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Date: Monday 13 February 2017
Time: 10.30 am
Place: Council House, Plymouth

Committee Members–

Mr Fairchild, in the Chair

Mr Stewart, Vice Chair

Mr Attrill, Mr Curno, Councillor K Foster, Councillor Mrs Foster, Mr Harvey, Ms Hitchens,
Mr Pawley, Mr Skinner and Councillor Wheeler

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf

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1. APOLOGIES:

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this Agenda.

3. MINUTES

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The Forum will be asked to confirm the minutes of the 12 December 2016.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. UPDATE ON DFT ACCESS FUND

Forum Members will be provided with an update on the DfT Access Fund.

6. UNRECORDED FOOTPATHS

(Pages 3 - 4)

Forum Members will discuss unrecorded footpaths.

7. RADFORD WOODS

Forum Members will discuss Radford Woods.

8. HERITAGE TRAILS - MAYFLOWER 400 CELEBRATIONS

Forum Members will discuss the three heritage trails proposed for the Mayflower 400 celebrations.

9. WORKING GROUPS

To agree any working groups for items on this agenda.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 5 - 6)

To receive the Forum's Work Programme for 2016 – 2017.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

To consider any correspondence received and note any correspondence sent by the Forum.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.

13. ISSUES ARISING FROM FORUM MEMBERS

To discuss any issues brought forward by members of the Forum.

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Plymouth Local Access Forum

Monday 12 December 2016

PRESENT:

Mr Fairchild, in the Chair.

Mr I Stewart, Vice Chair.

Mr N Attrill, Mr D Curno, Councillor Ken Foster, Councillor Wendy Foster, Mr B Harvey, Ms P Hitchens, Mr D E Pawley, Mr J Skinner and Councillor George Wheeler.

Also in attendance: Robin Pearce (Public Rights of Way Officer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.32 am and finished at 11.57 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**

The following declaration of interest was 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

2. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2016.

3. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

4. **WORKING GROUPS**

Agreed that Members schedule a meeting for the footpaths working group.

5. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members considered the work programme.

Agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair, Officer and Secretary decide strategic priorities for the Forum for agreement by Members (via e-mail) in advance of the next meeting.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Members noted that no correspondence had been received.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed that the next meeting of the Forum is held at 10.30 am on Monday 13 February 2017 at the Council House, Plymouth.

8. **ISSUES ARISING FROM FORUM MEMBERS**

Members discussed a number of issues.

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



Please return your completed question form to: Democratic Support Unit, Chief Executive's Department, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ or email to democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk (if emailing, please ring 01752 304163 to advise).

Question submitted by: [REDACTED]

Contact details: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

E mail address: [REDACTED]

To the Chair of Planning Committee: Councillor Wiggins

To be asked at the next Planning Committee meeting. Please note that your question must be submitted at least five clear working days before the date of the meeting.

Question: (please insert your question here, to be no longer than 50 words)

Statutory Regulations require the Council to consider Public Path Order applications within two years. Why are applications listed on the Council's website from 2009 still outstanding and what action is being taken to record the 750 known footpaths in Plymouth on the Definitive Map before the 2026 cut off date?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Yes/No* (*Delete as appropriate)

Response: (for completion by Planning Committee Chair)

There is no statutory requirement for a Public Path Order to be completed within two years and the processing of such applications is a discretionary power not a statutory duty. In the past decade Plymouth City Council has only accepted 2 applications for a Public Path Order which it has progressed promptly; one under the Highways Act 1980 at Ridgeway School in Plympton which was completed in 2012 and the second under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 at the Former Downham School site in Plymstock which was considered by Planning committee in February 2016, confirmed in November 2016 and brought into effect in January 2017.

We are not aware of any evidence that there are 750 unrecorded public rights of way in Plymouth. Whilst the 2026 cut-off date implemented by Parliament will have an impact on any unrecorded path which existed prior to 1949 the intention of Parliament appears to be to encourage national and local user groups to identify those paths which are important to them and work with local authorities to ensure they are protected, which may be done by submitting an application for a modification order before 2026. Plymouth City Council enjoys a good track record of dealing with applications to modify the definitive map and statement promptly. We were successful at a public examination where this committee's decision was upheld last summer, there is a public inquiry into another application being arranged for later this year and three further applications will be considered at today's meeting. Details about all the applications we are dealing with are available online if further information is required.

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