



Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF)

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

Approved Minutes of meeting, Friday 2nd November 2018

Date: Friday 2nd 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), Peter Gould (PG), Chris Bloor (CB), Keith Weller (KW), Robert Davies (RDa), Andrew Gough (AG), Cllr Liz Richardson (LR).

Also in attendance: Nicola Chidley – South Gloucestershire Council (NC), Duncan Venison – Bristol City Council (TB), Theo Brumhead (TB), 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.	
A2	Apologies Chris Barrable (CB), John Darvill (JD), Cllr Michael Bell (MB), Cllr Mike Langley (ML), Peter Bird (PB), Ken Mill (KM), Ann Fay (AF).	
A3	Declarations of interest None.	
A4	Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th July 2018 The draft minutes from the July 2017 meeting had been circulated to all JLAF Members. The minutes were unanimously approved as a true and correct record.	
A5	Matters arising from 6th July 2018 meeting not otherwise on the agenda RDi asked for an update on the Kings Weston bridge. DV said that the bridge had been hit again and that an assessment will now need to be made as to whether the bridge can be repaired or will need to be completely rebuilt. DV will get an update from the colleagues dealing with the issue and feed back to the JLAF.	DV
B	<u>MAIN BUSINESS</u>	

<p>B1</p>	<p>Planning and Development</p> <p>KT gave a presentation on planning and development policy and ran through the sections relevant to public access. It was queried whether the JLAF should be more involved in planning applications so that they can flag up relevant access issues backed up by relevant policy.</p> <p>DEFRA circular 1/09 is the statutory guidance specifically related to PROWs. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was revised in July and this reflects circular 1/09. RDa highlighted that PROWs are a material consideration. It was suggested that planning policy deliberately vague so that it can mean whatever people want it to mean. LR pointed towards both the NPPG and ministerial guidance which provides further clarification and elaborates on the fuller meaning of the NPPF which can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance.</p> <p>It was highlighted that there is a requirement to plan positively for public space but that there is a need for public buy-in to actually function and this can be a problem for marginal developments. RDa queried how the JLAF would get consulted. GS said that the each authority's planning department lets anyone register to receive notification of applications that meet criteria which can be set by that person, so a JLAF member just need to contact the planning teams. KT stated that planning is the key to a lot of the JLAF's issues of concern. KW asked whether the JLAF PROW sub-committee could look at appropriate applications. LR said that parishes and PROW Offices already look at all applications and that it's perhaps the larger developments where the JLF would achieve the most gain and that someone with a local interest would be best placed to draft the response.</p> <p>The Environmental Plan is currently being fleshed-out, the Joint Spatial Strategy is also very important and the Mayoral Strategy picks up some key issues. There is a requirement to promoted sustainable transport and Bath is bringing in a Clean Air Zone (CAZ); the Government notified c.20 cities that they must address air quality issues by 2021. LR highlighted that CAZs will likely mean that pedestrians and cyclists will encounter few vehicles even on the fringes. There are overlaps with the health and wellbeing agenda and sustainability is the key word.</p> <p>KT said that highway safety and cumulative traffic impact is the only real basis for preventing development from a highways perspective. Pedestrians and cyclists are to be given priority thought and the JLAF can ask for Travel Plans if they're not already included in an application. RDa stated that the JLAF needs to be involved in the Local Plan consultations to be truly effective. GS agreed to contacting the three Councils' planning policy teams to ask for the JLAF to be added to their consultation lists. NC said that the PSP10 is SGC's key planning document and it safeguards Active Travel Routes which includes PROWs.</p>	<p>GS</p>
<p>C</p>	<p><u>ITEMS TO REPORT/FOR INFORMATION</u></p>	
<p>C1</p>	<p>News from the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Teams</p> <p>SGC's written report was included in the background papers; there were no questions for NC.</p>	

	<p>BCC's written report was included in the background papers and they have just recruited a new member of staff with will start on 1st December. Metrobus has been very successful so far especially the M3 route.</p> <p>B&NESC's written report was included in the background papers; there were no questions for GS.</p>	
C2	<p>JLAF Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee</p> <p>RDi said that for the HWB Sub-Committee to be viable it needs more attendees and the JLAF were asked if more people would attend if the meetings were moved to the evening. Some members said that it might be more convenient but other members said that they couldn't make evening meetings. GS conveyed JD suggestion that matters currently covered by the HWB sub-committee should be re-absorbed back into the main JLAF meeting. RDi proposed that matters currently covered by the HWB sub-committee should be re-absorbed back into the main JLAF meeting; this was seconded by DM and agreed unanimously. It was noted that there would be nothing to stop the JLAF re-establishing the sub-committee if the need arose in the future. GS will cancel the room bookings and RDi will circulate the resources collected by the HWB Sub-Committee.</p>	<p>GS RDi</p>
C3	<p>JLAF Rights of Way Sub-Committee</p> <p>KW suggested that the JLAF could help the three councils with prioritising routes as identified in 1.1 and 1.2 of the draft ROWIP. NC suggested that volunteers could also help with surveys and maintenance.</p>	
D	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
D1	<p>ROWIP Update</p> <p>GS will circulate the current draft of the ROWIP to JLAF members.</p>	GS
D2	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>RDi expressed frustration at the way TROs are handled. There is very little information about the Frome Valley Walkway TRO. NC will feedback the problems to the appropriate team.</p>	NC
D3	<p>Election of Chair for Next four month period</p> <p>No JLAF members were willing to put themselves forward for election. KT therefore agreed to continue for a further four month term until 16th March 2019.</p>	
F	<u>FUTURE JLAF MEETING</u>	
	The next JLAF meeting is scheduled for 2pm on 1 st March 2019	
	Close 16.00pm	

