CORNWALL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM (CCAF)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019

Date: Tuesday 29 January 2019
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Grenville Room, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3AY

Present: Philip Allen, Gerry Brain, Steve Church, Kay Driver (Chair), Mark Hynard, Nick Jeans, Esther Kieboom (Vice Chair), Matt Luke CC, Jacqueline Merrick and Lucy Wilson

Apologies: Marie Bryant, Jim Flashman CC, Cherilyn Mackrory CC, Andrea Sandford and Carol Wilson

Minute no		**Action by**
CAF/41	**Penwith Landscape Partnership** The Chairman welcomed the Programme Manager, Penwith Landscape Partnership, and the Access Officer, Penwith Landscape Partnership, to the meeting. The Forum considered their *presentation (PowerPoint presentation subsequently circulated).* Following consideration of the presentation and information presented, it was **AGREED** that 1. Lucy Wilson and Steve Church to liaise with Penwith Landscape Partnership in respect of - access to horse riders on the Tinners Way; and - promotion of inland paths accessed from the Cornwall Coast Path within West Penwith area; 2. Arrangements be made by the Chair for the Forum to visit Penwith Landscape Partnership in the Summer 2019 and walk some of the footpaths in the area; 3. Following the meeting, the Chairman to provide a Press Release to include reference to the work of the Penwith Landscape Partnership.	LW/SC KD KD
CAF/42	**Co-ordination of Volunteers** The Chairman welcomed the Community Partnership Officer, CORMAC, to the meeting.	

	The Forum considered his verbal presentation *(PowerPoint presentation subsequently circulated)*. Following consideration of the presentation and information presented, it was **AGREED** that Forum members circulate information to relevant Parish Council representatives on the availability of volunteers through the Community Partnership team in CORMAC.	Forum members
CAF/43	**Planning Applications - Linking Up Greenways and Rights of Way** The Chairman welcomed the Strategic Development Management Group Leader, Cornwall Council, and the Planning Policy Group Leader, Cornwall Council, to the meeting. The Forum considered their verbal presentation *(PowerPoint presentation subsequently circulated)*. Following consideration of the matter, it was **AGREED** that 1. The Forum would in future be given the opportunity to: - Be consulted on major planning applications, and particularly those which potentially could have a negative impact on nearby public rights of way and applications which could potentially impact the Cornwall Coast Path and linkages to it; - Provide input into the Review of the Local Plan; - Provide input into Local Plans; - Work with planning officers on connecting Truro with the surrounding parishes, incorporating walking and cycling routes as a form of sustainable transport; 2. The Strategic Development Management Group Leader to investigate the inclusion of quiet lanes on the Council's interactive mapping database.	RL/CD RL
CAF/44	**Declarations of Interest (On matters included in the agenda)** There were no declarations of interest.	

CAF/45	**Minutes from the Meeting held on 30 October 2018** It was moved by Nick Jeans, seconded by Jacqueline Merrick, and **RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum held on 30 October 2018 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments: 1. <u>Minute CAF/33 (A30 Chiverton Cross-Carland Cross Task and Finish Group); A30 St Austell Link Road Task and Finish Group; Carclaze Garden Village Task and Finish Group) to read</u>: The Forum considered previously circulated update reports (Agenda page 12) in respect of the following Task and Finish Groups: (i) <u>A30 Chiverton Cross -Carland Cross Task and Finish Group</u> The Forum noted that Highways England's proposals had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and also that the A30CCCCTFG would be meeting to formulate the Forum's submission to the consultation. (ii) <u>A30 St Austell Link Road Task and Finish Group</u> The Forum additionally considered the most recent update as set out in the Group Chair's email dated 29 October 2018, circulated at the meeting (copy available). Further to Minute CAF/11, Bullet Point (ii), Agreed Action 1. and email of 29 October 2018, it was AGREED that the project be supported, subject to the previously expressed reservation that once planning consent had been granted, the Forum be given the opportunity to view and design changes arising from the planning process. (iii) <u>Carclaze Garden Village Task and Finish Group</u> The Forum noted that Planning Services would discuss matters once a formal planning application had been submitted by the Developer. Following discussions regarding the Forum's involvement in consultations in respect of Rights of	Secretary's Representative A30CCCCTFG

	Way within the development, in particular connectivity to the existing Rights of Way network, it was AGREED that the CGVTFG meets with the relevant Planning Officer following submission of the formal planning application by the Developer. 2. Minute CAF/36 (St Austell China Clay Mineral Permission Review Task and Finish Group) to read: The Forum considered and noted the previously circulated update report and information provided at the meeting regarding the remediation works arising from the Mineral Permission Review. In respect of the restoration of footpath network links following damage done during mining operations, and following discussions regarding the appropriate officer in Planning Services and/or EcoBos with whom to liaise, at the Chair's suggestion it was subsequently AGREED that the SACCMPRTFG would meet to discuss the options and decide on a way forward.	CGVTFG SACCMPRTFG
CAF/46	**Matters Arising (Not otherwise included in the agenda)** The Forum considered the following matters: (i) Minute CAF/29 (Cornwall Countryside Access/Connecting with Nature Strategy – Update - Bullet point (iv) - Public liability insurance for public parks: As no feedback on the queries to the NFU had been received to date, the Chair suggested that AS be asked to provide an update at the next meeting. - Agreed Action 4. - Legal position to the Council in respect of public liability insurance for stiles: The Countryside Access Team Leader confirmed the responsibilities of landowners and of the Council for stiles, and the circumstances under which a claim for injury could be made. (ii) Minute CAF/30 (Maintenance of Category 5 & 6 Roads) - Agreed Action 3. - Consideration of Category 6b roads as Rights of Way: The Countryside Access Team Leader confirmed that the matter was still ongoing.	

