CORNWALL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM (CCAF)
ACTION SHEET FROM THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014

Date: Tuesday 25 March 2014
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Grenville Room, Cornwall Council, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Present: James Scobie (Chairman), Julie Bate (Vice-Chairman), Adrian Bigg, Stephen Church, Gillian Derryman, Howard Farmer, Terry Faull, Robert Fraser, Roger James, Nicholas Jeans, Jane Kiely, Bill Maddern CC, Patricia Thomas, Peter Tunstall-Behrens and Jeremy Varcoe CMG

Apologies: Jim Candy CC, Peter Edwards, Edwina Hannaford CC and Ian Kemp

Minute no		**Action by**
CAF/67	**Welcome** Agenda No.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sara Slade MRICS, National Access Adviser, Country Land and Business Association.	
CAF/68	**Proposed Access Provisions of the Deregulation Bill: Presentation by Sarah Slade, National Access Advisor, Country Land and Business Association** Agenda No.2 It was ***agreed*** to note the presentation given by Sarah Slade on the Deregulation Bill, which included: (i) What the Deregulation Bill set out to do; (ii) The work of the Stakeholder Working Group; (iii) How the Bill would progress; (iv) The County Land and Business Association's (CLA) view on the Bill and public rights of way reform. There followed discussion regarding Definitive Map Modification Orders and evidence to support applications for them.	**Forum to note**
CAF/69	**Declarations of Interest (On matters included on the agenda)** Agenda No.4 In accordance with paragraph 4.8 of the CCAF Constitution: (i) Councillor Maddern declared an interest in Agenda No.9.3 (Moorland and Open Access Working Group Update), as he had received	**Secretary**

	correspondence from Mr Ian McNeil Cooke, Save Penwith Moors Action Group; (ii) Nick Jeans declared an interest in Agenda No.10 (National Local Access Forum Conference for the Southern Half of England) as he worked part time for Network Rail.	
CAF/70	**Action Sheet from the Meeting held on 28 January 2014** Agenda No.5 The Action Sheet was ***agreed*** as an accurate record.	**Secretary**
CAF/71	**Matters Arising (not otherwise included in the agenda)** Agenda No.6 The Forum ***agreed*** to note the following matters: (i) CAF/50 (vi) Lanhydrock Cycle Hub – The Chairman confirmed that he had attended the official opening. Following subsequent Forum discussion on signage of the public footpath, Mike Eastwood, Countryside Access Team Leader, Cornwall Council, suggested that a site visit be held later in the year. (ii) CAF/61 Asset Survey – Mike Eastwood confirmed that Inspectors were conducting their surveys on a daily basis, and to date 52% of the Asset Survey had been completed. In response to a Member query, he confirmed that in all likelihood, the grants promised by the Government to repair storm damage to coast paths would not meet the full cost.	**Forum to note** **ME**
CAF/72	**Chairman's Announcements** Agenda No.7 The Forum ***agreed*** to note the following announcements: (i) Lanhydrock Cycle Hub Opening Celebration, 3 March 2014 – as discussed earlier; (ii) CCAF engagement with the Local Nature Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board and Local Enterprise Partnership – this is still being investigated; (iii) EU funding – it was expected that £500m grant monies would be available for Cornwall over the next 5years. It was proposed to discuss ways for CCAF to tap in to this at the CCAF workshop on 27 May 2014; (iv) A significant number of redundancies within Cornwall Council's Environment Directorate were imminent; (v) CCAF representation at meetings – the Southern National LAF Conference on 4 February 2014 had been attended by Bob Fraser; a Consultative Forum for the Local	**Forum to note**

	Nature Partnership on 24 February 2014 had been attended by Julie Bate; the SW Chairs meeting on 24 March 2014 had been attended by Jane Kiely; and the South West National Trail Partnership on 26 March 2014 would be attended by Peter Tunstall-Behrens; (vi) Proposal to meet with Dan Rogerson MP – the Chairman queried whether Forum members would still be interested in doing this.	
CAF/73	**CCAF Annual Review 2013/14** Agenda No.8 The Forum considered the draft Annual Review 2013/14 previously circulated by the Chairman and ***agreed*** to note the following: (i) Mike Eastwood, Countryside Access Team Leader, Cornwall Council, advised that he had yet to approach other Section 94 bodies to determine whether they wanted advice from the Forum. (ii) The Chairman requested that any comments on the draft be emailed to him within the next 2 weeks.	**Forum to note**
CAF/74	**Working Groups - Updates** Agenda No.9 The Forum considered the verbal updates given by the Chairmen of the CCAF Working Groups or their representatives and ***agreed*** to note the information given:	**Forum to note**
CAF/75	**Rights of Way and Definitive Map Working Group** Agenda No. 9.1 In respect of an email previously circulated from Hilary Winter, South West Regional LAF Co-ordinator, regarding a proposal by the Department of Culture, Media and Sports to authorise motor sport events on public roads, on behalf of the Chairman of the ROWDMWG, Nick Jeans read out his response to the proposal, which had been previously circulated to Forum members. It was ***agreed*** that this would form the Forum's response to the consultation.	**JB/Secretary**
CAF/76	**Coastal Access Working Group** Agenda No. 9.2 Peter Tunstall-Behrens, Chairman, CAWG, advised that there was a change to the way the coast path would be administered and a new process for managing it. Steve Church added that the Regional Stakeholder Group would be meeting on 26 March 2014, and that a Delivery Group had been set up with responsibility for delivering the projects decided by the Stakeholder Group. Financially Cornwall was adequately resourced, as the amount of coast path	

