Balfour Beatty Council

Working for Herefordshire

Herefordshire Local Access Forum Meeting

Date: 21 January 2022

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ATTEN	DANCE				
Name:	Nam	e:			
lan Carr	Carr Ian Stead				
Sue Enfi		m Bush (Balfour Beatty)			
	Iike Everitt Jill Addis (Balfour Beatty) Duncan Green Cllr Symonds				
Cllr Harr		Parr (Member of the public)			
Arthur Lo					
APOLO	GIES				
	on, Myra Chilman, David Howerski, Peter Newman,	Josie Pearson, Hugh Vernon. David Willis			
resigned	repared By: Jill Addis				
	A SUMMARY				
AGEND					
1.0	Welcome and apologies for absence				
2.0	Minutes				
3.0	Matters arising				
4.0	Forum Business				
5.0	Rights of Way Service Provider's Report				
6.0	Working Group Reports				
7.0	Questions from members of the public				
8.0	Any other business				
	Any business submitted to the Chair prior to/or at to time permitting at the discretion of the Chair	ne beginning of the meeting. To be discussed			
9.0	Proposed dates of 2022 meetings				
	ТВС				
DISTRIE	BUTION				
HLAF M	embers, Spencer Grogan, Herefordshire Council we	bsite			
MIN	JTES AND CHECK LIST	ACTION			
580.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE				
	Apologies were noted as above.				
581.	MINUTES				
	The minutes were agreed as a true record of the m	eeting.			
582.	MATTERS ARISING				
	ME said they had heard nothing about statistics fol	owing a meeting with AA in April.			
	CB said there were a number of anomalies with Co				

move to HC would hopefully provide an opportunity to capture more accurate data.

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	ME commented that he did not understand how HC monitored the contract with inaccurate data.	
	ME had concerns about work stopping altogether during the transfer to HC due to the processes that would need to be put in place.	
	Cllr H said there was a contingency and extra funding available. There would be a staggered return and a service agreement with Hoople to undertake operational work on the ground. He will ask that the plan is shared with LAF members. He would like to be able to start using volunteers as a resource immediately.	Clir H
	Cllr S said it would be useful if the forum could provide details of established groups of volunteers. They could then be prioritised, possibly setting up a pilot scheme in 2 or 3 areas that could be rolled out.	ALL
	ME said volunteers should only be used as a support. Cllr H replied that volunteers would not be expected to 'do the hard yards'.	
	DG said he and AL had met with Hoople and setting up a database would not be difficult. He added that Powys had a good model for working with volunteers. He also said that a meeting should be planned with parish footpath officers.	
	Cllr H & Cllr S are to make contact with DG and AL regarding their meeting with Hoople.	
	AL said that a Volunteer Co-ordinator would be required. Cllr added that the role was an essential part of the transfer. AL said that Mike Goodwin was now the Chair of the Ramblers and would be a good contact as he also arranged volunteers.	
583.	FORUM BUSINESS	
	AL had nothing to report.	
584.	RIGHTS OF WAY SERVICE PROVIDER'S REPORT	
	AL asked if there were any questions on the report which had been sent out in December.	
	DG said he would like more detail on the enforcement cases. He would like to know what the progress is on each case. CB said he would look into what could be provided, depending on GDPR.	СВ
	IS asked when modification M325 in Dinedor would be put on the map as it has been blocked by landowners. He will send details through to CB.	IS
585.	WORKING GROUP REPORTS	
	AL said DH had been in contact with Jesse Norman regarding deferring 2026. Cllr H asked how to focus attention on the issue. DG said there is a meeting of the Stakeholder Working Group in March. There are 3 representatives on the group that he knows. He will forward details to Cllr H. One of the 3 is Mike Walker who used to work for Herefordshire. DG suggested that the council start to lobby them.	DG

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	CB asked to refer back to M325. He found some detail and said that the status was pending as it was a medium priority and that high priority applications would be dealt with first. Cllr H asked if he could find out the timescale for it being looked at.	
	DG added it would need to go through another legal step before going on the map, and may end up a Public Inquiry. He felt that there were grounds for HC to take enforcement action even though it wasn't on the map and asked that this be looked in to.	СВ
586.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	Andy Parr introduced himself as a PFO for Upton Bishop. He recommended looking at the Somerset model for using volunteers and will send a link to their site. He has 4 or 5 volunteers in his area but they require training and support.	
587.	AOB	
	PN sent the following before the meeting. "Mortimer Trail The handbook to this route went out of print some time ago. If we want to encourage	
	walking visitors it is urgent that this is reprinted before the Spring/Summer walking season.	
	As this booklet is sold and not given away this should result in a profit being made so no cost to the public purse. In addition Herefordshire Council provided 2 map cases which contained a map of the route and additional information. One is located in Kington and the second in Ludlow, both are still there but are totally empty of any contents ! Would it be possible to replace the maps and information and when could this be done ?"	
	SG sent the following response. "This question as come up previously.	
	Obviously through the contract we're not in a position to fund the re-print and this was forwarded onto our "Choose how you move" team within the Council.	
	They have suggested speaking to Rachel Jones from the HC Economic Development team to assist with an approach to Visit Herefordshire."	
	ME asked if there could be an update on the transfer before April. Cllr H replied that he would send something out after the Cabinet meeting.	Cllr H
	Cllr H said if the group had any suggestions to send them through now as people were actively looking at the transfer now.	
	ME asked for a contact for Cllr Symonds. He felt that a detailed plan was needed before any suggestions could be made.	
	DG said that benchmarking was needed. The council needed to be looking at Hampshire, Norfolk, Powys and Somerset. He is also to provide the link to the Conservation Volunteers Handbook.	DG
588.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	List of potential dates to be sent out. Meeting closed at 10.50.	
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Chairman:

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