

Item No.	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 7th July 2016, 7pm Shire Hall Warwickshire County Council	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Claire Sangster, Joe Carroll, Michael Orlik, Sheila Cooper, Steven Wallsgrove, John Hall, Gina Rowe, Mike Murray, Vaughan Owen, Dave Allen, Roger Stone, Robin Hickin, Perminder Balu</p> <p>Apologies: Lex Le Marinel, Pat Barber, Annabel Arnold,</p> <p>Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Keith Davenport (WCC), Marion Borman (WCC), Dave Keaney (SMBC), Abi Culley (WCC)</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Notes from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alistair Rigby was welcomed as new Co-ordinator taking over from Louise Richards • The Chair invited everyone to introduce themselves • Disabled Ramblers Association presentation by J Cuthbertson at the last meeting was excellent though lengthy. 20 minute guideline set for future presentations 	
3.	<p>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding expenses should be returned asap. Perminder has an outstanding claim 	AR
4.	<p>Notes from meeting on 21st April 2015 Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting</p> <p>All actions had been progressed.</p> <p>Coventry City Council's map of PROW. The terms and conditions need to be accepted then the PROWs will be available to switch on. http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/110/planning_applications/1333/online_planning_map</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council's map of PROW http://maps.warwickshire.gov.uk/rightsofway/</p> <p>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's map of PROW. Details of how to gain access will be provided at the next meeting</p>	

5.	<p>Local Street Gazetteer – Presentation Hereford To be rearranged for November’s meeting</p> <p>Herefordshire County Council’s Highways Map shows: Definitive Map; List of Streets; Street Works Register; Local Street Gazetteer https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/beta/highways-maps</p> <p>Perminder to speak to Chair of Hereford LAF to discuss presentation at next meeting. Peter McKay was suggested</p>	AR
6.	<p>Rural Economy – Abi Culley Abi gave an update on WCC’s review of the rural agenda. 70 rural stakeholders were consulted in the first stage, including LAF.</p> <p>Once a draft rural statement and action plan are agreed it will be shared with LAF in preparation for a second consultation stage planned for the autumn.</p> <p>The subtext to the consultation is finding ways WCC can support the rural agenda whilst operating within severe budgetary constraints.</p> <p>Abi will share consultation paperwork with LAF before the consultation is launched.</p>	
7.	<p>Task & Finish Group – Joe Carroll</p> <p>The Group met for the first time on 2 June, Chaired by Joe. Present: Sheila Cooper, Roger Stone, Mike Murray. Officer: Lex Le Marinel</p> <p>Purpose of the group – to find out Coventry City Council’s public access issues, suggest ways they might be lessened or overcome and report back.</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting are attached and have been put on LAF webpage</p> <p>Main points discussed:</p> <p>Since 2013 Coventry has been a ‘Marmot City’ – giving access to expertise from University College, London to help reduce health inequalities. A key target is improving access for all residents to ROW. This will be achieved by raising awareness of the network, and promoting healthy walks and activities to schools, GP surgeries etc.</p> <p>Re-educating dog walkers using ROW, perhaps by using signs similar to those used in Warwickshire that remind owners to keep dogs on leads and warn of the effects of dog fouling on the environment.</p>	AR

	<p>Sheila will follow up lead with BBC Countryfile to air the issue.</p> <p>Minutes of T&F group meeting were submitted to LAF for approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>Comments from floor: Coventry City Council doesn't seem to be fully supporting ROW activity.</p> <p>Kennel Club at Stoneleigh could be approached for advice on educating dog walkers. See link below. http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/our-resources/the-kennel-club-building-in-stoneleigh-park/</p>	
8.	<p>Unclassified County Roads (UCR) – Keith Davenport WCC Highways Team is responsible for maintaining UCRs. Day to day contact is through Highway's Locality Officers. Necessary maintenance of which is carried out by Balfour Beatty.</p> <p>The Deregulation Act 2015 received royal assent on 26 March 2015. A small but important part of the act concerns public rights of way, and will take effect once the regulations and guidance have been completed probably by the end of September 2016.</p> <p>Guidance will then be issued on exactly which categories of route will be exempt from the 2026 cut off.</p> <p>LAF to comment on regulations & guidance once published.</p> <p>On 1 January 2026 the government will close the definitive maps to the claim of historic paths which existed before 1949 (section 53 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW Act)), with the aim of providing certainty to landowners about what highways exist on their land.</p>	ALL
9.	<p>Feedback from LAF Co-ordinators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROW – Michael Orlik – no issues to report • Disabled Access Issues – Joe Carroll – no issues to report • Canals & Rivers - Roger Stone – no issues to report 	
10.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting (16 November)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair / vice Chair • Group contact details • Latest on Deregulation Act 2015 – Michael Orlik / Marion Boreman • Rural Economy – Abi Culley • Local Street Gazetteer – Herefordshire CC. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on Natural England's research report into dementia and the natural environment <p>http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5910641209507840</p>	
11.	Date and venue for next meeting 16 th November 2016 Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm). Parking will be available in the car par underneath Barrack Street Office.	