NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

M I N U T E S

of meeting held on **8 April 2009** at the Tea Room - Council House from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

✓	Di Banks	✓	Tom Huggon
✓	Malcolm Bescoby		Nick Hynes
✓	John Boland (Chair)	✓	Diane Moore
✓	Don Cameron	✓	Trevor Muxlow
	Bill Clarke		Mary Myles
✓	Roger Codling	✓	Bill Wright
✓	Mary Collison		Councillor Urquhart
✓	Angela Cooke (Vice Chair)		
✓	Councillor Grocock		

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

John Lee Public Rights of Way, Nottingham City Council (Advisor)
Duncan Richmond and Wendy Conibear City Council Geographical Information and Mapping Team
2 representatives of the Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum
Chris Thompson Ramblers Association

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Bill Clark, Nick Hynes, Councillor Urquhart

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

3 PRESENTATION BY DUNCAN RICHMOND AND WENDY CONIBEAR: MAPPING NOTTINGHAM'S PATHWAYS

Presentation explained the mapping project to capture all pathways within Nottingham that are used by the public. This would help develop a walking and cycling 'journey planner' to enable people to access data that shows the quickest route to and from a destination, including any steps, subways, and other obstructions that may be encountered on the journey.

A discussion followed about how other issues such as land use change and planning and the protection of public rights of way may be incorporated into the GIS mapping project. Improving inspection and maintenance was also highlighted as a possible outcome of the project. This project was also linked to ROWIP 6 'develop a GIS mapping

system to capture/record all unrecorded public rights of way'

4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROWIP – PROGRESS ON POLICY ROWIP 2 GUIDE TO PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

ALL

All comments had now been received form the LAF and incorporated in to the final draft. Next stage is waiting for internal comments then it will be presented to the relevant Council body for approval and adoption.

5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROWIP – DECIDING THE NEXT ROWIP POLICY OBJECTIVES TO PROGRESS

Agreed that ROWIP Policy 7, 8 and 9 should be progressed concentrating on maintenance of public rights of way. A sub group will be set up to look at particular elements of this work. **ALL**

6 ROWIP REGIONAL REPORT FOR EAST MIDLANDS REGION: RESPONSE FROM NATURAL ENGLAND TO THE COUNCIL AND

The NE response was discussed and general consensus was that we should concentrate on the positives and working with NE in the future to ensure the next ROWIP meets all the targets. The Council and LAF won a National Award for best integration with the LTP, which was a little confusing when considered against the rating in the Regional Report.

7 UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN NOTTINGHAM INCLUDING PUBLIC PATH ORDERS AND MODIFICATION ORDERS RECENTLY MADE / CONFIRMED

Members were provided with a copy of the order maps for all opposed order and confirmed orders.

8 GATING ORDERS: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED GATING ORDERS BY THE LAF SUB GROUP

A number of members gave their names to John Boland to be on future sub groups. The list will be considered at the next meeting and members allocated to a particular proposed gating order. JL/JB

9 NEWS FROM EAST MIDLANDS LAF: ANGELA COOKE

Angela gave a an update of the recent regional meeting

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AC suggested that the LAF should have an induction into the Councils structure which would help understand how particular bodies operate and their powers and responsibilities, for example gating orders and Area Committees. JL

DM would like the LAF to have the dates of future Area Committee meetings for gating orders JL

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th July 2009

PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF ROOM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE: THE MEETING ON THE 8 JULY 2009 WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM AND NOT THE TEA ROOM