

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs PA Lancaster
E Williams

Mr G Teague – Public Rights of Way Officer VOGC
Mr G Roberts - History Society
Mr P Lane – Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers
Mrs A James - U3A Representative
Mr K Kennet - U3A Representative
Mrs H March – Friends of the Heritage Coast

Apologies: Councillors: Cllr. M Marsh
Cllr. D Foster
Mr M Lewis – NFU
Mr P Lock - Glamorgan Heritage Coast

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster opened the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves to the new Administration Assistant.

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 5 January 2016. **Noted.**

Update Rights of Way Officer

Mr Teague handed out an Inventory Report pack which includes a maintenance list for the area. Mr Teague asked members to highlight any problems that they would like to address by the next meeting.

Mr Teague advised that a grant has been received to improve Wales Coastal Footpath. Re-surfacing work along the cliff has been agreed in principal to take place from Llantwit Major beach, west from the Lifeguard Station. Work had started but it was too wet to continue; due to carry on in the summer. The major project in the Vale is to set the path back from the cliff edge, which has been agreed in principal. This is due to start in September/October 2016.

Member's Reports

Mrs James expressed concern that the kissing gate in the meadow towards Llantwit Major beach has broken and livestock can escape if left open. **Mr Teague believed this was being dealt with by a contractor and confirmed he would check.**

Mrs James asked if there was any news on the stiles in Llanmaes. **Mr Teague said he would chase.**

Mrs March reported that the stile on FP23 has been worked on but is now worse than before. The stile is impossible to get over and suggested steps are needed. She has put in a complaint. **Mr Teague agreed to look into the matter and said as the work has already been done they should be able to revisit.**

FP42 is currently closed due to work going on in the area. There is an alternative footpath but not accessible at the moment. It was reported that the 10k Run Committee need access to this path for their event being held in August 2016 (event is a Welsh Championship). **Mr Teague agreed to liaise with rep from the 10k committee.**

Mrs March expressed concern that FP21 (Green Lane) is overgrown and obstructing right of way. **Mr Roberts agreed that he would take care of the issue.**

It was reported that FP50 now has loose slabs and holes around the drain directly outside the gate to the under 10's play park. This had been reported by the play area inspector so does need addressing. **Mr Teague noted the issue.**

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster reported the stile over to the Dovecot field has split and is very dangerous. It is thought to be a new hazard. **Mr Teague noted the issue.**

RECOMMENDED: That Mr Teague provides a report back to member regarding the above issues.

Update of Public Footpath at Mill Lane, Boverton

Forum member had previously been circulated with copies of two emails from Vale of Glamorgan Council (dated 30/03/16 & 01/04/16) regarding the creation of public footpath at Mill Lane, Boverton. It noted that a site visit and meeting is to be held on 28th of April, 2016. Llantwit Major Council gave no response to previous consultation; we believe this is due to a technical issue and original email not received.

RECOMMENDED: That the Llantwit Major Council make comment by Friday 8th of April via email to Gwyn Teague.

Further

RECOMMENDED: That the Administrative Assistant forward response to members of Footpath Forum so individuals can make own comments via email to Gwyn Teague.

Update regarding location of Footpath Signage

Mr Teague suggested it would be useful to have a formal response for the Footpath signage.

RECOMMENDED: That the Administrative Assistant looks to see if done and forward copy. If not a formal response to be sent.

Mr Teague informed that we The Definitive Statement of Public Rights of Way for The Vale of Glamorgan Council has been issued.

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster in closing the meeting advised that this was to be her last Footpath Forum meeting as Mayor and thanked all present.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The dates for forthcoming meetings are 5 July, 4 October, 10 January, 4 April, 2016 at 6.30pm in the Heritage Centre.