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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 6th March 2025 Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Councillors Present: Paul Mackintosh (PM) (Chair), Nick Lester-Davis (NL) (Vice Chair), Lynda McColl (LM), Catherine Cairns (CC) (Treasurer),

Attendees: Gene Maxwell (GM) (SNP Councillor), Lucy Johnstone (LJ), Walter Semple (WS) (Flood Group), David Fettes (DF) (LLTNPA), Hilary Soanes (Minute Taker) Online: Kate Bovill (Strathard Development Officer) & Trevor Geraghty (TG)

Apologies, Joyce Kelly (JK) (Planning), Natashya Sheppard (NS), Andre Goulancourt (AG), Police Representatives

Agenda Item:	Action:
1. Apologies – Noted above.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Minutes of 06/02/25 proposed by CC and seconded by NL. No matters arising.	
3. Questions – PM confirmed that no questions had been received by him. GM raised the point that some members of the public had questioned the road markings on Manse Rd bridge suggesting it was too narrow for pedestrians and could be dangerous. LM responded that, in fact, some safety work had been carried out following a request from residents and that this was the outcome. Perhaps more signage is required? It was left that it will be established in the fulness of time whether it causes any problems.	
4. Ongoing business/ enquiries – None	
5. Councillors (SC) – GM said the main news from the Council is the finalisation of the budget. The Revenue Budget totalled £317M (after allowing for inflation). He said there was no appetite whatsoever across all Parties for cuts to local services. All departments had been tasked with listing possible cuts. The main outcome of that was lots of angst and upset for the population of Stirlingshire. Locally the services targeted were nursery services, library services and music tuition. There was no political will to cut any of them yet the list is brought up year after year. In the end, virtually all the cuts were made from administrative adjustments e.g. staff churn was stated as 2% and by adjusting to 3% it saved an additional £3M. Streamlining office software, car expenses etc	

A controversial issue was that of the ‘ring fenced’ car park funds of £300,000 – couldn’t some of this be used for public transport or DRT services? Also, Citizens Advice Bureau; there was talk of possible cuts there.

Regarding the Capital Budget, £54,000 is allocated for Aberfoyle’s Flood Prevention Scheme. This is confusing because it appears to be down by £44,000 from last year and had once been as high as £150,000, yet there has been no obvious work carried out.

The budget outcome means an increase in Council Tax of 8.8%. Whilst high it could have been much worse e.g. 15% increase in Falkirk.

6. Treasurers Report – Appended. Available funds are £4788.42 after hall costs and Admin/IT expenses. The only question raised (PM) was why the Hall fees had dropped from £25 to £20. A minor thing but curious.

7. Police Report – Appended. PM talked this through in absence of Police Representatives. Other than a disturbance in a hotel on 24/02 and an RTC on 15/02 – (both may result in charges) – there was very little to report for the period.

8. Flooding – WS returned to the previously reported saga of the inappropriate Engineers Report commissioned by SC, with inadequate consultation and quoting a scheme of an unaffordable £1.6M (see minutes 07/11/24). WS confirmed that the Flood Group have responded with a detailed and critical ‘comment report’ mentioning inaccuracies, lack of clarity, clear mistakes leading to unsatisfactory conclusions. Duggie Campbell has looked over the report and, it is his belief, it is overstated by some £500-750,000! The result is that SC have agreed to a meeting in due course. WS & GM have also confirmed they have met to ensure all parties are up to date. GM commented how £1.6M sounds a lot of money yet £870K was approved to rebuild the Christy Clock and nearly £500K on consultancy fees relating to Council Offices!

LM raised the issue of individual householders needing to be consulted before any flood prevention work is pursued (in any particular direction). One house, for example has experienced repeated damage due to a burn passing beneath it. WS stressed how individual households should take personal responsibility for approaching the Flood Group with any specific issues they may have. They are always open to receiving comments and listening to specific concerns.

