

Plymouth Local Access Forum

Monday 14 June 2010

PRESENT:

Mr Fairchild, in the Chair.

Mr I Stewart, Vice Chair.

Ms Rogers Mr N Attrill, Councillor Thomas Browne, Mr J C Emery, Councillor Ken Foster, Mr K R Loze, Mrs B Mickley, Mr D E Pawley, Miss B Roberts, Mr J Skinner and Councillor George Wheeler

Apologies for absence: Ms. Hitchens

The meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.45 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wheeler and Councillor Browne declared interests as members of the Planning Committee.

2. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the 12 April 2010 be approved as a correct record.

3. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chairs urgent business.

4. **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 - UPDATE**

The forum received an update on the Local Transport Plan Three. It was reported that;

- a. progress was being made on the document, and a draft would be available in mid to late July when a twelve week consultation process would begin;
- b. the document has been informed by an analysis of existing data which would be made available to the forum via email;
- c. the rights of way improvement plan (ROWIP) was a separate document although the team were working in close conjunction with the Rights of Way officer;

- d. Devon and Cornwall highways authorities have been consulted on the developing Local Transport Plan particularly in respect of the Sherford new town;
- e. the six objectives which would be written into the Local Transport Plan were aspirations and could be affected by cuts to service budgets;

Agreed that the analysis of data used by the Local Transport team would be circulated to members.

5. **PROMOTED ROUTES PLYMOUTH**

The forum considered a report on Promoted walks in Plymouth. It was commented by members that;

- a. the concept was a good one and would provide quality information to members of the public;
- b. access issues around disability and mothers with prams could be included with the scheme;
- c. there are a number of guided walks which could be centralised into a central point of access and made available via the internet.

Agreed that;

- 1. Members user status is reviewed and added to the LAF section of the Council's website;
- 2. in future all reports should contain the name of the author;
- 3. Mr Attrill, Mr Fairchild and Mr Stuart are nominated for membership of the working group as requested in the report.

6. **CONSULTATION ON THE ENGLISH ACCESS FORUM**

The forum considered a response to a consultation on the English Access Forum. As there was no statutory requirement and no constitution for the English Access Forum members of the Plymouth Local Access Forum (PLAF) did not understand the reason for its existence.

Agreed that the English Access Forum's terms of reference are distributed amongst PLAF members.

7. **LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INVOLVEMENT IN COASTAL ACCESS IMPLEMENTATION**

The forum considered a report on LAF Involvement in Coastal Access Implementation. The forum felt it was too early to comment on the document as the process was unlikely to effect Plymouth's coastal access for many years.

8. **WORKING GROUPS**

a) **POTENTIAL RIGHTS OF WAY WORKING GROUP - FEEDBACK**

It was reported by Mr. Stewart that the maps had been taken away and had been checked on a piecemeal approach. The digitized version of the definitive map does not contain paths which exist on the ramblers 1988 map.

A list of path numbers was distributed to the forum.

A coloured map showing the paths have is being held at the council offices and can be viewed by contacting the secretary.

b) **PLANNING WORKING GROUP**

There was no report from the Planning working group.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed that the next meeting of this forum is held at 10:30am on 9th August 2010 at the Council House.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported by forum members that the coastal path at Jennycliff had been closed due to erosion.

Agreed that the rights of way officer is requested to provide reports on the following issues;

- The erosion and subsequent closure of the Jennycliff section of the coastal path;
- The rights of way across Widewell School Playing field;
- The recent planning application submitted for Cosie Quarry and its impact on rights of way in the area;
- The cycle track order at the Leigham valley.

