

Minutes of CCAF Local Maintenance Programme (LMP) Working Group meeting

21 June 2021

Present: Phil Allen (chair), Ross Durkin, Donald Martin (CC), Mike Eastwood (CC)

Apologies: Jo Lay

1. **Updates/improvements to LMP offer to councils** – DM reported that changes to parish boundaries required some alterations to LMP agreements. His team are planning to launch the 2022 programme in October 2021. DM is in favour of offering three-year agreements to Parish Councils with five-year deals to be considered at some time in the future.
2. **Monitoring of LMP delivery** - Consideration will be given to how LMP work is best monitored – possibly by local RoW wardens or other parish appointees. RD commented that over-centralisation was undesirable, however, a mechanism needed to be put in place to report and deal with issues that are beyond what is covered by LMP contracts. ME reported that the appointment of a paths warden was once a condition of parishes being accepted on the LMP scheme. PA suggested that a document detailing LMP “best practice” should be drawn up to answer questions on how best to manage LMP agreements.
3. **CCAF provision of LMP information to parish councils** – PA stressed the need for a well written document to be available for PCs explaining the workings and benefits of LMP. DM offered to contact the community link officers at CC to see if they could help disseminate information. RD suggested making a short video that could be distributed to parish councils and others. DM to investigate.
4. **Enhanced LMP funding** – PA said that the enhanced LMP provided a safety valve for participating PCs in need of major capital works. DM said that prioritisation was sometimes an issue with LMP. RD asked if it might be possible to award smaller sums to more PCs. Grant funding might also be linked into the length of LMP contract and the performance of the PC.
5. **Trails** – PA suggested that CCAF should hold a formal discussion on the future funding, maintenance and management of the various trails in Cornwall.
6. **Conference** - ME explained that some years ago CC held annual conferences (one East, one West) for PCs involved in the LMP. RD suggested that a virtual conference could be held later in the year.