

**LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOOTPATH FORUM**  
**HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2016**

Present: Councillors: Mrs PA Lancaster  
M Marsh  
E Williams  
D Foster  
Mr G Teague – Public Rights of Way Officer VOGC  
Mr M Lewis – NFU  
Mr G Roberts - History Society  
Mr P Lock - Glamorgan Heritage Coast  
Mrs A James - U3A Representative  
Mrs H March – Friends of the Heritage Coast

Apologies: Mr K Kennet - U3A Representative (Designate)

Councillor Mrs Tricia Lancaster opened the meeting by wishing all present a very Happy New Year.

**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 6 October 2015. It was agreed that the report was a reasonably accurate account of the meeting.

**Rural Footpaths Grants**

Mr Teague advised that the proposed Creation Order had not been submitted to the Planning Committee (Rights of Way Sub-Committee) in mid-November as it had been called in by the Finance Department for approval to proceed. However, it would be resubmitted on 3 February 2016.

**Member's Reports**

Mrs March confirmed that the Seawatch Centre had been closed because of the loss of funding from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Friends of the Heritage Coast were considering approaching suitable organisations to see if they may wish to utilise the facility.

Councillor Marsh commented that it was becoming difficult and dangerous to walk along FP1 from Llantwit beach to Tresillian Bay as a result of deep rutting which with the heavy rain we have been experiencing make it almost impassable. Mr Teague noted the details and would have action taken to rectify the situation when the weather conditions improved. Another concern was raised and that was the wall around the Dovecote field is collapsing and could affect FP49 and a local highway. Mr Lewis advised that although he rents and farms the field the authority responsible for the maintenance is a church in Swansea. Mr Teague said he would request Highways to look into the matter.

Mrs James asked if the catch/lock on the kissing gate on FP9 had been repaired? (Noted- Footpath Forum meeting 6 October 2015). Mr Lock agreed to check that the issue had been resolved.

Mr Lock advised that they have been concentrating most of their efforts on Rights of Way work around Llantwit Major and throughout the Vale. The next job to be completed was the handrail on the bridge on FP8.

Mr Teague distributed the updated Maintenance Report to all present

Mr Lewis has noted over the past year more people walking the footpaths getting lost or confused with the signs or lack of signage. He suggested that it might prove to be more appropriate to indicate where the footpaths are going i.e. beach or Tresillian Bay. He also indicated that Church Lane is cutting up badly resulting in a number of potholes.

### **Waymark Posts on 5 Urban Locations**

A letter was received by the Town Council on 5 October 2015 from the Public Rights of Way Officer VOGC requesting that consideration be given to 5 locations which the Vale of Glamorgan do not believe a waymark post is needed and report back. This letter was to be considered by the Footpath Forum at this meeting with comments and recommendations being forwarded to the Town Council for consideration and decision at their meeting on 28 January 2016.

After discussing the 5 locations the Footpath Forum unanimously agreed that the only signpost to be retained was 1111 (L16/37a/1) off Windmill Lane.

**Recommended:** The only urban signpost of the 5 locations considered to be retained was 1111 (L16/3a/1) off Windmill Lane.

Councillor Mrs Lancaster in closing the meeting advised that this was to be the last Footpath Forum meeting for Jim Muir who has been recording the notes for the past 8 years. All present wished him well on his new adventure in Spain

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meetings is 5 April 2016 at 6.30pm in the Heritage Centre.