

Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum

Thursday 15th January 2009

Held at Carmarthen Leisure Centre, 6.00pm

Present:

Gary Carlsen (GC) – Secretary
Enfys Stallard – Minute taker

Members:

Geoffrey Williams (GW) - Chairman	Cllr Clive Scourfield (CS)
Karen Burch (KB) - Vice Chair	David Foot (DF)
Mark Hadley (MH)	David Hunter(DH)
Pauline Sykes(PS)	Llew Thomas (LT)
Pat Arlett (PA)	Eric Davies (ED)
John Hollies (JH)	Eric Jones (EJ)
Glyn Evans (GE)	Chris Rankin (CR)
Rosemary Jones (RoJ)	

Apologies (Members)

Keith Morgan (KM)

Advisors/ Observers/Members of the Public

EW James (EWJ) Carms CC
Phil Snaith (PSn)- CarmsCC
John McEvoy – Carms CC

Apologies (Advisors)

Phil Stone (CCW)

	ACTION
Item 1 The Chairman welcomed all and requested the return of the Questionnaires which were handed out at the last meeting .	ALL
Item 2 Apologies were taken and recorded.	
Item 3 Minutes meeting 13th November 2008 The minutes were checked and amendments were noted for the following items. DH requested that his questions raised at the last meeting of 11/9/08 on CCC policy on replying to e-mails and letters has not been noted in the minutes of 13/11/08. CS produced a copy of the policy which states that the Council has:- 1. One day to acknowledge e-mails and letters. 2. 10 days to send replies to e-mails and letters. GC apologised for omitting this from the previous minutes.	ALL
Item 4 Matters Arising 3/1/08 Gating Orders GC reported that a meeting had unknown to him been held in September and a report recommending establishing a policy on gating orders had been approved. Meeting venues It was noted that the venue for tonight's meeting had caused issues for the group, including parking, noise and room temperature. 6/5/08 Gelli Aur It was noted that the gates appear locked with a padlock & chain. The Farm manager would accept a ladder stile over the wall. GC pointed out that current access is via field gate, therefore a minimum of a gate will be Acceptable. GC to write to Farm Manager and send S147 application form.	GC

<p>2/7/08 Cambrian Mountains GW reported that there had been a meeting recently in NAW to discuss designating the area as an AONB.</p> <p>GW to raise at NAF.</p> <p>7/11/08 Wales Coastal Access Improvement Programme It was agreed that Ian Morgan would be invited to give an update at every other meeting,</p> <p>KB requested a map of the proposed route.</p> <p>GW asked that the routes to be improved and promoted within a 2Km coastal zone to be circular Where ever possible.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>IM/EJ</p>
<p>Item 5 Gating orders The background papers were circulated before the meeting John McEvoy gave a talk to the forum on the approach CCC was taking to the introduction and use of Gating Orders followed by a question and answer session.</p> <p>He explained that the Working Group were at the stage where there is a requirement to establish the need for orders and assessing those needs</p> <p>It is proposed to commence with a pilot project in Llanelli area with 10 alleygates.</p> <p>The Working Group will next be meeting in Feb 09 to explore the requests and needs for an alley gating order.</p>	
<p>Item 6 Countryside Recreation & Access Unit EWJ reported that there were no changes but confirmed that a change in funding will result in the maintenance programme being carried out by the Ranger Service and not by the Community Councils through the Community Programme.</p>	
<p>Item 7 Cycle Routes Past, Present and Future Plans – A presentation by Phil Snaith Followed by Q & A session Phil Snaith gave a power point presentation on the past, current and future cycle network in Carmarthenshire. He produced figures of 250000 cycle trips per year were made on the Celtic Trail in and around Llanelli.</p> <p>Minimum width of track must be 2.5 m for cyclists and walkers, however future cycle routes where possible will be multi user for horses/cyclists/pedestrians.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Item 8 Walks and Trails minutes 11/12/08 Minutes of the meeting on 11/12/08 were distributed to all for information.</p> <p>GW notes that he was impressed with a talk Jason Lawday had recently given to the Wild Life Trust.</p>	
<p>Item 9 Chairman's Report GW read out notes that he had made on his visits to meetings of the Pembrokeshire LAF on 3/12/08 and the Brecon Beacons National parks Forum on 4/12/08.</p> <p>He reported that the Brecon Beacons National Parks LAF scrutinise all ROW Diversion applications.</p> <p>It was agreed that The chairman also compare formats of meetings etc with other LAFs.</p>	<p>GW</p>
<p>Item 10 Members suggestions for agenda items for next meeting GW reminded and asked ALL for contributions to the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

<p>Item 11 Dogs, Farming and insurance GW will be attending chairs meeting on the 24/2/09 and will report back and also will forward up this item at the National Access Forum meeting on the 10th March 2009</p>	<p>GW</p>
<p>Item 12 ROWIP update EJ handed out a colour copy of the ROWIP report, it should be ready for circulation via CD and hard copy in a few weeks.</p> <p>DF was concerned that the report should be implemented and monitored as ongoing.</p> <p>GW confirmed that the Forum had agreed that all Forum agendas should contain an item on this.</p> <p>EWJ confirmed that implementation commenced at the start of the Financial year.</p> <p>EWJ clarified the background to financing the report</p> <p>GC will provide a list of works done by the next meeting.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>Item 13 Sub committee on the reprint of the trail booklets At the last meeting it was agreed that KB, KM and DH were appointed to a sub committee which GW will Chair. Other members with specialities, expertise or specific knowledge on topics being dealt with by the sub committee will also be asked to sit on the sub committee as and when required.</p> <p>The remit of the Sub committee was discussed further and clarification of the sub group's tasks were outlined, it was noted that KB had offered her place to DF on the sub group which is to discuss the leaflets/trail booklets and the Forum agreed to this change. A sub committee will be convened as soon as a new draft booklet is received by the chair.</p>	
<p>Item 14 Routes for disabled Publicity and signage</p> <p>JH suggested that routes should be classed on levels of accessibility as they currently do on cycle routes. JH has identified 17 routes.</p> <p>GC proposed a meeting with JH and the Disabled RA group before the next LAF. to meet, discuss and report in writing to the - Forum.</p> <p>PS suggested Jo Leeuwerke could be asked to the meeting to give a presentation/talk on disabled access to Countryside.</p> <p>JH had written an article for Community News. However, the Press office had submitted their own article on the Delacorse Disabled Route.</p>	<p>JH/GC</p> <p>GC</p>
<p>Item 15 Publicity for the Forum The Authority is redesigning its own web site and GC is trying to ensure that the same information is put back on before expanding and adding more information.</p> <p>GW suggested increasing the profile of the LAF by speaking to Community Councils about the Forum work and to gather feed back on expectations and this was agreed.</p> <p>Some Members expressed interest in attending Community and Town Council meetings to raise the LAF's profile and promote it more.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to draft an outline of the points that members would include in their talks to Community Councils.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>GW</p>
<p>Item 16 AOB 1) Field meeting at Cwmdru 7/5/09</p> <p>PS hand out a paper detailing the route that will be looked at on the site visit – venue for meeting is still to be arranged - all to meet 4.30pm in car park opposite the pub.</p> <p>2) GC to provide a copy of the Cambrian Mountains PP Draft Strategy and report to Eric Davies.</p> <p>3) KB apologised for not attending the next meeting due to work commitments.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>Date and venue of next meeting 12th March 2009, 6pm, Llandeilo Civic Hall .</p>	

