soon as possible.

Volunteers needed - as many people as possible to help now and in future:

Communicate and ask those who know the laws but also read and understand the main points of the Nature Conservation Act (Scotland) 2004, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Scottish Outdoor Access Code as well as other legalities which can be used to protect Loch of Clunie.

**Byelaws**

Byelaws were discussed for alcohol, camping and fires. Similar to other places.

Action: Work out if SSSI and SAC status means we don't need to apply for byelaws but have the protections anyway. Communicate with police and legal authorities. If this is not the case then start the application process which includes local consent.

Volunteers needed: Research as above regarding Acts, then if applicable begin applying for byelaws. Individuals to possibly take the lead with each individual byelaw or it may be a team effort with all three?

**Report any anti-social behaviour and criminality**

The more we report problems the more statistics the police have to understand our needs

Action: Provide information on who to call and when for the group, community, on the website, social media. Other ideas?

Volunteers needed: Ideas on methods of making sure we report everything as best we can and log all the information.

### **CCTV**

This enables the community to have evidence of crime or anti-social behaviour.

Action: Find out about the regulations with regard to putting up CCTV and the cost. This may be on private land, and in areas with no power supply.

Volunteers needed: Landowners to research how to install, cost of farm CCTV and the legalities. Research funding options - Resilience fund?

### **Fishing**

Irresponsible fishing causes many problems and as an SSSI no fish or wildlife should be removed from the loch without permission.

Action: Landowners will discuss and look at options

Volunteers needed: Assist the landowners. Make sure people who fish know the laws; report illegal activities as applicable.

### **Fire Service**

Paul Smith advised they cover a vast area and so cannot be around for campfires.

Action: Communicate to everyone that if a fire is not controlled for the reasons given in the summary then dial 999 for the fire brigade.

Volunteers needed: Log all campfires and their locations. A few individuals team together so that we are not logging fires twice. Photographs logged. Communicate with the fire service as to how they would like information such that they are not overloaded with the information.

### **Litter**

The new service will not pick litter in the same way as previously

Action: Create a litter picking list of volunteers for the secretary and another person to develop into something more organised. This means we can have equipment from the council. Keep a log of location and litter picked to add to data the council have collected previously.

Volunteers needed: Able to litter-pick when available, and work with the secretary to coordinate. Another person to help with storage of equipment. Two bases where people can collect equipment.

### **Communication and resilience**

As a small preservation group we cannot work on our own and require input from the local community as well as visitors to the loch.

Action: Work as a community and so advise on the existence of the Loch of Clunie Preservation Group and contact details. Also about the WhatsApp group created by the secretary which is to communicate problems that we have reported around the loch. Consider the resilience options for funding mentioned in the meeting. Make people aware of the website and put more information on there. Delegate tasks to enthusiastic people. Continue communication with the Visitor Management service and partnerships.

Volunteers: Advise of your skills and what you like to help with in general.

### **Long view**

At present we are reactive, but our objectives should be a future of no damage to the landscape and an end to the fear and anti-social behaviour experienced by residents and responsible visitors.

Action: Find ways of enforcing the laws that are already there or create byelaws. Create an appreciation of the Loch for its nature and environment. Start a wildlife watching log of birds and wildlife. Be welcoming to those who come and go without leaving damage and litter. Look at nature reserve possibilities. Enable those close to the loch to have the required security.

Volunteers: Those who want to discuss being involved, learn or provide knowledge and skill for future proofing the Loch.