NL then raised a question directed to DS about whether the on-going flooding issues has caused a blanket moratorium on Planning Applications which are situated on that specific stretch of the B829. Also, NL reiterated his on-going query of the lack of a coordinated approach between FLS and the Emergency Services about a ‘right of emergency access’ during periods of flooding. NL will be writing to LLTNPA in an attempt to establish a definitive answer to this issue.

PM has been in touch with the GM of Forest Hill Resort about the serious impact the floods on 31/12 had on them in terms of revenue loss. Discussion as to how

NL

to prompt Evelyn Tweed (SNP MP) to exert pressure on SC to address the issue more seriously. The challenges continue.

At this point WS excused himself and confirmed he would report back as soon as any progress or otherwise is made.

9. LLTNPA –

- DF explained how the Planning Dept has been laden with the on-going Flamingo Land Appeal to Scottish Government leading to delays in the Local Development Plan – now scheduled for June.
- Other news includes a Community Consultation for a potential East Loch Lomond Community Venison Larder Pilot which seems to have good momentum.
- Sustainable Transport remains on the radar but no specific news.
- The other major consultation underway regards the possible introduction of a Tourist Tax. No decisions made yet.
- Recruitment has been taking place for the Seasonal Ranger posts.
- The Park has a strong wish to celebrate local initiatives that focus on nature restoration and particularly youth projects. Anyone involved in the ‘Nature Needs Heroes’ campaign promoting sustainability and environmentalism or similar should get in touch with The Park to help inspire others.

10. SCT – KB and TG were both online to reconfirm the high levels of activity since the enlargement of the Board of Directors in Sept/Oct last year. Also, the news that the Lease has finally been negotiated over the former Tourist Information Centre and it is expected that Cobbs will take possession of the site very soon. Some refurbishment will be required before opening later in the year. SCT have had good engagement with Cobbs regarding Tourist Information to be sited there for walks, heritage, geology etc.

There is still the challenge relating to the Business Hub upstairs. They only have a three month reprieve before being faced with a demand for Commercial Rent and Rates (undisclosed amount). KB mentioned that they need to demonstrate a better ‘Community’ use of the space e.g. youth use, in order to access funding from the “Thriving Communities Fund”. Any new ideas to build a case will be very gratefully received.

PM commented how it seemed unfair to go from years of occupation by Visit Scotland for ‘no rent’ to a commercial rent of circa £19000 pa + rates (as advertised) for the TIC and then go even further by demanding a commercial rent for the first floor space.

11. FLS – Appended is an updated programme of activities. Nothing much to report.

12. Life Plans – No updates to report

13. Planning – Planning report appended. There was only one application during this period for a ‘change of use’ from houses to hotels/hostels for Crannraig

House, Trossachs Rd, Aberfoyle. There remains 2 overdue applications so little change from last month.	
14. Roads – Work continues on B829 but the anticipated completion date of 10 th March will not be met and is likely to continue for another week or two. TG stressed how this has been really tough on businesses at the Stronachlachar end of the road, particularly for the Pier Café owners. TG made an appeal to everyone to advertise when the new road opens again and to encourage everyone to try it out and support the café to help them out. Another comment was there has been heavy harvesting of mature trees in Loch Arklet area and concern how all the logs will be transported out. FLS continually state they do not need to use the road and that timber will be carried on the forestry roads only. This will be closely observed and only time will tell.	
NL confirmed he has regular contact with John Hare and will broach the subject with him.	NL
15. Housing – No specific updates. LM confirms that any ‘voids’ have now been allocated.	
16. AOCB – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NL mentioned a consultation that took place in Kinlochard Village Hall by Scottish Power Energy Networks regarding upgrading of the existing High Voltage Route passing through the area. (known as YW Route). There will inevitably be some commercial vehicle usage of the A829 in order to gain access. That said, some parts & materials may also be helicoptered in. No dates for works have been given yet. LJ raised that, as a member of Aberfoyle Parent Council, she is involved in organising a 150 person 10KM run event which is hoping to raise in the region of £7000 for the ‘After School Club’. She has plenty of help to facilitate it, using forestry paths, and is hopeful of a good participation level with limited disruption to the village. Target date is 30th August. LM mentioned that the FLS schedule of works may prove useful to the organisers planning the routes, appended to these minutes. KB said please keep an eye on events updates e.g. 22nd March Co-op Food Waste Action at Memorial Hall; 10-12 Oct Festival of Trail Running PM asked LJ if she would consider joining the Council and LJ accepted the nomination. PM confirmed there are forms to fill and procedures to follow and he would sort this out in due course. 	PM/LJ
17. Close and next meeting – PM thanked everyone for their attendance, confirmed there will be a break in meetings for April and the next meeting will be 1 st May, hopefully to be held at Forest Hills (to be confirmed).	

