

Herefordshire Local Access Forum Meeting

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ATTENDANCE		
<p>Name: Vivien Burdon Ian Carr Myra Chilman Mike Darley Sue Enfield Mike Everitt Duncan Green Cllr John Harrington David Howerski Arthur Lee Peter Newman Josie Pearson</p>	<p>Name: Roger Smith Ian Stead Hugh Vernon Cllr Yolande Watson Joannah Weightman John Withers-Lewis Charlie Morris (member of public) Mike Thomas (member of public) Jenny Hewitt (Councillor) Susan White (Balfour Beatty) Jill Addis (Balfour Beatty)</p>	
APOLOGIES		
Richard Gething, David Willis, Spencer Grogan		
Notes Prepared By: Jill Addis		
AGENDA SUMMARY		
1.0	Welcome and apologies for absence	
2.0	General Housekeeping	
3.0	Introduction	
	Members briefly say who they are and what their interests are	
4.0	Presentation by PROW Team Leader	
5.0	Questions	
6.0	Moving forwards	
	Setting up working groups	
7.0	Questions from members of the public	
8.0	Any other business	
	Any business submitted to the Chair prior to/or at the beginning of the meeting. To be discussed time permitting at the discretion of the Chair	
9.0	Proposed dates of 2020 meetings	
	TBC	
DISTRIBUTION		
HLAF Members, Susan White, Spencer Grogan, Herefordshire Council website		
AGENDA AND CHECK LIST		ACTION
541.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	New members were welcomed and apologies were noted as above.	
542.	GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING	
	SW informed the group that there was no planned fire drill and explained where the facilities are.	

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543. INTRODUCTIONS	
All those present briefly introduced themselves to the group.	
544. PRESENTATION BY PROW TEAM LEADER	
SW gave a Powerpoint presentation which will be circulated to the group.	
545. QUESTIONS	

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<p>IS commented that bridges were an important issue which had a knock on effect. HV asked how much money was needed and who decided what rights of way received.</p> <p>SW replied that the council based the decision on the Annual Plan.</p> <p>HV asked if the LAF could lobby the council.</p> <p>CllrH said that the budget had to be in place by February. He asked the LAF to send a proposal through before Christmas.</p> <p>JW asked if it was the LAF's role to ensure that the ROWIP was implemented.</p> <p>SW replied that the ROWIP is aspirational, and budgetary constrictions may mean that certain things cannot be implemented.</p> <p>DG asked if the LAF could see the bid for capital funds for bridges.</p> <p>SW said that she would have to check.</p> <p>A member asked if extending the life of materials could be looked into.</p> <p>SW replied that due to regulations regarding treatments we cannot change the preservations. Hardwood is a more expensive option and is not sustainable. Plastic is also a lot more expensive.</p> <p>CllrW asked if there was a map to show proportionality of BOATs. SW said that there is a map showing rights of way on the council website. A link will be circulated to members.</p> <p>DG added that if you Google Herefordshire Highways, it will take you to the map. You can also use findmystreet.co.uk</p> <p>Charlie Morris introduced himself as a member of the Gloucestershire LAF and said that he was very impressed by the way Herefordshire process DMMOs. He added that the council was not the only public body that the LAF could advise. It could also advise the police.</p> <p>SW asked if the group would like to identify any key issues for working groups now.</p> <p>IS suggested a group to look at materials.</p> <p>Jenny Hewitt suggested sustainable modes of transport to school.</p> <p>VB suggested a scoping project to see what is already happening and what projects could be tapped in to. Where could value be added? E.g. journeys to work and school; opening up the railway line.</p> <p>JP said that Powys Council had applied for grants for improvement works including miles without stiles and asked why Herefordshire couldn't do the same. SW replied that Herefordshire is under-resourced and did not have capacity to apply for grants. She suggested an Access for All working group.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JA</p>

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<p>HV suggested raising public awareness of the LAF. The group needs to be recognised in order to gain public support.</p> <p>JP asked if the group needed to meet more often.</p> <p>SW said that the meetings had reduced from 4 to 2 partly for financial reasons but also due to a lack of commitment from previous members. The May meeting was cancelled because only 5 members would commit to attending, which was not enough to form a quorum. BBLP are happy to provide help and advice, but the main input has to come from the group.</p> <p>JW suggested a strategic group to advise on maintenance.</p> <p>CllrW suggested connecting to the Rural Hub/</p> <p>IC said that the group needed a few goods ideas – too many would dilute the effort. A few issues should be concentrated on, resolved and then the group could move on to other areas.</p> <p>Main interests seemed to be access; maintenance; discovering lost ways and funding. Suggestions will be sent to members. They can then express interest for the areas they wish to work in.</p> <p>DG said that he had been working on a letter to send to the government asking that the 2026 deadline be deferred. The group unanimously decided to send the letter but requested that it be circulated for comments prior to sending.</p> <p>CM invited members to attend Gloucestershire's next meetings. Details are as follows: Thursday 27 February (Shire Hall) preceded by a discussion by our Highways Records Team leader about Modification Orders and an update from Arup on the A417 Missing Link project. Thursday 25 June (Shire Hall) preceded by a site visit to Alney Island/Gloucester Ham and a meeting with the City Council who are responsible for public access there.</p> <p>For more information contact Glos Principal PRoW Officer Alan Bentley at alan.bentley@gloucestershire.gov.uk or GLAF Chairman Alison Williamson at alisonjwilliamson@btinternet.com</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>546. MOVING FORWARDS</p>	
<p>Covered under questions.</p>	
<p>547. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>548. AOB</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>549. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	
<p>5 February 2020 at Thorn. It was decided that the meeting would start at 4.00pm to try and avoid rush hour traffic.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.00pm.</p>	

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