



**LOCAL ACCESS FORUM  
DRAFT MINUTES  
MEETING  
TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017  
WIGAN LIFE CENTRE – SOUTH BUILDING**

Item No.	Subject	Action
	<p>Present:</p> <p>PB, BG, TT, MC, JB, JH</p> <p>Officer in attendance: Elizabeth Parry    Public Rights of Way Officer</p>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome – TT</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	TT welcomed all.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	PhB,	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved as an accurate record.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<p>Item No. 4.1 – South Hindley – EP advised that it is anticipated that the Outline planning application will be submitted by Christmas</p> <p>An extract from a planning document was circulated: paragraph 5.4.5 - Recreational Access and Movement; with a plan. Concern was stressed about the key and reference to Multi-user route; which would have no legal status and needs to be a bridleway. TT advised that she would contact Steve Thompson Principal Planner via Email: Steve.Thompson@wigan.gov.uk. Should the planning application come in on time then EP will forward details onto LAF Members.</p>	<b>TT</b>
<b>4.2</b>	Item No. 4.3 –Electronic gate – Nothing heard; EP to chase up.	<b>EP</b>
<b>4.3</b>	Item No. 4.4 – Volunteers, A meeting took place with Martin Purcell – Greenheart Officer, Samantha Cross Technical Officer and Mark Champion LWT, re. the possibility of holding volunteer days. In the first instance days will be organised on either LWT or Council land.	

	<p>A scheme is being looked at within LWT's Cutacre site; albeit this may be run initially as a Council staff scheme. There are various options being considered which may link with existing schemes.</p> <p>There is scope within the Deal scheme for getting involved in such activities and it is hoped that schemes will be organised that will benefit PROW. The staff day may be opened up to other groups and I will certainly keep you posted. Samantha Cross is involved in this area and will be liaising with folks in the future.</p> <p>MC advised that there is some funding through the Carbon Trail Project for training group leaders, volunteer organisers. Works must be carried out on Council or LWT land. PB advised that P&amp;NFS has funding available for tools.</p> <p><b>4.4</b> Item No. 4.6 Rectory Lane. - EP has been chasing up Persimmon Homes.</p> <p><b>4.5</b> Item No. 4.7 Lilford Park / Clough House Farm / Bedford Colliery Motorbike issues. TT advised that trees had come down and were being used as part of an organised event which was advertised on Facebook – TT to send a link to the site and forward info.</p> <p>On receipt of info EP to liaise with Property Services as need to sort out barriers.</p> <p><b>4.6</b> Item No. 5 LAF Multi User Strategy – no further comments received so EP to advise Graphics to finalize the document.</p> <p><b>4.7</b> Item No. 6 Bickershaw – TT &amp; MC reported that there had been a fun day held in August which was well attended. A number of horse riders participated.</p> <p><b>4.8</b> Item No. 8.6 Ragwort – JB asked if anything heard on this. EP confirmed that a question had been raised but will chase this up.</p>	<p><b>TT</b></p> <p><b>EP</b></p> <p><b>EP</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>Local Cycling &amp; Walking Infrastructure</b></p> <p>EP explained that a new initiative from Department of Transport had been launched which has potential financial incentives. Transport for Greater Manchester is encouraging all GM authorities to prepare individual plans for submission.</p> <p>An Officer Group is being set up to look at this and various work groups and consultations will take place; however the timescale is unknown.</p> <p>EP will circulate the DTR document with the minutes.</p>	

<b>6.</b>	<b>LAF Regional Conference</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	TT reported that there hasn't been a meeting for a while.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p>Public Path Orders - Update</p> <p>Leigh No. 54 – Consultation commences from 17<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Reference to barrier at Sportsman Street</p> <p>Ince No 2A and Hindley 2A – Hemfield Road / Highfield Road</p> <p>Public Bridleway – no objections.</p> <p>DMMO Application Standish Line – The single objection remains from a firm of Solicitors on behalf of their client who is on the Isle of Man. Very short section at the School Lane end. The Council is currently trying to get this withdrawn.</p>	
<b>7.2</b>	<p>Orders pending –.</p> <p>DMMO – Bedford Hall Farm – 2 Orders proposed</p> <p>Ashton No. 27-diversion</p> <p>Standish No. 19 –closing public footpath &amp; creating a bridleway.</p>	
<b>7.3</b>	<p>There are a number of <b>Temporary Orders</b> in place:</p> <p>Golborne No. 2 Kings Rd – Park Road, dangerous wall.</p> <p>Tyldesley No. 291 – Morley's Bridge Steps</p> <p>Tyldesley No. 146 &amp; 147 – Garrett Lane</p> <p>Standish No. 19 Rectory Lane development – Standish Golf Course – expired but a new alignment has been requested.</p> <p>Leigh No. 54 &amp; un named routes. EA flood defence works.</p> <p>Standish No. 34 &amp; 33 – the latter as required and came into effect on 27<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>Leigh No. 155 – main bridleway parallel with the Atherleigh Way came into effect 19<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date &amp; Venue of Next Meeting</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018, 6pm - 8pm at the Wigan Life Centre – South Building – Room 3 Ground Floor.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Close</b>	