Appendices:

- Treasurers Report
- Police Report
- Planning List
- FLS Activity update
- FLS Forest Park update

Minute Taker (HS)

Strathard Community Council – Bank account balance for meeting 6th March 2025

	£	£
<u>General Fund opening Bank balance 30th Dec 2024</u>		<u>5521.56</u>

Monies out

Aberfoyle Memorial Hall (Dec 2023 – written 25/1/24)	(25.00)
Aberfoyle Memorial Hall (May 2024)	(25.00)
Microsoft / Mailchimp subscriptions	(61.14)
Aberfoyle Memorial Hall (Nov 2024)	(20.00)

Monies in

<u>General Fund closing Bank balance 30th January 2025</u>	<u>5390.42</u>
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Subsequent expected expenditure / income

Minute taker (Feb)	50.00
GDPR / data protection registration	52.00
Total subsequent spend / income	(102.00)

<u>Balance minus subsequent spend / income since 9th Oct 2024</u>	<u>5288.42</u>
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Less Commitments

SCC commitment to field buy out	500.00
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<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>4788.42</u>
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Police Service of Scotland

Community Council Report



Community Council:	Trossachs and Teith Ward, Strathard Community Council hello@ccstrathard.org
Reporting Period:	04/02/24 to 03/03/25 Compiled by PC Donald King
Ward Plan Priorities	<p>Antisocial Behaviour You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.</p> <p>On 24/02/25 a disturbance took place at a hotel in the Aberfoyle area. Enquiries are ongoing but it is anticipated that persons will be charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.</p>
Road Safety	<p>Road Safety You are concerned about speeding, dangerous driving and indiscriminate parking.</p> <p>On 15/02/25 a road traffic collision occurred on the A81 in the Aberfoyle area. After enquiry one driver is the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal in relation to Careless Driving.</p>
Theft	<p>Theft You are concerned about homes being broken into and travelling criminals.</p> <p>There have been no reported thefts during this time.</p>

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Police Service of Scotland

Community Council Report



Community Engagement and Reassurance

It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.

If anyone has any policing issues that they wish to discuss, please contact us at Callander Police Office on 101 or email TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.police.uk

Other Incidents / Activity of note

Issues raised

Community Council Feedback

The Community Officers for your area are: PC Donald King and PC Lorna Deans, based at Callander Police Office.

The Community Sergeant for the area is PS Sarah Stephenson, based at Dunblane Office.

They can be contacted via the email address TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.police.uk or by phoning 101
We regularly publish information on the 'Forth Valley Police' Facebook page and tweet using @StirlingPol

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Strathard Community Council

Weekly Planning Lists for Feb 2025

Applications:

WK 9

Ref No 2025/0014/DET Officer Nicola Arnott Date Valid 27 February 2025 Telephone 01389 722661 Proposal Change of use from Class 9 (houses) to Class 7 (hotels and hostels) Location Crannaig House Trossachs Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Shaun Barlow Crannaig House Trossachs Road Aberfoyle FK8 3SR Agent Application Type Detailed Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 252105 E 701109 N Advertisement Type

Approvals:

None

Withdrawals:

None

Refusals:

None

Enforcement Matters:

None

Appeals:

