

Plymouth Local Access Forum

Monday 18 December 2017

PRESENT:

Mr Stewart, Chair.

Mr Abraham, Mr Attrill, Ms Cawthorn, Mr Curno, Councillor Ken Foster, Mr Harvey, Mr Pawley and Mr Skinner.

Apologies for absence: Mr Fairchild and Councillors Drean and Wheeler.

The meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 12.10 pm.

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.

33. Appointment of new Forum Members

Forum Members noted the appointment of Mr Abraham and Ms Cawthorn to the Local Access Forum.

34. 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

35. Minutes

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2017.

36. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

37. Derriford Community Park

Chris Avent (Natural Infrastructure Officer) provided Members with an update on Derriford Community Park highlighting the aim to connect different parts of the community as well as proposals for new access routes.

In response to questions raised it was reported that -

- (a) there was an aspiration to seal the paths within Derriford Community Park;

- (b) the paths would be approximately 3.5m wide in order to support multi-use for pedestrians and cyclists;
- (c) the paths within the park could not be designated as public rights of way as the Council did not own the land;
- (d) formal consultation would take place on 8 January 2018; people were being encouraged to participate on the consultation portal on the Council's website and attend public exhibitions in the city;
- (e) it was expected that the park would be completed by 2021;
- (f) it was expected that appropriate lighting would be installed on the paths.

Agreed that Local Access Forum Members would be informed of the consultation programme.

38. **Local Access Forum Support**

Robin Pearce (Public Rights of Way Officer) presented the Local Access Forum Support item.

Members were provided with a brief overview of the responsibilities of Local Access Forum's including guidance provided by Natural England, the statutory responsibility, the role of the Council in supporting the forum and the importance of the Chair.

Members noted the information provided.

Agreed that –

- 1) Forum Members would be emailed a copy of the information presented by Robin Pearce;
- 2) the information would also be provided to the Planning department in order to promote the role of the Forum;
- 3) the Secretary would seek clarification as to whether all Local Access Forum Members could have access to Huddle.

39. **LAF Function Review**

Rosie Starr (Transport Smarter Choices Manager) advised Members that the Council was unable to support the Local Access Forum at the current frequency of meetings due to resourcing pressures. From 2018/19 formal Local Access Forum meetings would be scheduled twice a year and it would be for the Forum to arrange informal working group meetings.

Forum Members raised concerns that the reduction in formal meetings would result in the Forum losing momentum and that Members may not be able to respond to consultations quick enough.

Agreed that the LAF Function Review would be added to the agenda for the next meeting in order to discuss future working arrangements.

40. **Tracking Resolutions**

Forum Members discussed the tracking resolutions document.

Robin Pearce (Public Rights of Way Officer) advised Members that he would provide Members with information requested at the previous meeting regarding a breakdown of green space projects and investments throughout the city once this was available. Members were also advised that a request for information would be made regarding the possible implementation of a CPZ in the surrounding residential areas near Home Park.

Under this item Mr Pawley provided Forum Members with an update on the working group to West Hoe that was scheduled for 5 December 2017.

41. **Working Groups**

Forum Members discussed the need to set up a working group to Bircham Valley.

Agreed that the Secretary would set up a Doodle Poll to ascertain Members availability from the week beginning 15 February 2018.

42. **Correspondence**

Members noted this item.

43. **Issues Arising from Forum Members**

Under this item Members discussed the impact of social media upon private land, specifically where users are empowered to add new data which suggests wider access than in reality is permitted.

Members discussed the potential improvement of private slipways in the city.

Agreed that Robin Pearce (Public Rights of Way Officer) would find out about Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Licences and if there was any benefit in the Local Access Forum being kept updated.

44. **Work Programme**

Members noted the work programme attached to the agenda.

45. **Date of Next Meeting**

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Local Access Forum had not yet been scheduled however it was expected to take place in February or March 2018 after the working group meeting to Bircham Valley.