	it had was taken into account. However in terms of representation, it had 1 representative, as did every other county. It was ***agreed*** that ways of addressing this would be investigated.	**SC**
CAF/77	**Moorland and Open Access Working Group** Agenda No. 9.3 (Further to his earlier declaration of interest, Councillor Maddern left the room for this item) Julie Bate, Chairman, MOAWG, advised that further correspondence and a statement had been received from Mr Ian McNeil Cooke, Save Penwith Moors Action Group. Following the reading of the statement to the Forum and subsequent comprehensive consideration, it was ***agreed*** that a suitable response be drafted. She also gave a brief resume on the Local Nature Partnership meeting she had attended and an update on the proposed Sheviock Bridleway.	**JB**
CAF/78	**St Austell Clays Task and Finish Working Group** Agenda No. 9.4 Bob Fraser, Chairman, SACTFWG, advised that in respect of planning application PA13/ 01142, he had again checked the Council's website for publication of the Forum's written advice and noted that it still had not been included. It was ***agreed*** that a copy of the Forum's letter would be sent to Chris Daly, Strategic Development Management Team Leader.	**Secretary**
CAF/79	**National Local Access Fora Conference (Southern half of England), 4 February 2014 - Report from Bob Fraser** Agenda No.10 It was ***agreed*** to note: (i) the verbal report from Robert Fraser, who had attended the National LAF Conference on 4 February 2014, which included information on the presentations and workshops held during the event. These included the work of the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) and LNP (Local Nature Partnership); nature improvement areas; Big Lottery funding for playing fields; problems for landowners with footpaths and access over their land; dogs; and closure of level crossings. There followed a brief discussion on the closure of level crossings in Cornwall within the last 3 years, which included information from Nick Jeans that Network Rail were expected to examine every remaining level crossing in Cornwall from a safety, convenience for users and cost perspective. (ii) the verbal report from Jane Kiely, who had attended the South West LAF Chairs meeting on 25 March 2014, which included information	**Forum to note**

	on the numbers of meetings held by different LAFs; refreshments; lack of Landowner representatives; Member selection process; LEP funding; HUDDLE; MENE; and that attendees were interested to hear about Cornwall Council's relationship with its contractor.	
CAF/80	**Natural England Open Access Statutory Review - Black Rock and King Arthur's Bed** <u>Agenda No. 11</u> The Forum considered the briefing note circulated at the meeting and ***<u>agreed</u>*** to note the information given relating to NE's statutory review of Black Rock and King Arthurs Bed, which were long term CROW exclusions and as such required periodic review.	**Forum to note**
CAF/81	**Paths 4 Communities** <u>Agenda No. 12</u> It was ***<u>agreed</u>*** to note the information given at the meeting by the Chairman that, following advice from Jane Yates of Natural England that there was no chance of any additional funding, the letter agreed at the last meeting had not been sent.	**Forum to note**
CAF/82	**Statement of Proposed Methodology for Delivering the Revised Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy** <u>Agenda No.13</u> Following consideration of the briefing note circulated at the meeting, it was ***<u>agreed</u>*** that the matter would be discussed by the Forum at its meeting on 27 May 2014.	**Forum to note** **JS/ME**
CAF/83	**CCAF Work Programme 2013/14** <u>Agenda No. 14</u> The Forum considered the updates to the CCAF Work Programme 2013/14 circulated at the meeting, presented by Mike Eastwood, Countryside Access Team Leader, Cornwall Council, and ***<u>agreed</u>*** to note the information given: (i) Countryside Partnerships was a new addition to the Work Programme; (ii) The Public Open Spaces Strategy was due to be put before the Environment and Planning Portfolio Advisory Committee in April 2014. Cornwall Council invited comment from the Forum following this; (iii) The methodology for the Countryside Access Strategy would be discussed at the Forum's meeting on 27 May 2014.	**Forum to note** **JS/ME**
CAF/84	**Date, Time and Venue of Future Meetings** <u>Agenda No.15</u> The date, time and venue of future meetings as listed in the agenda were noted.	**Forum to note**

CAF/85	**Any Business the Chairman Considers to be Urgent** Agenda No. 16 The following matter was accepted as urgent as the Forum wished to determine at its meeting on 27 May 2014 whether it wished to make comment on the matter: (i) Recruitment - In response to a Member query in respect of the 2014 recruitment round, Part 2, Paragraph 3 (1) – (8) of the Statutory Instrument was read, which set out the regulations governing membership of a local access forum and the role of the appointing authority.	**Forum to note**

The meeting ended at 5.30 pm.

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