None

Overdue Applications

Ref No 2024/0239/HAE Officer Amanda Muller Date Valid 26 August 2024 Telephone 01389727721 Proposal Alteration and extension to dwelling Location Blairuskin Beg Aberfoyle Stirling Applicant Mrs Gillian Foster Blairuskin Beg Kinlochard Aberfoyle Stirlingshire FK8 3TR Agent Claire Gibbons T Square-Architects Castleview Steuart Road Bridge Of Allan Stirling FK9 4JX Application Type Householder Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward 2 Breadalbane and The Trossachs Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 243754 E 702974 N Advertisement Type

Application Number 2024/0274/DET Development Proposed : Change of use to axe throwing range, formation of mini electric vehicle track course and erection of associated storage container Location: David Marshall Lodge Trossachs Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3SX Applicant: Mr Daniel Stafford Agent's Name: Agent's Company Name: Agent's Address: Date Application Valid: 15 October 2024 Date of expiry of period for representations: 7 November 2024

Application Number 2024/0337/LAW Development Proposed : Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for erection of single storey extension to the rear of dwellinghouse Location: Glenwood Main Street Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3UN Applicant: Mr Robert Friel Agent's Name: Andrew Peebles Agent's Company Name: Architectural Drawing Services Agent's Address: 32 Moss Road Tillicoultry FK13 6NS Date Application Valid: 26 November 2024 Date of expiry of period for representations: n/a

Application Number 2023/0366/75A Development Proposed : Application to discharge a planning obligation related to planning permission ref. no. S/99/00969/DET Location: Gartnerichnich Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TP Applicant: Mr James Bradshaw Agent's Name: Michael Hyde Agent's Company Name: Michael Hyde Agent's Address: 63 West Princes Street Helensburgh G84 8BN Date Application Valid: 18 October 2023 Date of expiry of period for representations: n/a

