

Plymouth Local Access Forum

Monday 14 December 2015

PRESENT:

Mr Fairchild, in the Chair.

Mr I Stewart, Vice Chair.

Mr Attrill, Mr Curno, Councillor Ken Foster, Mrs Hitchens, Councillor Morris (substitute for Councillor Wheeler), Mr Pawley and Mr Skinner.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Sam Davey, Councillor Wheeler and Mr Harvey.

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.

34. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct –

Name	Subject	Reason	Interest
Mr Pawley	South West Coast Path	Representative for the South West Coast Path Association	Personal
Councillor Ken Foster	Public Path Division Order Application – Former Downham School Site, Horn Lane, Plymstock	Ward Councillor	Personal

35. **MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2015 are confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Minute 20 (h) ‘...Mount Baton Ferry’ to read ‘Mount Batten Ferry’
- Minute 31 read that ‘Natural England was due to look at the Devon Coast Path at the end of the year; it was hoped that this would lead to a better path around Millbay Docks’ however Members clarified that two sections of the Devon Coast Path around Lyme Regis and King Weir would be looked at, and not the entire coast path.

36. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

37. **TRACKING RESOLUTIONS**

Members discussed the tracking resolutions document and updates were provided upon the following:

- (a) minute 43 from 15.12.14 meeting – the Chair had spoken to Rob Leek however it was not confirmed that Rob would be able to attend a future meeting;
- (b) minute 48 from 16.3.15 meeting –the Chair had not yet contacted the Dartmoor National Parks Authority;
- (c) minute 53 from 16.3.15 meeting – the Kloof Modification Order was due to go the Planning Committee on Thursday 17 December – Members had been previously advised of this and had been emailed the agenda;
- (d) minute 23 from 28.9.15 meeting – there were still a few mistakes on the map relating to the slipways information on the Council’s website however this was in hand;
- (e) minute 22 from 28.9.15 meeting – Mr Curno had asked the Green Infrastructure team to contact him with regards to green space designation however he had not received a reply;
- (f) minute 24 from 28.9.15 meeting – the Chair confirmed that he had sent a letter to Tracey Lee, Chief Executive of Plymouth City Council regarding the closure of Plymouth Hoe to public access however a reply had not yet been received. The Secretary would send a copy of the letter to Mr Skinner for his information.

38. **WORKING GROUPS**

An update was provided on two recent working groups namely the walk from Morrison’s to Beechfield Grove and the Plymouth Plan Part 2 session.

Members confirmed that the walk from Morrison’s to Beechfield Grove had been undertaken and that a fence had been installed; Members also looked at another path linking to Wrigley’s Field (Collins Park) which was in poor condition however they considered merited being classified as a public right of way in the future.

Agreed that –

- 1. Mr Pawley would write a letter to Plymouth City Council on behalf of the Forum requesting that the path in Wrigley’s Field is identified as a public right of way;
- 2. Liz Wells would circulate all responses to Forum Members, in relation to the Plymouth Plan Part 2, before being submitted as part of the consultation process.

39. **MODIFICATION ORDERS UPDATE**

Liz Wells, Public Rights of Way Officer, informed Forum Members that the Kloof Modification Order was due to be discussed at 17 December 2015 Planning Committee; Members had been emailed a copy of the agenda for their information.

40. **PUBLIC PATH DIVISION ORDER APPLICATION - FORMER DOWNHAM SCHOOL SITE, HORN LANE, PLYMSTOCK**

Members discussed the Public Path Division Order Application – Former Downham School Site. Members were advised that there had been an application for the diversion of a public right of way for this site; the applicant confirmed that it was necessary to divert the footpath in order for the development of 31 houses to take place. If the footpath was to remain in its current position it would be unsafe from a reduction of crime viewpoint.

41. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members noted the work programme and discussed priorities for the following year.

Agreed that the LAF Secretary would organise a working group in the New Year along the path linking Weston Park Road with Church Way as well as lesser known paths in Central Park.

42. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chair advised Members that he had sent a letter to Tracey Lee, the Chief Executive of Plymouth City Council, regarding the closure of Plymouth Hoe to the public in July 2015 however had not yet received a response.

It was agreed that a copy of the letter would be sent to Mr Skinner for his information.

43. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed that the next meeting of the Local Access Forum would be held at 10.30am on Monday 22 February 2016 in the Council House.

44. **ISSUES ARISING FROM FORUM MEMBERS**

Mr Curno raised under this item that the Council was involved in running a Friends Forum that was in the process of setting up blue spaces as well as green spaces in and around Plymouth. Members were advised that the Friends Forum, which was soon to be Independent from the Council, was looking to hold an environmental festival.