



## 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)

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### 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.