

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOOTPATH FORUM
HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2012

Present: Councillors: Mrs A Matthews
E Williams
Mrs P Percy

Mr G Teague – Public Rights of Way Officer
Mrs H March – Friends of the Heritage Coast
Mrs B Richards – History Society
Ms B Ashong – Glamorgan Heritage Coast
Mr G Woosnam – Vale Ramblers
Mrs A James – U3A Representative

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor M Marsh
Mr M Lewis – NFU

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 July 2012. It was agreed that the report was an accurate recording of the meeting.

Rural Footpaths Grants

Mr Teague updated the members with the progress to date: he had managed to speak with Mr Navidi and had discussed a Creation Agreement in which compensation would be paid but had not got very far so had written to him. In the letter he had outlined the terms of the agreement on offer and noted that in lieu of this an application to record the path by Definitive Map Modification Order could be anticipated.

Mr Teague advised that, should the Town Council wish to pursue application for a Modification Order the terms of the grant funding would enable the hiring of a suitable individual to research into the history of usage of the path and collate all the evidence required.

It was recommended that when advised by Mr Teague the submission for the Rural Footpath Grant would be raised by the Town Council.

Recommended: The Town Council raise a submission for a Rural Footpath Grant when advised.

Note: Approved at Town Council Meeting 25 October 2012.

Member's Reports

Mrs March commented that the work carried out on clearing FP21 and 22 was very good as was the new stile, she went on to complement Mr Teague on the recent work.

Mr Woosnam asked if there was any update on Sheeplays? Mr Teague replied that there would be no progress until after April 2013.

Mrs Richards also commented on the excellent job on FP23 with the new model stile, however the next stile across the field was far too high for general access. Work was required cutting back on the growth on FP15 down to Tressilian Bay.

Ms Ashong advised that a bale of hay had been spread out along the Dimhole path to assist with access. The visiting Dutch walkers thoroughly enjoyed their walk along the coastal path a great time was had by all.

Mrs James asked if any work had been carried out on the stile on FP31 and had the sign post which had collapsed into the field been replaced? Mr Teague advised that work was in progress.

Mr Teague thanked members for the favourable comments regarding the quality of the work recently carried out and said that much was due to Mr Paul Lock who had filled the vacant Assistant Rights of Way post. He then asked if there was any flexibility in the day and time of the Footpath Forum meetings. After a discussion it was agreed that the meetings could take place on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 1830hrs.

Recommended: That the Footpath Forum will meet on the first Tuesday of the agreed month at 1830hrs.

Note: Approved at Town Council Meeting 25 October 2012.

It was:

Recommended: That a representative from the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales sit on the Footpath Forum.

Note: Approved at Town Council Meeting 25 October 2012 – Town Clerk to write to Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales and ask if they wished to nominate a local member to sit on the Footpath Forum.

Dates and Time of Next Meetings

The next meetings of the Footpath Forum would be held on **Tuesday 8 January 2012 at 6.30 pm** in the Heritage Centre, Town Hall.