



Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF)

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

Approved Minutes of meeting, Friday 1st March 2019

Date: Friday 1st November 2018

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Community Room, Keynsham Library, Market Walk, Keynsham, BS31 1FS

Present: JLAF Members: Kathy Thomas (Chair of the JLAF) (KT), Donald MacIntyre (Vice-Chair of the JLAF) (DM), Rennie Dickins (RDi), John Darvill (JD), Chris Simpson (CS), Peter Gould (PG), Ken Mill (KM), Chris Bloor (CB), Peter Bird (PB), Keith Weller (KW), Ann Fay (AF), Andrew Gough (AG), Cllr Liz Richardson (LR).

Also in attendance: Nicola Chidley – South Gloucestershire Council (NC), Duncan Venison – Bristol City Council (TB), Eddie Proctor (EP), Graeme Stark – Bath & North East Somerset Council and Secretary of the JLAF (GS).

		Action
A	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	
A1	Introductions KT welcomed JLAF members to the meeting. EP has a background in landscape recreation and has recently joining BCC's PROW Team.	
A2	Apologies None.	
A3	Declarations of interest None.	
A4	Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd November 2018 The draft minutes from the November 2018 meeting had been circulated to all JLAF Members. The minutes were unanimously approved as a true and correct record.	
A5	Matters arising from 2nd November 2018 meeting not otherwise on the agenda None.	

B	<u>MAIN BUSINESS</u>	
B1	<p>DMMO applications and recording PROWs</p> <p>Under the Deregulation Act 2015, unrecorded rights of way which came into existence prior to 1949 will be automatically extinguished in 2026, subject to a number of protections. Consequently, there is a need for members of the public to apply for Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) if these routes are to be protected after 2026. PG highlighted a DMMO he was involved with in St Anne's where a route was deemed to have been a public right of way (PROW) for over 100 years; it was possible to shorten the recording process by BCC making a s25 dedication agreement in lieu of a DMMO. AF is currently dealing with a DMMO at Talbot Farm. NC stated that 'consent orders' may potentially shorten the process by incorporating diversions which satisfy the landowner and therefore avoid them objecting to the DMMO. However, consent orders and all other provisions of the Dereg Act are still awaiting implementation before they can be used. DM stated that a landowner he welcomes public access on his land and that he's applied for a DMMO to record a route in St Catherine. CS queried how the JLAF could help to manage cattle in fields. KT stated that because the Dereg Act hasn't come into effect, and there are concerns that it won't come into effect, it is unclear what is happening with the legislation.</p>	
B2	<p>Joint Local Transport Plan</p> <p>The three Appointing Authorities are currently consulting on a new Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP) which sets out a vision for the future of travel and transport across the West of England up to 2036. KT provided a summary of the JLTP based on the summary slides provided by the Appointing Authorities. GS agreed to email around the consultation documents.</p> <p>JD flagged up a reference for walking, cycling and connecting communities to public transport. This is especially important in rural communities and ties in with the JLAF's interests. KT agreed that local transport is important and highlighted Metrobus. DV stated that Metrobus has been very successful and the M2 and M3 routes are working well. PB pointed out that it is important for outer communities to be connected to avoid commuting congestion. KT said that the JLTP ties in with where development is proposed under the Spatial Strategy and that large developments must have good transport links. RD felt that the JLTP must be ambitious, particularly with respect to improving air quality. JD stated that new developments in city centres don't have parking but in rural areas this is no alternative to cars without a cheap, good quality alternative.</p>	GS
C	<u>ITEMS TO REPORT/FOR INFORMATION</u>	
C1	<p>News from the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Teams</p> <p>SGC's written report was included in the background papers. There is a large amount of ongoing development and discussions about Charfield Station reopening. Liz Kinsey is working as a project officer on the River Frome Project looking at rewilding and land management. It was suggested that Liz could be asked to give a presentation at a future JLAF meeting. SGC are still waiting for progress with the Coast Path. BCC's written report was included in the background papers. BCC are</p>	

	<p>hoping to clear the DMMO backlog in 3-4 years. Currently working on a join project with SGC in Kings Weston. There are 6 or 7 s106 projects currently on going and the new ROWIP will back up developers obligations to enter into s106 agreements. RD asked for an update on the Kings Weston bridge. DV confirmed that historic England consent has been gained but the works are not included in the 2019/20 budget. RD to write to BCC to ask when this will be done.</p> <p>B&NESC's written report was included in the background papers. KT asked about missing links in Peasedown St John. GS said that people would need to apply for DMMOs to have unrecorded routes added to the Definitive Map. DV said that there is a lot of work involved which is why they take so long but it would be wise to have a plan in place.</p>	RD
D	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
D1	<p>Don't Lose Your Way</p> <p>KT circulated the Don't Lose Your Way leaflet which is about getting unrecorded PROWs added to the Definitive Map. Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey recently ran a training session. PG said that Know Your Place provides excellent information on old maps and KM added that the Ramblers also have links to historical documents. PB queried whether the JLAF should be getting involved in getting these routes recorded. GS said that the onus lies with anyone who wants to get a route recorded to find the evidence to support their application. KW asked if anyone wants to co-ordinate on behalf of the JLAF and it was suggested that someone could at least collate a list of potential routes if JLAF members flagged these up. PB said that the most important are the ones currently used but not recorded and that engaging with parish councils is important.</p>	
D2	<p>Any other business</p> <p>KW asked about Active Travel and Accessibility Forums; GS will find out more information for the JLAF. KW also asked if anyone had experience of organising interpretation boards but no one present had any experience.</p> <p>RD asked what livestock safety information is available. KM said that the Ramblers have information and this was circulated last year.</p>	GS
D3	<p>Election of Chair for Next four month period</p> <p>KT and DM agreed to continue as chair and vice-chair respectively for a further four month term until 16th July 2019. The vote was unanimous in support.</p>	
F	<u>FUTURE JLAF MEETING</u>	
	The next JLAF meeting is scheduled for 2pm on 5 th July 2019	
	Close 16.20pm	