

57630 Cramond Beach Boardwalk

In regard the boardwalk that was constructed on Cramond beach adjacent to the promenade. The questions have already been raised by Councillor Lewis Younie but remain unanswered.

Who came up with the scheme?

The project was first mentioned in the *“Coastal Grassland Management Plan for Cramond Foreshore, the City of Edinburgh Countryside Ranger Service – 2012”* to prevent excessive damage of coastal grassland and dune habitats by public use, resulting from public disturbance and overuse by trampling. Management of public access is crucial to enable sensitive areas to be protected.

Who approved it and when?

Final approval was by the Head of Neighbourhood Environmental Services in August 2024, following a meeting with officers on 31/07/2024.

Where did the funding come from and who approved it?

The project was progressed when funding became available from the Nature Restoration Edinburgh Process Strand 2023-24 (although spend was made in 2024-25). Approval, as described in A2 above. A Purchase Order was approved on 20 August 2024 by our Senior Natural Heritage Officer, as budget holder.

Who were the contractors?

For project management and delivery, the contractor was Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace Trust (ELGT), who sub-contracted to McLaren Plant for construction.

Are there any relevant Minutes that can be seen?

No. Minutes were not created.