

Item No.	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 7pm 26th January 2023 Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Mike Patrick, Claire Sangster, Cllr Andy Wright, Sheila Cooper, John Hall, Elizabeth Birtley, Kenneth Thomas, Mike Murray, Roger Waring, Diane Smith, Craig Williams Via Teams: Gina Rowe, Vaughan Owen, Sarah Jane Cash</p> <p>Apologies: Michael Orlik, Joe Carroll, Robin Hickin, Byron Melia, Crawford Davidson, Alex Le Marinel (CCC), Marion Borman (WCC), Thomas Crawford (WCC)</p> <p>Members of the Public:</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Darren Lee (WCC) Via Teams: Steve Hawley (SMBC)</p> <p>Other attendees:</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Opening remarks Vice Chair, Claire Sangster chaired the meeting and announced the retirement of Michael Orlik as a member of LAF. A thank you card was circulated for attendees to sign.</p>	
3.	<p>Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair (members only) Sheila Cooper nominated Elizabeth Birtley for Chair Kenneth Thomas nominated Sheila Cooper for Vice chair</p> <p>No further nominations were received</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 13th October 2022 & matters arising Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Matters arising: LAF Terms of Reference (2006) to reflect a change in 6) Role & Responsibilities of the Forum by removing reference to Gating Orders.</p> <p>6.5) to read: As a statutory consultee, to comment on Public Spaces under proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders 2019 and Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014</p>	
5.	<p>Planned road closures and diversions - provision for non-vehicle traffic Kenneth Thomas, Member led the discussion by highlighting the current perceived temporary closure to all traffic on 'Old Gated Road', Chesterton (E6071 linking Chesterton village to B4100). It is a popular cycle route, part of Sustrans Route 41, helping to avoid using The Fosse Way. The closure notice is from 25/11/22 to 25/07/23.</p>	

	<p>Kenneth has spoken to Gemma Millard, Network Management, WCC to confirm that the fencing erected by the contractor does allow for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians to pass through. However Kenneth points out that the signage warning of the road closure ahead does not mention that access is available to non-vehicular traffic. The lack of clarity around road closures is a common issue on Warwickshire roads. Action: Cllr Wright to take up with Network Management, WCC</p> <p>John Hall explained that highways are usually closed using Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, under Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994. Closures can be for up to 6 months but do allow for permitted access where required.</p> <p>A discussion followed about LAF receiving planning applications that impacted on PRow and how feedback would be given to the planning authority.</p>	
6.	<p>Election of Chair (members only by ballot) Elizabeth Birtley was duly elected and took the Chair</p>	
7.	<p>Election of Vice Chair (members only by ballot) Sheila Cooper was duly elected</p>	
8.	<p>Presentation: Kenilworth Greenway, WCC Country Parks & Green Spaces Apologies given by Thomas Crawford, WCC. A brief discussion focused on the influence LAF could have on the permanent route for the Greenway rather than on the existing diversionary route. The LAF could work with Cycling UK, Sustrans, BHS to support conversations with HS2 in delivering the permanent Kenilworth Greenway route.</p> <p>It was agreed for WCC Country Parks to attend the next meeting to explain their roles and responsibilities for the Greenway.</p>	
9.	<p>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC) <u>Warwickshire County Council (WCC)</u> Darren Lee, RoW Officer presented the report including photos of maintenance work. 478 volunteer hours have been logged maintaining the network since the last LAF meeting. Questionnaire has been prepared, ready for sign off, to use in upcoming consultation on ROWIP</p>	

	<p>In response to questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to the consultation will be shared with LAF as part of consultation process • In excess of 200 DMMOs being processed <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)</u> Steve Hawley presented his report which included photos of recent maintenance work on boardwalk and pathways.</p> <p>HS2 main works continue to have a significant impact. SMBC continues to hold a working group to engage user groups on matters associated with HS2 and PRow.</p> <p>M42 is a nationally significant scheme, being progressed by Highways England through a mechanism known as a Development Consent Order. Currently working with Skanska for them to provide enhanced signs on diverted and closed routes in light of recent feedback.</p> <p>Currently looking to plot closed routes on Onenetwork to provide additional information for users.</p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u> It was noted that no update given or report shared for circulation. It was noted Coventry's most recent ROWIP 2007-2017.</p>	
9.	<p>Reimbursement – travel claims for attendance (members only) New expenses form to be circulated to members to claim for reasonable travel expenses to meetings</p>	
10.	<p>AOB A formal recognition of thanks to Michael Orlik and Claire Sangster for their hard work and dedication to LAF over many years as Chair and Vice chair respectively</p>	
11.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenilworth Greenway update, WCC Greenspaces Team • Adam Tranter, Bicycle Mayor of Coventry • Proposals to encouraging more people to make use of the countryside – Craig Williams, Member 	
11.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 7pm 27th April 2023 Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC 	ALL