

**LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOOTPATH FORUM**  
**HELD ON 16 APRIL 2012**

Present: Councillors: E Williams  
Mrs A James

Mrs H March – Friends of the Heritage Coast  
Mrs B Richards – History Society  
Ms B Ashong – Glamorgan Heritage Coast  
Mr M Lewis - NFU  
Mr G Woosnam – Vale Ramblers

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor R Gant  
Councillor R Austin  
Mr G Teague – Public Rights of Way Officer

### **Report**

Footpath Forum members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the meeting of the Footpath Forum which had been held on 9 January 2012. It was agreed that the report was an accurate recording of the meeting.

### **Rural Footpaths Grants**

The Chairman advised that as Mr Teague was unable to attend this meeting a meeting had been arranged at short notice on 12 April with Mr Teague to discuss the progress of the project to establish a right of way from FP55 to FP3. The Chairman outlined the main points from that meeting.

Mr Teague was quite upbeat about the progress to date as he had made initial contact with Mr Thomas and had a discussion about the establishment of a right of way and the possibility of compensation was discussed. Mr Teague had submitted a manual search of deeds to try and identify anyone else who could possibly have a legal interest in the footpath from Mill Lane.

Compensation would be based on the rate of £3 per linear metre with an additional sum of £700 and a further £400 if the agreement is completed within a given time scale, he was looking at completion by 1 December 2012. The total distance for compensation was 680 metres, he envisaged that total cost would be in the order of £3 - £4K this does not include any funding for repairs.

Mr Teague was waiting for receipt of deeds from the Land Registry.

### **Member's Reports**

Mrs Richards produced the Llantwit Major History Society Footpath Report for 2012. – **Copied for information.** She then questioned why there had been no feedback from past observations and in particular the long standing observations on FPs47, 23 and 21 which all had health and safety implications.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the VOGC Rights of Way Officer to express the concerns of the Footpath Forum that there had been no feedback and little action on long standing issues.

**Note: Copy of Rights of Way Issue Report received on 3 May 2012 – Copied for information.**

Mr Lewis advised that slabs at the stile at Tresillian Mole were loose and dangerous.

Ms Ashong reported that they were working along the Wales Coastal Path changing stiles for gates where appropriate and approved by landowners. The path around Atlantic College was to be rerouted as the existing path would eventually disappear due to coastal erosion. This was possible as a result of funding being made available and with the approval of Atlantic College.

Councillor James had already submitted her written report – **Copied for information.**

### **Additional Representative on the Footpath Forum**

Councillor Mrs James announced that she had decided not to stand for re-election on the Town Council and it was with regret that this would be her last meeting. It was proposed by Mrs March that Mrs James remains on the Footpath Forum as the representative of U3A (University of the Third Age). It was unanimously agreed.

**Recommended** - that Mrs A James remains on the Footpath Forum as the U3A representative.

### **Dates and Time of Next Meetings**

It was proposed that the next meetings of the Footpath Forum would be held on 9 July, 1 October 2012 and 7 January, 8 April 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Heritage Centre, Town Hall.