Request ID	Function	Activity key	Status	Forest blocks - Trossachs	Destination - Trossachs	Trail name - Trossachs	Facility type	Operational type	Expected start date	Expected end date	Actual start date	Actual completion date	Community update
1	OPE00000644:24.25	Civil engineering	● Red	Active	East Loch Ard			Road maintenance	01/12/24	31/12/24	19/12/24		No impact on access or site use
2	OPE00000645:24.25	Civil engineering	● Red	Active	Achray			Road construction	01/12/24	28/02/25	19/12/24		No impact on access or site use
3	OPE00000628:24.25	Forest management	● Red	Active	Corrie			Ground preparation	02/12/24	31/01/25	30/01/25		No impact on access or site use
4	OPE00000677:24.25	Forest management	● Red	Active	Achray			Ground preparation	13/01/25	07/02/25	30/01/25		No impact on access or site use
5	OPE00000436:24.25	Harvesting	● Red	Active	East Loch Ard			Clearfell	25/06/24	31/10/24	25/06/24		No impact on access or site use
6	OPE00000484:24.25	Harvesting	● Red	Active	East Loch Ard			Clearfell	01/09/24	31/01/25	02/09/24		No impact on access or site use
7	OPE00000614:24.25	Harvesting	● Red	Active	Achray			Clearfell	07/11/24	28/02/25	18/11/24		No impact on access or site use
8	OPE00000602:24.25	Planning	● Red	Active	Achray			Survey	25/10/24	31/03/25	25/10/24		No impact on access or site use
9	OPE00000367:24.25	Projects	● Red	Active	Corrie			Clearfell	01/09/24	31/03/25	25/09/24		Limited impact, no promoted routes nearby.
10	OPE00000368:24.25	Projects	● Red	Active	Achray	Three Lochs Forest Drive		Clearfell	01/09/24	31/03/25	12/11/24		Work scheduled for Autumn/Winter once Three lochs forest drive has closed to vehicles, diversions will be put in place where possible for bike and walking access.
11	OPE00000601:24.25	Stewardship	● Red	Active	Achray			INNS removal	04/11/24	20/12/24	04/11/24		No impact on access or site use
12	OPE00000640:24.25	Stewardship	● Red	Active	East Loch Ard			INNS removal	06/01/25	31/03/25	20/01/25		No impact on access or site use
13	OPE00000185:23.24	Harvesting	● Yellow	Haulage only	Achray			Clearfell	20/08/23	31/10/23	17/05/24		Access will be restricted during operations, we ask that public obey all on site safety signage.
14	OPE00000240:23.24	Harvesting	● Yellow	Haulage only	Beinn Bhan			Clearfell	09/10/23	29/02/24	13/10/23		No impact on access or site use
15	OPE00000335:23.24	Harvesting	● Yellow	Haulage only	Corrie			Clearfell	28/02/24	28/03/24	29/02/24		No impact on access or site use
16	OPE00000420:24.25	Harvesting	● Yellow	Haulage only	East Loch Ard			Clearfell	03/06/24	04/11/24	19/11/24		No impact on access or site use
17	OPE00000565:24.25	Harvesting	● Yellow	Haulage only	Achray			Thinning – general	07/10/24	31/12/24	07/10/24		Access will be restricted during operations, we ask that public obey all diversions and on site safety signage.
18	OPE00000627:24.25	Forest management	● Green	Complete	Corrie			Ground preparation	21/11/24	31/12/24	09/12/24	30/01/25	No impact on access or site use
19	OPE00000629:24.25	Forest management	● Green	Complete	Achray			Ground preparation	25/11/24	31/12/24	09/12/24	30/01/25	No impact on access or site use
20	OPE00000427:24.25	Harvesting	● Green	Complete	Corrie			Clearfell	10/06/24	20/07/24	07/06/24	20/01/25	No impact on access or site use
21	OPE00000022:23.24	Stewardship	● Green	Complete	Corrie			INNS removal	01/10/21	31/03/25	05/12/23	16/01/25	Sitka spruce regen removal in habitat network at Lime hill. Work to be carried out seasonally between Oct - Mar
22	OPE00000541:24.25	Wildlife management	● Green	Complete	East Loch Ard			Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25	16/12/24	20/01/25	No impact on access or site use
23	OPE00000542:24.25	Wildlife management	● Green	Complete	East Loch Ard			Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25		20/01/25	No impact on access or site use
24	OPE00000421:24.25	Civil engineering	● Blue	Suspended	East Loch Ard	Aberfoyle	Forest drive	Road maintenance	08/04/24	31/05/24	20/05/24		No impact on access or site use
25	OPE00000674:24.25	Civil engineering	● Blue	Pending	Achray	Three Lochs Forest Drive		Road maintenance	03/02/25	01/03/25			There will be some disruption to walking and cycling access along Three Lochs Forest Drive. Users are advised to follow all in site safety signage.
26	OPE00000675:24.25	Civil engineering	● Blue	Pending	Achray	Leannach		Road maintenance	20/01/25	28/02/25			No impact on access or site use
27	OPE00000683:24.25	Civil engineering	● Blue	Pending	Achray		Forest drive	Road maintenance	20/01/25	14/02/25			There will be some disruption to walking and cycling access along Three Lochs Forest Drive. Users are advised to follow all in site safety signage.
28	OPE00000469:24.25	Estates	● Blue	Pending	Achray			Leases	06/08/24	09/08/24			No impact on access or site use
29	OPE00000678:24.25	Forest management	● Blue	Pending	Achray			Ground preparation	06/02/25	28/02/25			No impact on access or site use
30	OPE00000679:24.25	Forest management	● Blue	Pending	Corrie			Ground preparation	04/02/25	04/02/25			No impact on access or site use
31	OPE00000378:24.25	Harvesting	● Blue	Pending	Beinn Bhan			Clearfell	15/04/24	31/10/24			No impact on access or site use

