

## **Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum (ALOAF)**

### **Vacancies for community and access user representatives**

Due to retirement of long-serving representatives, vacancies have arisen for one volunteer Outdoor Access User Representative and two Community Representatives on the Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum (ALOAF).

Examples of the topics addressed by the Forum include integration of access with other land management interests and with residential privacy, the operation of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, input into the Aberdeenshire Core Paths Plan, promotion of responsible non-motorised access, and shared-use of paths by different modes of non-motorised travel.

The Forum has a balanced representation from the following 4 Sectors: Access Users, [public] Agencies, Community, and Land Managers. Forum Representatives can serve for up to 3-years and may be considered for re-election thereafter.

The Forum currently holds 5 business meetings per year, usually on Monday evenings at the Aberdeenshire Council Chambers, Gordon House, Inverurie. There is also an Annual Gathering event for the wider public, and there are occasional special meetings or site visits. Further information and Minutes of Forum meetings can be found [here](#).

Candidates are expected to have an interest in outdoor access matters and a willingness to engage constructively with others in the work of the Forum, which is directed towards provision of balanced advice and problem-solving by consensus. Candidates should be willing to consider the interests of the broad Access User/Community sector beyond their own chosen activity or favoured geographical area. The post carries an obligation to foster two-way communication between the access-using public and the Forum. Beyond this, no special skills or knowledge are required, but candidates should be aware that a significant time commitment is involved (for example, some tasks are undertaken between meetings). Representatives receive no remuneration for the position, but travel expenses are payable with effect from the first meeting attended after the selection meeting.

Persons interested in applying for the vacancies should apply in writing or by e-mail to the address below, applicants should include the information listed below and include a brief statement (no more than 150 words) supporting their suitability for the position of Access User/Community Representative. The closing date for applications is **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011**.

All applications will be acknowledged. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to make a brief verbal supporting statement at the next regular ALOAF Meeting, on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, at the Aberdeenshire Council Chamber,

Gordon House, Inverurie. At the meeting, a final selection will be made, if necessary by means of a vote of existing ALOAF Representatives present. Attendance by shortlisted candidates is clearly desirable, but any shortlisted applicant unable to be present will still be included in the selection process. Successful candidates will take on the Representative role with effect from the next routine Forum meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Applicants must include the following information;

- Name
- Address
- Contact details
- Category of representation (Access or Community)
- Organisation/Group involvement (if applicable)
- Supporting Statement (*no more than 150 words*)

Applications should be sent by e-mail to: [toni.macaulay@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:toni.macaulay@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

or by post to: Toni Macaulay, Admin. Section  
Planning and Environmental Services,  
Aberdeenshire Council,  
Gordon House, Blackhall Road,  
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Applications to arrive no later than Monday 31st January 2011.

For informal enquiries telephone 01467 628380 or 628574.