



Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF)

for Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire

Approved Minutes of meeting, Thursday, 4th November 2021

Date: Thursday, 4th November 2021

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Zoom

Present: JLAF Members: Kathy Thomas (Chair of the JLAF) (KT), Donald MacIntyre (Vice-Chair of the JLAF) (DM), Charlie Moore (CM), Ann Fay (AF), Peter Bird (PB), Tessa Fitzjohn (TF), Chris Bloor (CB), Keith Weller (KW), Ryan Wills (RW), Andrew Gough (AG).

Also in attendance: Judith Haynes - Wilts and Swindon Countryside Access Forum (JH), Duncan Venison - Bristol City Council (TB), Lindsay Saunders – South Gloucestershire Council (LS), Graeme Stark – Bath & North East Somerset Council and Secretary to the JLAF (GS).

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A	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	
A1	Introductions KT welcomed everyone to the meeting including JH who is attending as an observer on behalf of the Wilts and Swindon Countryside Access Forum. Each JLAF member in attendance introduced themselves.	
A2	Apologies Rennie Dickins, John Darvill, Robert Davies and Michel Bell.	
A3	Declarations of interest None.	
A4	Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th August 2021 The draft minutes from the August 2021 meeting have been circulated to all JLAF members. The minutes were approved unanimously as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keith Weller to be removed from, and Ryan Wills to be added to, the list of members present.	

B	<u>MAIN BUSINESS</u>	
B1	<p>Green Lane Association's Volunteer Lengthsman Scheme</p> <p>The Green Lane Association's Volunteer Lengthsman Scheme involves volunteers 'adopting' local byways and walking or driving them 3/4 times per year. The scheme is similar to the BRAM Team's 'Shears and Secateurs', where volunteers cut back vegetation which is manageable and report more substantial issues to the respective PROW Team. The GLA has its own online mapping showing the routes which can be used in motor vehicles and comments from recent users; CM will forward to URL to GS for onward distribution to JLAF members. GS will provide CM with the details of a contact in Highways Maintenance who is responsible for the maintenance of UCRs.</p>	GS CM
C	<u>ITEMS TO REPORT / FOR INFORMATION</u>	
C1	<p>News from the PROW Teams</p> <p>DV was asked about the cycle priority traffic lights in Bristol; these have proven very successful and more sets are being installed around the city.</p> <p>AF noted the excellent work being done by LS as SGC's lead officer on public rights of way.</p>	
D	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
D1	<p>Planning for the Future White Paper update</p> <p>GS noted that the government appear to have abandoned their previously proposed planning reforms and that new proposals will presumably be brought forward in due course.</p>	
D2	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>JH gave an overview of the work done by the Wilts and Swindon Countryside Access Forum. They have not met frequently over the last 18 months due to COVID restrictions, but they are currently looking at reporting alternatives to Fix My Street. JH also runs a volunteer group organising walks, work parties and leaflets.</p> <p>The subject of the OutdoorsWest website was raised. This is now solely a SGC project and B&NES Council host their PROW information and website to the Council's own website; GS to provide a link to the online mapping.</p> <p>The March 2022 meeting will provisionally be held in person at the Keynsham Community Space. Dan Norris (WECA Mayor) will be invited to talk.</p>	GS

E	<u>FUTURE JLAF MEETING</u>	
	The next JLAF meeting is scheduled for 2pm on 3 rd March 2022	
	Close 15.00pm	