



Torbay Local Access Forum Meeting
to be held in public on Thursday, 16 February 2012
6.00 pm in the Cecil Room, Oldway Mansion, Torquay Road,
Paignton, TQ3 2TE

If you are unable to attend this meeting please inform the TLAF Secretary.
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The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with the provision of Regulation 7 of the
 LAF (England) Regulations 2002
 (under Sections 94 + 95 of the CROW Act 2000)

Agenda

1.	Apologies - to receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	Declaration of Interests - to declare any interests on matters on the agenda.	
3.	Minutes - to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2011.	(Pages 1 - 4)
4.	Matters arising not shown on the Agenda	
5.	ROWIP 'Wish List'/ Updated ROWIP Map	
6.	Updates from Area Co-ordinators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torquay Co-ordinator : Margaret Forbes-Hamilton • Paignton Co-ordinator : Wanda Hollingworth • Brixham Co-ordinators : Rob Boyd and Mick Lear 	
7.	Update on Forestry Commission - Tree & Woodland Health (Bob Harvey)	
8.	New TLAF Logo To consider the attached draft new TLAF Logos.	(Pages 5 - 6)
9.	Review Election of Chairperson (Minute 5.1 20/12/11 Minutes)	
10.	TLAF Information Sharing	(Pages 7 - 8)
11.	Any Other Business National LAF Conference in February & March – Bob Harvey to attend	
12.	Date/Time/Venue of Next Meetings Thursdays from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at Oldway Mansion, Paignton: 24 May 2012 in Ballroom, Oldway Mansion; 19 July 2012 in Cecil Room, Oldway Mansion; 25 October 2012 - venue to be confirmed.	

Membership

Dominic Acland, Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust (Chairman) Robert Boyd, Brixham Co-Ordinator/Access for the Disabled Lead Councillor Ian Doggett Margaret Forbes-Hamilton, Parks, Green Spaces, heritage/Torquay Co-Ordinator/Environment Lead Bob Harvey, Land Owner	Wanda Hollingworth, Paignton Co-Ordinator/Health and Recreation Lead Mick Lear, Walking/Brixham Co-Ordinator/Coastal Lead Elaine Mason, Walking/Bay Walks John Mellor, Walking/Vice-Chairperson Carole Ann Williams, Walking/Access for the Disabled Lead
Valerie Simpson, Secretary	



Minutes of the Local Access Forum

1 December 2011

-: Present :-

Dominic Acland (Chairman), Councillor Ian Doggett, Margaret Forbes-Hamilton, Bob Harvey, Wanda Hollingworth, Mick Lear, Elaine Mason, John Mellor and Carole Ann Williams

(Also in attendance: James Nicholas and Leah Raybould)

15. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Robert Boyd (RB).

16. Declaration of Interests

None, other than those already notified to the TLAF.

17. Minutes

Subject to Minute 5.4 being amended to read '10 year lease', the Minutes of the meeting of the Torbay Local Access Forum held on 20 September 2011 were accepted and agreed as an accurate report of the meeting.

Action

Leah Raybould to arrange for agreed Minutes to be shown on the TLAF Webpage.

18. Matters arising not shown on the agenda

5.2 Brown Bridge Road

There are no current issues with regards to rights of way but members were encouraged to raise any concerns with James Nicholas if problems arise.

5.4 Astra Zeneca

Dominic Acland will be asking Legal for their comments. Leah Raybould (LR) informed the Forum that the lease would be a 10 year lease and not a 107 year lease as stated in the 20 September 2011 published minutes.

13.2 Village Green Status Applications

LR updated the Forum that Anne-Marie Bond would now be dealing with all Village Green Status applications.

19. ROWIP 'Wish List' (All)

James Nicholas (JN) explained that there is a need to develop the wish list for issues in connection with the ROWIP, which is available on the website at <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/yourbay/parks/prow/rowimprovementplan.htm>. He advised the Forum that requests for funding should be on the wish list to help prioritise funding although there was currently a freeze on all spending.

Action:

JN to consult the Community Partnerships on the ROWIP Wish List.

Members to raise any concerns with the Co-ordinators.

JN to arrange for updated ROWIP map to be circulated to TLAF members at the next meeting.

20. Update on the Torbay Environment and Access Forum (Chair)

Dominic Acland (DA) advised the Forum that the TLAF could not become the Torbay Environment and Access Forum as it is a statutory body, but that Sue Cheriton supported the idea of the new forum but could not offer secretarial support due to lack of resources. He explained that he has been unable to arrange a follow up meeting due to work pressures.

