

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL
INFOMAL MEETING OF THE FOOTPATH FORUM
HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2017

Present: Councillors: G Morgan

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

Apologies: Councillor Mrs J Norman
 Councillor D Foster
 Councillor D Powell (tender after meeting)
 Glamorgan Heritage Coast
 Mr M Lewis - NFU

Councillor G Morgan informed members that unfortunately the meeting was not quorate therefore no decisions could be taken, but an informal meeting can take place for discussion.

To receive report of previous meeting held on 3rd July 2017

Footpath Forum members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the Footpath Forum meeting held on 3rd July 2017. Noted.

Update from Rights of Way Officer

Mr G Teague circulated a maintenance report map to members. Mr Teague confirmed that rangers, from the Heritage Coast, have been at Dimhole today, clearing the area. Later this week they are expecting to put steps in at the steeper top end of the path and then in a couple of weeks' time a handrail will be installed.

Mr Teague continued that the resurfacing of an area down behind Redwood Close has just finished and is looking good.

Members Report

No members had anything to report regarding footpath maintenance as it was felt everything had been cut and was looking good.

Mrs March informed members that the Seawatch Centre, which belongs to Friends of Heritage Coast, has finally been 'handed over' to a charity that will be using it to hold workshops etc. The Friends had tried to find a local charity who would want to take over the use of the Centre but unfortunately no one was interested, instead a charity called the Bristol Women's Workshop has come forward. They hold workshops in photography, making items from driftwood etc.

To discuss Footpath Membership

Members discussed the current membership of the Footpath Forum and whether any additional organisations could be invited to sit on the Forum. Suggestions included a representative from Valeways and Farmers Union of Wales.

To receive timetable for reviewing Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)

Members had previously been circulated with a proposed timetable for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan Review, Initial Consultation Document. Mr Teague gave a brief verbal report on the process involved when reviewing the ROWIP. It is a strategic document to look at the current

condition of the network, how was the last plan delivered, what can be done to improve on it and what is the plan for the future. Stage 1 and 2 of this timetable are complete. The next stage is a more detailed consultation and questionnaire with relevant stakeholders which should be conducted in the next couple of months. Once this is available all members of this Forum will be notified and ask for any comments.

To receive verbal updated regarding footpath along Mill Road and possible Definitive Map Modification Order

Councillor Morgan informed members that an Agenda Item regarding this had been taken to Full Town Council on 28th September 2017 where it was resolved that the Town Council proceed with completing and submitting the application. Members expressed their disappointment that although assured this project was progressing, 10 years later we are no closer and actually back to the original suggestion put forward by the Town Council and Footpath Forum.