NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (NLAF)

M I N U T E S

Meeting held on 9/10/13 Loxley House from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Jonathon Fletcher	✓	Peter Nelder	Apologies received
Peter Gill	Apologies received	Steve H.W. Rhodes	✓
Councillor Brian Grocock	Apologies received	Roger Sexton	✓
Tom Huggon	✓	Chris Thompson	✓
Nick Hynes	✓	Ruth Thurgood	✓
Margaret Knowles	✓	Councillor Jane Urquhart	✓
Hugh McClintock	✓	Dan Yates	✓
Diane Moore (Chair)	✓		

Also in attendance:

John Lee, Public Rights of Way (Advisor, Nottingham City Council)
Sue Thorpe, Traffic Management (Minutes, Nottingham City Council)
Paul Dodsley, Health Promotion Specialist, Public Health Team

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR. **ACTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Grocock (other Council business at Eastcroft Depot)
Peter Gill
Peter Nelder

2.0 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

2.1 On behalf of the Chair, JL ran through the previous minutes and gave an overview of PD and Cllr JU presentation.

2.2 Previous items and actions will be discussed and addressed at this meeting. The minutes were approved and agreed.

3.0 PRESENTATION BY PAUL DODSLEY, HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST,PUBLIC HELATH TEAM.

3.1 PD gave an overview of physical activity and the health issues with inactivity. The walking and cycling benefits to health along with economic benefits were highlighted. Opportunities around sustainable travel were discussed such as cycling and the link to the active travel agenda.

3.2 PD answered various questions form members. The Chair thanked PD for his presentation to the group and a copy of the presentation **JL to distribute**

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will follow. PD left the meeting at 19:04. **presentation**

4.0 **PRESENTATION BY CLLR JANE URQUHART (ROLE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT)**

4.1 Cllr JU spoke of her role as Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport. She covered weekly Executive Board meetings where Executive members discussed forthcoming issues before presenting issues formally to other Councillors etc. She then went on to explain her role as Portfolio Holder, including how decisions are reached, followed by a summary of a typical day.

4.2 The LAF asked Cllr JU various questions and various issues were discussed. LAF member's complimented Nottingham's transport network and the Chair thanked Cllr Urquhart for her presentation, time and continued support on the LAF. Cllr JU left the meeting.

5.0 **DEFINITIVE MAP SUB GROUP**

5.1 In relation to the recent LAF training session at the Nottinghamshire Archives and Records office, CT believes it is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of this facility for the definitive map work and is keen to keep the momentum and will email further dates for future visits. Discussion followed on the merits of using documentary evidence and/or user evidence in support of a claimed public right of way and consensus was that more evidence the better, regardless of type. **CT**

6.0 **GATING ORDER SUB GROUP (UPDATE ON HOLLAND STREET)**

6.1 JL, CT and SR summarised the proposed Holland Street gating order, the sub group meeting and the Area Committee meeting which was attended by CT and SR. Both CT and SR advised that it was disappointing that the 2 Police inspectors at the Committee meeting left after their Item before the Holland Street item was discussed. JL advised that, as a way forward, he had proposed to the Committee Chair that the recommendations within the report should stand, subject to further discussion with the LAF in response to their concerns on potential displacement of the street drinking to other areas. To progress this, a meeting with the Police and LAF members has been arranged for October 24th 2013. **JL/sub group**

6.2 TH urged the LAF to object to the gating as he believes the Police are using this as a means to circumnavigate old fashioned policing, which would be the first time the LAF had taken this approach.

6.3 JL explained the process for objecting and that a Council may override an objection other than from the Police, NHS or Fire Service. JL also suggested the LAF undertake user surveys to establish number of users and local opinion. Agreed to review position following meeting with the Police on 24th October.

SELF GUIDED WALKS (COMMENTS FOR WOLLATON LEAFLET AND THE NEXT WALKS)

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7.0 JL advised that, apart from the comments received after the sub group meetings he had only received comments on the final draft from one member. JL to resend the draft leaflet and asked that any comments are received within 2 weeks and then it's off to the designers for the final time before printing. **JL**

7.1 CT is keen to progress the other walks at Colwick, Clifton, and the new ones at Bulwell/Basford and Bilborough/Strelley. JL will check other leaflets in circulation to avoid duplication and MK agreed to walk one of the new routes and report back to the sub group. **MK (sub group) and JL**

7.2 TH advised that the new footbridge at Trent Lane links well with Sneinton Greenway and was pleased to note that a number of suggestions from the LAF had been incorporated into the final design.

8.0 **UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (LTP SCHEMES FOR 2013/14, ROWIP2, PUBLIC PATH ORDERS, MODIFICATION ORDERS AND GATING ORDERS)**

8.1 As a related subject, JL advised that information on the consultation for the new Nottingham Local Plan (part of the "Help Shape Your City") had been sent to all members and a meeting of the planning sub group will be arranged shortly. **JL, JF, MK, CT & DM**

8.2 The Colwick Park footbridge consultation has ended and included 220 letters being sent to residents on the Gedling Borough side, Gedling Borough and Parish Councillors and Notices on site. Overall 24 responses were received, 14 in support, 7 against and 3 indifferent. Those against cited potential increase of crime and anti social behaviour, parking issues on nearby streets on the Riverview Estate, litter, vandalism and encouraging more people to walk and cycle near a residential estate. Information has been requested from the Park Rangers at Colwick Park and Police Architectural Liaison Officer to establish facts before responding. Gedling Cllrs and Gedling Parish have raised no objections. Still on target for the bridge to be in place early 2014.

8.3 The Public Path Creation Order to record a footpath at Bulwell Forest received no objections so this will be added to the definitive map in due course.

8.4 An application for a Modification Order has been received for a footpath at Bestwood Park Drive West. Investigations are underway.

8.5 JL presented the most recent draft design drawing for the proposed alignment for footpath 28 diversion at the Station. Members agreed that this design appears to be less convoluted than the previous designs. However, further discussion and agreement is required with Mr Sladen before the diversion is agreed. **JL**

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8.6 At previous meetings, both HMc and TH raised the possibility of providing a controlled pedestrian crossing on Queens Road to link footpath 28 to Summer Leys Lane. JL has discussed this internally and the Council's traffic signals team have provided a response. JL to forward response to all.

8.7 There is no news on the decision on Lenton Road Footpath public Inquiry. **TH / LAF**

8.8 Results from the ROWIP2 questionnaire are being analysed with the intention of finalising the draft plan for consultation early 2014. TH proposed, and it was agreed that the LAF should write to Cllr Urquhart requesting a budget to appoint a consultant to finalise ROWIP2 due to JL ongoing work load.

9.0 **Nomination for Vice Chair**

9.1 DM advised that she has been chair for three years and indicated her intensions to step down at the meeting in January 2014. She would like to give other members the opportunity to take this position which will free up time to get more involved in the sub groups. **All**

9.2 All members were asked to consider taking on the role of Chair and Vice Chair which will be decided at the next meeting via a vote. **All**

10.0 **Any Other Business**

10.1 TH asked to record his sadness expressed by the LAF at the sad death of Roger Codling. Those that knew Roger remembered his passion for cycling, his commitment during his time on the LAF, along with his unprecedented knowledge of Nottingham's cycle network. His contribution to cycling will be sadly missed.

11.0 **Date of next meeting**

8/1/2014 LH 2.11 6.30-8.30
9/4/2014 LB 41 6.30-8.30
9/7/2014 LH 2.11 6.30-8.30
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