



Project Update to Meldrum, Bourtie & Daviot Community Council

24 June 2014

1 Mill Lane – Blankets track

Former muddy stretch of track now surfaced to improve accessibility. The group is very grateful for financial and/or practical assistance of Jim Herd, David Stephen and Aberdeenshire Council.

2 Barra Hill Walk

Seven stiles replaced with robust design and non-slip foot tread stiles. The group are grateful for the assistance of Aberdeenshire Council funding (planning gain), the consent of David Stephen and the contractors (Brian Greig Fencing).

3 Meldrum Meg Way

The group is delighted that the Community Links bid had been accepted, with funding awarded for the design, specification and costing of the entire route during 2014/15 followed by 2015/16 funding for construction for the first phase from Inverurie. Discussions with Land Managers have progressed and remain ongoing with only one LM over the length of the proposed pathway yet to engage in discussions.

The funding has been secured from a central all-Scotland allocation and should go some way to redress an imbalance that has seen the North East of Scotland receive a disproportionately small allocation of central funding for such projects in previous years. Research into the financial benefits of investment in such projects demonstrates that savings in health and welfare spending equate to five times the sum invested in providing safe walking and cycling routes.