	The Chair requested PA to make contact with Parish Councils to pursue the matter. (iii) Minute CAF/33 (A30 Chiverton Cross-Carland Cross Task and Finish Group; A30 St Austell Link Road Task and Finish Group; Carclaze Garden Village Task and Finish Group: - Bullet Point 2 - Carclaze Garden Village: ML stated that the application had very recently been submitted by the Developer. It was suggested that NJ liaises with the relevant planning officer. (iv) Minute CAF/9 (Advice to the Council Leader): - 2026 Deadline: The Countryside Access Team Leader confirmed that he had drafted the letter to the Planning Inspectorate requesting an extension of the deadline from 2026 to 2031. - Community Infrastructure Levy(CIL): The Countryside Access Team Leader signposted Forum members to the Council website for information on CIL. - Creation of an App to promote the work of the Forum: The Countryside Access Team Leader stated that it was considered that there Cornwall Council did not have a role to play in providing an app, particularly as there were already several private apps available, such as 'I walk Cornwall'. - Royal Cornwall Show: ML to share the Cornwall Council's stand at the RCS and that it be arranged so that the Forum's area was distinct. - Press Releases The Chair to draft a PR regarding the presentations given at the meeting. Following consideration of the above matters, it was **AGREED** that: 1. Andrea Sandford to provide an update at the next meeting regarding a) Public Liability Insurance for public parks; and b) the NFU's response to the invitation to put a representative forward for membership of the Forum. 2. Philip Allen to liaise with Parish Councils in respect of the consideration of Category 6b roads as Rights of Way.	AS PA

	3. Nick Jeans to liaise with the relevant planning officer following the submission of the application in respect of the Carclaze Garden Village by the Developer. 4. The Chair to draft a Press Release regarding the presentations given at the meeting.	NJ KD
CAF/47	**Chair's Announcements** The Forum considered the following announcements by the Chair: (i) <u>Introduction of the Acting Democratic Team Leader (Regulatory)</u> The Chair introduced SG to the meeting, who had been newly appointed to the role following JR's move to another department. (ii) <u>Rider Injury on Bridleway</u> The Chair thanked the Countryside Access Team Leader and his team for way the serious incident had been handled. The Countryside Access Team Leader confirmed the action taken by the Council following the injury to a horse rider who had encountered a wire strung across the bridleway at head height at canter. He confirmed that the Council sought to have a robust policy in place to address electric fencing across pathways, which was an offence and a significant risk to horse riders. Following consideration of the above matters, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	
CAF/48	**Working Group Updates (Verbal reports from the Chair or Representative of each of the following Working Groups:)** The Forum considered the updates given by the Chair or Representative of each of the following Working Groups and subsequently **AGREED** that the information be noted:	
CAF/49	**A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton Cross Improvement Task & Finish Group** The Forum considered the previously circulated report and the supplementary report, which included an email dated 21 January 2019, which NJ read out.	

	Following consideration, it was **AGREED** that the report and update be noted.	
CAF/50	**A30 St Austell Link Road Improvement Task & Finish Group** The Forum considered the previously circulated report and supplementary report presented by NJ. Following consideration of the report and update, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	
CAF/51	**Carclaze Garden Village Task & Finish Group** The Forum considered the previously circulated report and supplementary report from NJ. ML provided the name of the appropriate officer in EcoBos to contact to discuss the proposal. Following consideration of the report and update, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	
CAF/52	**St Austell China Clay Mineral Permission Review Task & Finish Group** The Forum considered the previously circulated reports and update presented by NJ. Following consideration of the report and update, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	
CAF/53	**Consultation Response Working Group** The Forum considered the previously circulated responses to consultations submitted by the CRWG on behalf of the Forum in respect of: - The Agriculture Bill; - The Glover Review of National Parks; and - Tamar Valley AONB Management Plan 2019-2024 Following consideration of the report, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	
CAF/54	**Developing Parish Initiatives Working Group** The Forum considered the previously circulated report and update to the meeting given by PA.	

	ML provided the name of the relevant Portfolio Holder for PA to contact for further discussions. Following consideration of the report and update provided, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	PA
CAF/55	**Coastal Access Working Group** The Forum considered the update to the meeting given by SC. Following consideration of the update provided, it was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	
CAF/56	**Matters of Interest or Concern Arising from Correspondence to the Forum** It was noted that no matters of interest or concern had been raised by Forum members.	
CAF/57	**CCAF Work Programme** The Forum considered the report tabled at the meeting. The Countryside Access Team Leader requested that Forum members suggest matters for inclusion in the Work Programme. Following consideration of the report and update provided, it was **AGREED** that 1. Forum members put forward suggestions of suitable topics for inclusion in the Work Programme by Friday 15 February 19; 2. At the Chair's suggestion, Rights of Way be included in the Work Programme.	 Forum members ME
CAF/58	**Date, Time and Venue of Future Meetings** The Forum noted the dates of future meetings.	
CAF/59	**Any Business the Chair Considers to be Urgent** (i) <u>Minutes of Meetings</u> The Chair informed the meeting that, in future, Minutes would be brief and focus on decisions	

	and actions. It was **AGREED** that the information be noted.	

The meeting ended at 4.40 pm.

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