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32	OPE00000428:24.25	Harvesting	● Pending	Loch Chon				Thinning – general	16/06/24	24/08/24			No impact on access or site use
33	OPE0000070:23.24	Projects	● Pending	East Loch Ard	Aberfoyle			Thinning – general	16/10/23	22/12/23			Access restriction will be minimal during the operation, any roadside restrictions will be managed by staff to allow site users to pass safely. We ask that public are patient and listen to instructions from on site staff.
34	OPE00000660:24.25	Projects	● Pending	Corriegrennan				Clearfell	03/02/25	01/04/25			No impact on access or site use
35	OPE00000661:24.25	Projects	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Clearfell	03/02/25	01/04/25			No impact expected, site is adjacent to Gravelfoyle route, may be need for diversion or banks men for short period of time.
36	OPE00000641:24.25	Stewardship	● Pending	East Loch Ard				INNS removal	31/01/25	31/03/25			No impact on access or site use
37	OPE00000460:24.25	Visitor Services	● Suspended	East Loch Ard	Loch Ard	Lochan Spling	Promoted trail	Trail closure	18/07/24	31/01/25	01/08/24		Footbridge closed due to unsafe structure (closes trail as no diversion possible. Also diverts 2 x gravelfoyle routes.) We are working with contractors to get the bridge repaired and reopened as soon as possible.
38	OPE00000543:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
39	OPE00000544:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
40	OPE00000545:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
41	OPE00000546:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
42	OPE00000547:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
43	OPE00000548:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	East Loch Ard				Deer glade maintenance	16/09/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
44	OPE00000549:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	Achray				Deer glade maintenance	01/11/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
45	OPE00000550:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	Achray				Deer glade maintenance	01/11/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
46	OPE00000551:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	Achray				Deer glade maintenance	01/11/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
47	OPE00000552:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	Achray				Deer glade maintenance	01/11/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use
48	OPE00000553:24.25	Wildlife management	● Pending	Achray				Deer glade maintenance	01/11/24	15/03/25			No impact on access or site use



Queen Elizabeth Forest Park Trail Update – February 2025

Updated 11/2/25

Please find below the February trail update for Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. Storm Eowyn has seen significant disruption across the forest park. Please bear with us as we assess damage and carry out repair operations.

We are working to inspect all our trails and routes, however, it will take some time to inspect and clear all our facilities. We advise you to stay away from any closed routes, windblown trees and damaged infrastructure until they can be safely removed or repaired, and routes reopened. Please check the website for your intended destination before travelling.

Balmaha

Conic Hill - OPEN

Millenium Forest Trail – OPEN

Loch Ard

There is a significant amount of windblown trees throughout Loch Ard.

8 Mile Loop - CLOSED: There are large sections of complex windblow on the trail which will require machinery to safely remove.

Sculpture Trail – CLOSED: There are a number of trees down on the trail and a complex windblow site on the Rob Roy Cave section.

Lochan Spiling Trail – OPEN: Some minor windblown trees that are safe and passable with care.

Forth Valley Viewpoint Trail – OPEN: Some minor windblown trees that are safe and passable with care.

Gravelfoyle Routes – CLOSED: There are significant sections of windblow trees on all routes.

The Lochan Spiling Trail bridge repair is complete with the trail re-opened. There are still remedial path works to take place, which will require further closure at a later date. There is still temporary signage in place but the bridge is accessible.

A harvesting site near Deer Craig / Balleich is ongoing, with some road repairs also taking place.

The Rob Roy Way and Gravelfoyle routes will be diverted Mon-Fri when operationally necessary, but open at weekends, whilst work takes place. Please obey and onsite signage and diversions.

The Youth Campsites at Milton are currently closed due to a harvesting site and road repair operation in the area.

Achray / The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre

The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre & car park - OPEN

Waterfall Trail - OPEN

Oak Coppice Trail - OPEN

Craigmore Viewpoint Trail - OPEN

Lime Craig Trail – OPEN

Aberfoyle

Easterpark Trail – OPEN

Doon Hill – OPEN

Lemahamish Car Park – OPEN

There is a harvesting site near the mast near Lemahamish. The trails and picnic site are open, however please obey any onsite signage and advice from operators.

