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Subject: RE: Milton of Campsie Core Paths

Hi John,

The barrier has quite obviously been put in place by the company running the site for the land owners, we would expect that an initial visit with an instruction to remove the barriers would be the minimum undertaken before you stop for annual leave. It is not difficult to find out who owns land in Scotland there is a land register which I am sure as a council you have access to. The person on site is in charge of the site and is the person who should be instructed to remove the blockage.

It is incredible that everything asked of EDC has the same excuse, it takes a long time for departments to process and interact with each other. As with time for owners to react, you should be giving them a set time and if they don't react, EDC should deal with it, I'm sure EDC have more teeth than they are showing.

This issue was brought to light almost immediately after the blocking up took place, the fact that EDC move so slowly is the problem that the villagers of Milton of Campsie have to deal with. The blocking of access to the woods opposite has been ongoing for possibly over a year now, you have visited, spoke to the owner, agreed a solution but obviously you haven't followed up to confirm it has been done or not.

I honestly wont say any more as the feeling of apathy that comes out of EDC just beggars belief.

Kind Regards,

Brian J McFall Secretary - MOCCC

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Hi Brian,

I understand your frustration with this and I apologise for the potential delay in getting the issue sorted, however unfortunately access issues often take time to resolve irrespective of annual leave or officer availability.

After the site visit I would need to find out who is responsible/ who to contact regarding the blockage and ask them to remove the barrier. If they were to refuse I would then have to liaise with the planning and legal departments to take the next steps forward.

All of these steps can take a substantial amount of time depending on how long it takes for landowners to respond or workloads of other departments.

We always try to resolve issues as fast as we are able and it is unfortunate that in this case the issue has been bought to light just before the festive period.

I will ensure that I get out to look at the problem the week of my return and get the issue sorted as soon as I am able to.

Apologies again.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Milton of Campsie Core Paths

Hi John,

Thanks for the response.

I assume from your e-mail that you are a one man band department. This doesn't really help the village or people who will be on holiday and want to walk on this route which many do as you can join other paths and create a circular route.

Surely there is another department such as street scenes who can be asked to visit the site and instruct them to remove the Heras fencing. The running of EDC and its responsibilities to the people of east Dunbartonshire should not stop because of annual leave. You are entitled to your leave but there should be someone covering for you during these periods.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: Re: Milton of Campsie Core Paths

Hi Brian,

Thank you for passing this on.

Cllr Ferrrtti had emailed me in regards to the closed off path next to the Birdston Coup earlier this week. I had hoped to get out to investigate before I went on annual leave for the festive period however site meetings took longer than I had anticipated so I will have to get out as soon as possible in the new year.

I am also working closely with my colleagues in planning to see what can be done to resolve the general access issues around the Birdston Coup works.

Unfortunately there is not much I can do in regards to anything related to roads as this is outside of my jurisdiction however if you contact the Council roads department they may be able to assist further.

I will chase up the landowners in regards to the Birdston woods in the new year, as they had previously promised to remove the barbed wire south of Rhynie cottage and install a style on the other side of the woods to enable access.

Let me know if you have any further questions and I will respond on my return in the new year.

Kind regards,

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Date: 15/12/2021 15:27

Subject: Milton of Campsie Core Paths

Good afternoon John,

You may be unaware of a situation arising in Milton of Campsie at present in relation to core path access. The path to the south side of Birdston Coup has been closed off at both ends by the installation of Heras fencing. We have been receiving many complaints about the condition of the roads and paths around the current works at Birdston coup and feel that closing the well-used path off is totally unacceptable as is the closure of the access to the paths through the woods at Birdston Road just north of the old railway path.

As EDC Access Officer we would like to know what actions you will be taking to have these well used routes reopened as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Brian J McFall Secretary - MOCCC

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