Margaret Forbes-Hamilton (MFH) feels that the Torbay Greenspace Forum needs to be refocused and made more relevant and suggested that it be merged with the new Forum and it's secretarial services used. Councillor Ian Doggett (ID) suggested that it would be useful if the TLAF could feed into the Local Transport Plan 3.

Action:

DA to organise a meeting with Sue Cheriton and other relevant representatives of the different groups to decide how environmental and green issues could best be co-ordinated in Torbay.

21. Updates from Area Co-ordinators

Torquay Co-ordinator: Margaret Forbes-Hamilton reported on:

Scott's Meadow: Planning permission for the site had been refused and there is no current access to the site but the wildlife is increasing.

Land near Edginswell (Tesco): There is currently no access available.

Torre Station Yard: Planning permission has been applied for houses. The fences which Daintons had erected, blocking access to the public footpath will hopefully be removed and a cycle link will be installed.

Innabrook Road: The Forum noted that Innabrook Road is likely to go to Secretary of State if objections are raised to the registering of a Public Right of Way.

Paignton Co-ordinator: Wanda Hollingworth reported on:

Geopark Play Area: The project is going well

Brixham Co-ordinator: Mick Lear reported on:

The cycle path at Hollicombe Park is to be opened up at the Torquay end. Dominic Acland advised that the Woodland Grant had been received.

Action:

James Nicholas to check the access at Edginswell and report back at the next meeting.

MFH to email dates of Neighbourhood Plan meetings to the secretary for her to circulate to members of the TLAF.

22. Brixham Village Green (Rob Boyd)

The Forum was informed that the Council has written to the land owner of the Brixham Village Green as there is vegetation encroaching on the public footpath. This may be an on-going problem, however the TLAF has no legal powers regarding this issue.

23. Report on November LAF Regional Meeting (Bob Harvey)

Bob Harvey (BH) advised the Forum that he attended the Regional Meeting in November where online network 'Huddle' was discussed. BH noted that Huddle is a good basic idea although it may have its draw backs. A lengthy discussion was held on this subject and Dominic Acland (DA) agreed that he would like further clarity on other members viewing Huddle and how the system operates.

It was noted that only one member of the Forum could have access to the site and DA nominated BH.

Action:

Valerie Simpson to notify 'Huddle' of TLAF representative.

24. Forestry Commission - Tree and Woodland Health (Bob Harvey)

Bob Harvey reported back from the Forestry Commission meeting held at Taunton Rugby Club. He presented a graph to the Forum detailing the trees affected by disease.

25. New TLAF Logo (All)

Bob Harvey presented a proposed logo to the Forum which was endorsed by members.

Action:

Leah Raybould to enquire whether Torbay Council's Design Team can format and send a final version back to the next TLAF meeting for agreement.

Valerie Simpson agenda item for February.

26. TLAF Information Sharing as at December 2011 (to be tabled - for information only)

Leah Raybould informed the Forum that this would be circulated after the meeting.

Action:

Secretary to circulate.

27. Any Other Business - 'Old Maid's Perch' Gardens

Margaret Forbes-Hamilton raised concerns with a small area of amenity land to the eastern edge 'Old Maid's Perch' Gardens, Torbay Road as the land currently has planning permission.

Action:

Valerie Simpson to email Garth Millard to enquire when the land is taken over if the public have access after the planning application is passed. The TLAF supported the remaining seven disposals of land applications.

28. Date/Time/Venue of Next Meetings

All members noted the future meeting dates:

All Thursdays from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.:
16 February 2012 in the Cecil Room, Oldway Mansion, Paignton;
24 May 2012 in the Ballroom, Oldway Mansion, Paignton;
19 July 2012 in the Cecil Room, Oldway Mansion, Paignton;
25 October 2012 – venue to be confirmed.