Braeval

Stonefields Trail – OPEN

Braeval Trail – OPEN

Car Park – OPEN

Ben Venue

Creag Noran Viewpoint Trail – OPEN

Car Park – OPEN

Hillpath – some damage, but passable

Ben A'an

Car Park – OPEN

Hillpath – OPEN

Loch Katrine

Brenachoile Trail – OPEN

Primrose Hill Trail - OPEN

Old Drymen Road

Car Park – OPEN

High Corrie Trail – CLOSED Large numbers of windblown and hanging trees at multiple sections of the trail.

Badivow Trail – CLOSED Dangerous trees throughout this unwaymarked trail.

There is a harvesting site near the High Corrie Trail, in Greenburn. The trail remains open but please obey any onsite signage and advice from operators.

There are two thinning coupes active near Hoish / Badivow. - please obey all operational signage and advice from onsite operators during this time

Hoish Timber Stacking Yard – The Hoish Timber Stacking Yard is closed to the public and should not be accessed. This timber stacking yard is extremely dangerous, with heavy machinery present, large amounts of timber, and day and night operations taking place. For your own safety please do not enter the yard. There have been an increasing number of incidents with members of the public accessing the yard, which poses a serious danger to themselves and operators, as well as halting critical operations. Please obey the onsite signage and do not enter this area.

Garadhbhan

Millburn Trail – CLOSED Large amounts of complex windblow across the trail

Craigievern Trail – CLOSED Small number of windblow trees across the trail.

Car Park – CLOSED Large amounts of complex windblow blocking access to the car park.

West Highland Way – DIVERTED A diversion around the Garadhbhan West Highland Way section has been put in place – please follow the diversion around the site.

Callander

Crags Trail – CLOSED Large windblown dangerous tree on trail

Car Park – OPEN

Rowardennan

Ben Lomond Memorial Trail – CLOSED Large damaged oak tree on the trail needs to be made safe.

Car Park - OPEN

There is an active harvesting site near Rowardennan. This site doesn't affect any trails, but please be aware that forestry traffic may use the Ben Lomond Overflow car park.

Sallochy

Sallochy campsite is now closed for the season. It is now available for day-visitor parking throughout the winter.

Sallochy Trail – OPEN

Car Park - OPEN

Torrie

There is an active harvesting site within the Torrie block – please obey any onsite signage and advice from operators.

Flanders Moss

There is an active harvesting site within Flanders Moss , please obey any onsite signage and advice from operators.

Three Lochs Forest Drive

There are significant amounts of windblown trees across the Three Lochs Drive route.

Loch Drunkie Trail – CLOSED Windblown trees across the trail at multiple points.

Pine Ridge Viewpoint Trail - OPEN

Achray Viewpoint Trail - OPEN

The Three Lochs Forest Drive is closed to public vehicles for the winter. It will reopen in Spring 2025.

There are two harvesting sites within the Drive. There will be a small diversion for cyclists, walkers and riders . Please obey any onsite signage and advice from operators.

Strathyre

The majority of sites in Strathyre are awaiting further inspection. We anticipate significant disruption in the area and advise not to access these sites until assessments can be made.

Stank Burn Trail - CLOSED awaiting further assessment

Tighanes Burn Trail - CLOSED awaiting further assessment

Ben Ledi Car park – awaiting inspection

Leny Woods Car park – awaiting inspection

Ben Ledi Hillpath – OPEN

Beinn an t-Sidhein Hillpath – CLOSED

Harvesting in East Strathyre by Kingshouse is complete with haulage ongoing - please obey all operational and diversion signage and advice from onsite operators during this time.

Harvesting at a site north of the Strathyre cabins near the Rob Roy Way is complete with haulage ongoing - please obey all operational and diversion signage and advice from onsite operators during this time.

Inverardran / Tyndrum / Crianlarich

Cattle Creep Trail – CLOSED Windblow trees over the trail

Car Park – OPEN

Woodland Trail – OPEN

Inverardran Forest Trail – OPEN

Crianlarich Village Trail - OPEN

Long Distance Routes

We are working to check long distance routes such as the West Highland Way, Rob Roy Way, The Great Trossachs Path, Statute Labour Road and NCR7. This may take some time to complete. Members of the public should expect blockages and closures on these routes whilst checks can be carried out.