

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs S Hanks  
E Williams  
M Marsh  
D Foster

Mr G Roberts - History Society  
Mr P Lane – Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers  
Mr K Kennet - U3A Representative  
Mrs H March – Friends of the Heritage Coast  
Mr M Lewis – NFU

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs A James - U3A Representative  
Mr G Teague – Public Rights of Way Officer VOGC  
Mr P Lock – Glamorgan Heritage Coast

Councillor Mrs S Hanks opened the meeting by introducing herself as the Chair of the Footpath Forum for her year as Town Mayor. Members introduces themselves in turn.

### **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 April 2016.

### **Member's Reports**

Mrs March reported that in previous meeting she noted that FP21 (Green Lane) was overgrown and obstructing right of way. She stated that this was cleared after previous meeting and felt a good job had been done. But now it has now grown back and is obstructed once again. Mrs March also reported that footpath from vicarage down to Church Lane is in need of clearing.

Councillor Marsh and Mrs March updated members on the Sea Watch Centre. A woman is currently running a juniors club from the centre which is going well and the club has some backing. This lady would like to take over the centre. The committee decided they aren't able to give the centre to an individual as the club is not a registered charity. Mrs March reported they could either keep the centre as Friends of Heritage Coast and rent out to her or give to her if she can raise enough funding. The centre is currently locked up and safe.

Mr Kennet reported that the kissing gates in the meadow towards Llantwit Major beach are broken and livestock can escape if left open. It appears that an attempt to repair one of the locks has been made but the catch is still not working properly.

Mr Kennet also reported that the second stile on FP30 (whilst traveling east) needs work as rotting away.

Mr Lewis also reported that footpath 10 is in need of clearing. Mr Lewis explained that two years ago a really good job was made on the area, the contractors was Jonathan Edwards and he has the best machinery for the job. Unfortunately last year wasn't as thorough and it's a shame the footpath has got back to it's original state from two years ago.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Administrative Assistant pass on these notes to Public Rights of Way Officer at VOGC and ask to make vicarage to Church Lane a priority.

The footpath committee discussed how these issues arise too late in the year to be actioned in time for the peak season.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the committee create a priority list of heavily used footpaths in February 2017. That way they can be actioned in time for peak season.

Mr Lewis explained that Farmers are not allowed to cut these areas until September unless the Council tell them too. The committee tried to make suggestions on how to keep footpaths clear; Councillor Mrs Hanks suggested it might be something the Boys Brigade or Scouts could help with. Mr Lewis suggested if people who walked the areas clipped a little back each time then they would be kept in control.

Mr Lane informed the committee that if an individual stile needs attention then they can let him know so it can be worked on.

**RECOMMENDED:** If a committee member would like to raise an issue with a stile they can let the Administrative Assistant know who will contact Mr Lane.

Councillor Foster reported that it has been agreed to put lighting on the footpath by Llantonian Hall and Rugby Club. He also reported that Llantwit Major Town Council are in the process of applying for a grant to widen the footpath along the recreation field.

It was reported that the Llantwit Major 10k run is due to take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016. Around two years ago there was a cliff fall on FP2 which resulted in fencing and some of footpath falling away. Questions were asked wondering if this will be actioned before the event and will the footpaths be cleared before the 27<sup>th</sup> August?

**RECOMMENDED:** Administrative Assistant to pass on questions to Public Rights of Way Officer.

#### **Update of Public Footpath at Mill Lane, Boverton**

Councillor Williams reported that a modification order has been agreed to create a footpath running from Old Mill Road down to the area known as Summerhouse Bay, Llantwit Major (footpaths 3 and 55).

Councillor Mrs S Hanks closed the meeting thanking all for coming and for their comments.

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

The dates for forthcoming meetings are 4 October 2016, 10 January 2016 and 4 April 2017 at 6.30pm in the Heritage Centre.