The Chairperson thanked all those that attended and closed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



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Torbay Local Access Forum – Information Sharing as at 30 January 2012

(Most recently received shown first)

<p>For Members who do not have access to a computer, please ask the TLAF Secretary for a copy of information OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ONLY shown below (always bearing in mind cost for printing same).</p>
<p>Independent Panel on Forestry. Note of November meeting : Brief note of Independent Panel meeting held on 17th November. Shortcut to: http://www.defra.gov.uk/forestrypanel/files/SummaryNote17Nov1.pdf The Panel visited Yorkshire at the beginning of December to look at the value of forests in protected landscapes and ecosystems. Recreation also featured in discussions: Received 3 January 2012</p>
<p>FREE Outdoor Mobility Equipment Showcase event on Friday.10 February 2012 - 11.00am to 6.00 p.m. at Isca House Haven Road Exeter, EX2 8DS to try out a range of the latest rugged outdoor powered and manual mobility equipment and find out more about the Countryside Mobility scheme. For more information contact : James Maben Countryside Mobility SW Project Manager www.countrysidemobility.org Tel: 01392 456522 Mobile: 07540 722311 Living Options Devon, Isca House, Haven Road, Exeter, EX2 8DS. Flyer forwarded to all for information. Received 5 January 2012</p>
<p>National LAF Conference 6 March - Bristol / 28 February – Newcastle – Bob Harvey to attend and report back to the LAF. Invitation received January 2012</p>
<p>South West Regional Meeting : Regional Co-ordinator asked, as approaching the end of the financial year, would it be helpful to have a meet up of LAF secretaries and LAF Chairs or alternatively separate meetings for Secretaries and Chairs before the end of March? Chairs/Secretaries to inform Hilary of their views and whether there are matters they would like to cover if a meeting is convened? Received January 2012</p>
<p>Independent Forestry Panel : http://www.defra.gov.uk/forestrypanel/files/Summary-note-21-December.pdf Link to notes of Independent Forestry Panel meeting held in December. The Panel acknowledges the challenging timescale to deliver a final report in May. Received 13 January 2012</p>
<p>Green Connect South West : A free networking and learning event for Friends of Parks groups, community groups and parish councils. Bridgwater College & Walled Gardens at Cannington near Bridgwater - Saturday 25th February, 10am-3pm : Information sent out to all Jan 2012 – Wanda Hollingworth attending. Received 12 January 2012</p>
<p>Update on the Review of National Trails : Letter from Natural England Hercules House Hercules Road London SE17DU : Dear Colleague, I am writing to update you on the progress we are making with the Review of National Trails. Through this review, we want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ensure we achieve best value and most effective use of resources;- Make the best of opportunities for engaging local people;- Implement flexible management models that reflect the needs of National Trails at different stages of development and in differing circumstances, now and in the future. <p>Over the summer 2011, Natural England carried out a number of informal discussions with partners on what they felt worked and didn't work with the current arrangements for the management of National Trails. We are grateful for the input we've had to-date from partners. The feedback we gathered has been very helpful. Broadly speaking, our partners told us:</p> <p>Maintenance - There was a strong sense, that after several years of reducing support, Highway Authorities budgets are at a threshold, below which it will become increasingly difficult for them to continue to maintain the Trails in anything like an acceptable standard. Crucially, the issue of parity between trails also needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Promotion – It was widely recognised that much more needs to be done to meet international as well as local user need for information provision and promotion. After maintenance, proper and effective promotion is the most important distinguishing factor in the success of National Trails.</p> <p>Standards – There is a need to update and improve them. Natural England's role in setting standards and providing funding helps to secure National Trails as a priority for Local Authorities and provides a lever for action. Cont/...</p>

Corridor Management – There was strong support to look wider than the actual route on the ground and to ensure that management is appropriate in terms of the access experience to user, as well as achieving landscape and biodiversity objectives within the wider landscape.

Management and Oversight - Having a clear lead for the co-ordination of delivery for the Trail was seen as important. Join up at the Trail level is vital and there is a need for management tasks to be undertaken in a co-ordinated way through a Management Plan. Currently this role is carried out by the National Trail Officer who is usually employed by a partner and supported by Natural England grant aid. The majority of partners have emphasised the importance of this role, although some partners wanted more autonomy about how tasks were performed, for example, sharing the work between several members of staff as opposed to a single National Trail Officer.

Natural England is currently developing a set of proposals which builds on the feedback we received. We anticipate the focus will be on key areas, such as:

- The roles of organisations involved in the delivery of National Trails; and
- Ways to strengthen trail-led delivery; and
- The funding arrangements for National Trails

We wish to engage with you on our thinking and are currently planning this work. We will write to you with more detail in the coming weeks about this. In the meantime, if you would like to get in touch with us about this work, please contact Rachel.Cook@NaturalEngland.org.uk.

Yours , Liz Newton, Director of Access and Engagement

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