NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

M I N U T E S

of meeting held on **11th April 2007** at the

Tea Room - Council House from 6.30 pm to 8 pm

✓	Malcolm Bescoby	✓	Nick Hynes
✓	John Boland		Wendy Judge
✓	Bill Clarke	✓	Trevor Muxlow
✓	Roger Codling	✓	Mary Myles
✓	Angela Cooke		Councillor Packer
✓	Councillor Grocock	✓	Joan Wildgust
✓	Tom Huggon	✓	Bill Wright

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

John Lee (Advisor), Jenny Kukan (Secretary), David Gibson (Observer)

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 None received

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 (Item 7.1) Trevor Muxlow is still working on contacting the relevant people regarding the overgrown grass at Wollaton Park. Paul Owen, Nature Conservation Officer was suggested at the last NLAF meeting. **Trevor Muxlow**

2.2 (Item 7.3) The training event organised by Natural England for LAF members was said to be an excellent varied day with good instructors and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

2.3 (Item 7.5) Jenny French is on maternity leave but is still willing to come along to present to the forum about the City Council's Open and Green Spaces Strategy ('Breathing Space'). This may either be at the next meeting or at an alternative date beforehand which might be more convenient for her. John Lee to contact Jenny French to arrange. **John Lee**

2.4 (Item 7.6) Tom Huggon reported that some improvements have already been carried out around the footpath which links Carlton

Road and Sneinton Dale. However there are still some fences in need of repair.

3 UPDATE ON DEFINITIVE RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY

3.1 Three exhibitions are planned for the proposed Clifton to Beeston Foot and Cycle Bridge in Clifton to engage with local residents. The purpose of these exhibitions is to provide pictures of what the bridge may look like and answer any questions or concerns residents may have. Any modifications will be carried out to the exhibitions before they are taken to do similar days in Beeston. Members are invited to come along to any of the exhibitions.

Leaflets have been delivered to 10,750 houses in the Clifton area with a reply slip to gauge local views and inviting residents to the exhibitions.

It was suggested by Councillor Grocock that a wider distribution area may help to gain greater support and provide a more balanced view. The Nottingham Arrow could be used to do this within the city boundary and other local newspapers may provide a possibility for distribution in Broxtowe Borough Council.

3.2 The Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) has taken priority over the last few months meaning that the Definitive Map has taken somewhat of a backseat. A list of schemes will be identified based on surveys from the RoWIP. **John Lee**

4 UPDATE ON RELEVANT LEGISLATION

4.1 Section 4.6 of the recent 'Guidance on Local Access Forums in England' was highlighted as it addresses the need for LAFs to be proactive in addition to reactive. It was felt that NLAF is predominantly reactive and could adopt a more proactive approach; possibly by laying down a plan for the year and thinking about possible issues ahead of the time in which they become a problem.

4.2 Forum members pointed out that neighbouring authorities have a different emphasis regarding some issues. For example a well used footpath from the City to Broxtowe was blocked off. NLAF Chair is to be asked whether she could write a letter to the County LAF to establish contact and bring this matter to their attention.

4.3 It was suggested that the forum should look at Annex A of the 'Guidance on Local Access Forums in England' which outlines matters on which forums may advise. The question was raised as to whether NLAF should be consulted on Planning Applications which affect either existing or proposed Public Rights of Way. Tom Huggons is to formulate and circulate the information about which **Tom Huggons**

issues NLAF should be consulted about.

4.4 In the three months proceeding the end of the last financial year three requests were received for Gating Orders

- Glade Ave – Hollinwell Ave, Wollaton. *Most controversial. Forum do not agree with a Gating Order for this location. David Gibson believes residents are also against it.*
- Britannia Avenue, Old Basford
- Haswell Road, Bulwell. *Has been approved based on evidence. Vast majority of residents support as well as the police and crime reduction manager.*

4.5 Forum members are asked to inform the Chair if they are willing to be part of a sub group which would formulate a view on whether a Gating Order is suitable for a requested highway. **All**

5 FEED BACK FROM LAF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS WORKSHOP – NATURAL ENGLAND OFFICES, 12TH FEB

5.1 The workshop for LAF Chair and Vice Chairs was attended only by John Lee. It was primarily concerned with raising the profile of the LAF and reaching out to people more than NLAF has done so far.

5.2 The Annual Report for 2005/2006 is in draft form. Initial comments were that the table detailing member's interests was incorrect and John is to correct this. **John Lee**

6 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

6.1 Members were provided with a copy of the draft RoWIP which has been approved by Councillor Grocock. The 12 week consultation period will run from the end of April to the end of July. All forum members will receive a full printed copy with a letter and comments form in due course.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Nick Hynes raised an issue regarding the footbridge (Footpath No. 28) across the railway station, which may be extinguished as part of the station redevelopment. NLAF should determine whether this footbridge will be extinguished or not. Vice Chair to contact Nottingham City Council's Major Projects Team. **John Boland**

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.1 Wednesday 11th July 2007