

Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum

Thursday 12th November 2009

Held at CAVS Office , The Mount Carmarthen 6.00pm

Present:

Members:

Geoffrey Williams (GW) - Chairman
Karen Burch (KB) - Vice Chair
Chris Rankin (CR)
Mark Hadley (MH)
Pauline Sykes(PS)
Pat Arlett (PA)
Keith Morgan (KM)

John Hollies (JH)
Roy Jones (RJ)
Glyn Evans (GE)
David Hunter(DH)
Llew Thomas (LT)
Eric Jones (EJ)
Eric Davies (ED)

Enfys Stallard – Minute taker
Gary Carlsen (GC) Secretary

Apologies (Members)

Cllr Clive Scourfield - (CS)
Eirian W James (EWJ) (Carms CC)
David Foot (DF)
Cllr Allan Speake

Advisors/ Observers/Members of the Public

Russell Jones (Forestry Commission)
Phil Stone - CCW
Kevin Thomas (KT) (Carms CC)
Pat Searight – Member of the Public – Meidrim
John Harvey - Chair of Monmouthshire LAF
Community Cllr June Williams

Apologies (Advisors)

	ACTION
Item 1 The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.	ALL
Item 2 Apologies were taken and recorded.	
Item 3 Minutes meeting 13th August 2009 Item 14 Routes for disabled, publicity and signage This item was discussed again and GW confirmed that he had made 5 phone calls in an attempt to contact Jo Leeuweke. without success The minutes were checked, amended accordingly and accepted as correct.	GW
Item 4 Matters Arising Item 11 Land Rover Club Representation As agreed MH has written a draft letter and this is currently with GC to send on behalf of LAF.. Item 12 Brechfa Forest Wind Farm GW confirmed he had written to Developers requesting to be included in all further consultations on Brechfa site. On an unrelated matter GW expressed concern that LAF were not consulted on the application to provide an off-road motorcycle track for the youth of Kidwelli. GC informed the forum that the LAF is not a statutory consultee on planning applications, and that any applications involving PROW are	GC

commented on by the Countryside Unit.	
<p>Item 5 Forum Discussion on chairman's report on Site Visit- Laugharne</p> <p>GW has written a report on the visit and circulated to all.</p> <p>KT updated on f.p. 22/25 Ferry house, Laugharne. The landowners concerned have failed to comply with the November 1st 2009 deadline to remove/demolish development constructed outside the original planning consent granted (comprising lift shaft/tower and subsequent alteration of steps leading to foreshore). Planning are poised to instruct Legal to start proceedings in the magistrates court. The Countryside Unit will be involved in the process, as obviously the outcome will ultimately determine where precisely f.p. 22/25 subsists. It's probable that Rob Edgecombe will be the solicitor involved, who covers both planning and p.r.o.w. remits. – KT to inform LAF of the date of hearing.</p> <p>JH commented that the original route of fp22/25 had been removed by excavations in the Ferry House development, but still no replacement path has been provided. He also asked for the paths accessible to the disabled be publicised more widely with a grading system for accessibility/degree of difficulty.</p> <p>JH asked if the additional mobility gates that were ordered have been installed, and if so, at what locations?</p>	<p>KT</p> <p>EWJ</p>
<p>Item 6 Forum Discussion on chairman's report on Site Visit- Cwm Du country walks site visit</p> <p>GW handed out the report at the last meeting- a few officers requested further copies to be sent out.</p> <p>Phil Stone confirmed that CCW were not responsible for the works carried out – this item to be carried onto next agenda.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>GW/ GC</p>
<p>Item 7 Annual Report 2007-08 for Approval</p> <p>The report had been looked at in great detail by the sub-committee. DH proposed that it be accepted – and that it should be taken to the Chief Executive –GW to arrange a meeting and present it formally,</p> <p>GC agreed that future reports should also include annual expenditure figures.</p>	<p>GW</p>
<p>Item 8 Chairman's Reports</p> <p>GW gave a verbal report for each of the following meetings he has attended - there are also written reports if members would like to request them for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh LAF Chairs Meeting 14th October 2009- (GW) • Leisure Forum Meeting 20th October (GW) • Walking and Cycling Conference Cardiff 10th September (GW) • Report on the Western Area Advisory Forum of the BBN Park Re Recreational Off Road Vehicular Activity (GW) <p>KM suggested that in future GW as chairman would only report back relevant points to the Forum for information -RJ seconded this and it was agreed.</p>	
<p>Item 9 Dog Control Orders - in the Countryside</p> <p>GC updated that there was a delay in the WAG response and that this was delaying the formal consultation exercise process.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Solicitor would come back to the meeting to update before it goes to consultation process -GC to arrange.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>Item 10 Discussion on appointment of a member to represent cycling interests. (GW)</p>	

<p>GC proposed a summer visit to several sites on the Coastal Path for the Forum to see examples of works carried out by the Rangers Service. It was agreed to arrange a visit in July.</p> <p>With reference to item 10, GC suggested that the forum meet in Kidwelli and invite the Town Councillor Fran Davies to present a report/talk on her endeavours to address the issue of providing a site based and managed off road motorcycle facility for the youth of the town. It was agreed that GC would make enquiries with the Town Council and if feasible, arrange a site visit to Mynydd y Garreg for the May meeting.</p>	GC
<p>Item 15 AOB <u>DMMOs & PPOs</u> KB asked how many outstanding DMMO and PPO's there were at present – GC handed out a list of all the DMMOs & PPOs, detailing the date of registration and specific purpose for the orders.</p> <p>GW requested the following resolution be minuted – The LAF deprecates the slow progress in processing of PPOs and DMMOs and the failure to comply with statutory requirements, whilst recognising that this is due to a shortage of resources and funding of the PROW Team.</p> <p>KB reported that British Horse society are prepared to serve a Section 130A Highways Act 1980 notice on CCC to remove obstructions on a byway in BurryPort. She asked for LAF support.</p> <p>GC informed the forum that he had advised the Highways Dept it was their duty to add all public highways (footpaths, bridleways and byways) to their List of Streets, particularly the network of unsurfaced UCRs (ORWPA) to ensure they have at least public status by 2026 even if they have not been registered on the Definitive Map and Statement.</p> <p>KB would like to thank Richard Workman, Director of Technical Services for his giving his time for their meetings.</p> <p><u>Local Community Strategy</u> GW updated that there is a copy of this document in local libraries and there is access to it also on the CCC web site, it is under a consultation process at present -</p> <p>GW asked all for comments to be fed back to him.</p> <p>GE has a copy if any one is interested.</p> <p><u>PPO Consultation with LAF</u> GW confirmed that the LAF had no adverse comments to make on the 2 PPOs (FP64/50 & 37/45) they had recently been consulted on.</p>	ALL
<p>Item 16 Date and venue of next meeting. The next meeting is to be on 11th February 2010 at the Mount Offices Carmarthen to start 6pm.</p> <p>May meeting - a site visit to Kidwelli - venue / arrangements TBC.</p>	