

Bradford Local Access Forum
Minutes of meeting
Wednesday 1st May 2024 - 6:30 pm
Teams Meeting

Meeting Organiser: Danny Jackson Countryside and Rights of Way Manager
Notes: Linda Stafford Area Rights of Way Officer (administrating the LAF)

Present:

Pam Allen (Chair): Equestrian, Regional LAF representative
Didy Metcalf: Equestrian, landowner, Regional LAF Secretary
Mark Corrigan: Regional British Horse Society representative
Andrew Beck: Trail Riders Fellowship representative
Marilyn Banister: Menston Parish Council representative
Emma Young: Bradford Council - Cycle and Active Travel Champion
Steve Parkes Walking - access from those with limited walking ability to those who need wheelchairs

Apologies:

Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw: Bradford Council Executive Member, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport – with responsibility for Countryside and Rights of Way Service and Transport Planning

Nick Dybeck: Walker, Ramblers Association representative, Friends of Ilkley Moor representative

Item	Discussion	Action	Person(s) Responsible
1	Members present – introductions	Members present – introductions. DM and PA are representatives at the regional LAF.	
2	Apologies	Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw Nick Dybeck	
3		Appointment of Chair and new members a. Confirmation of renewed memberships – LS ran through list. b. Members agreed with appointment of Pam as Chair. c. No application for Vice Chair – to put out proposal for applications before next meeting. d. Brief introduction from new members Steve Parkes confirmed as new member and gave an overview of his interests in ROW. e. Gap in representation for cyclists (David Sturge retired at last meeting. No application received from Tim Sellors). DJ to make enquiries with cyclist group for potential representative.	LS DJ
4	Town and Parish Council representation	DJ fed back. Jonathan Hayes acts as liaison officer with town and parish councils. Two ways of linking with town and parish councils: 1. Give JH a written circular, brief overview of the LAF, who will distribute the information to town and parish councils. 2. We can attend their meeting(s) and give an overview of our work.	

		<p>DJ to put together a brief written information sheet on the LAF.</p> <p>DJ concerned about accommodating a huge number of members if take up from Town and Parish Councils was high.</p> <p>PA suggested that they be invited to attend a meeting if they have a particular issue to raise in their area.</p>	DJ
5	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	<p>PA accepted minutes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milner Fields – PA asked if there is any way the format of the form for user evidence can be completed electronically, lots of forms to collect, very time consuming. DJ: not possible, need to be handwritten to prove written by individual, previous issues of evidence being written by the same person. If done electronically can't prove who completed it. 2. City of Culture Way – update from ND emailed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PA working with ND to put together a route. Suggested route (LS shared map sent by ND on screen) misses much of the wider cultural aspects of Bradford. - MB: will funding be available to bring it together? - SP: put together a directory of existing walks. - EY: Could we do a series of walks that have cultural links and put them all together in a booklet. Should include places like Haworth, Thornton, Saltaire - DM: should we put together a subgroup to put something together so not lost. - DJ: Jayne Earnshaw – Countryside and Access remit for City of Culture. Set up a meeting to discuss. DJ to forward JE's contact details to PA. PA to set up meeting. 3. DJ: Go ahead has been given to recruit new definitive map officer – currently being advertised. Unable to advertise on IPROW owing to cost involved. DJ to circulate link for the advertisement to members. 	<p>DJ PA</p> <p>DJ</p>
6	Occupation Lane, Menston – gates on PROW	<p>MB gave background information.</p> <p>DM: have looked on 1953 definitive map – no record of gates. Rest of the road not recorded, possibly as it was felt it was a road at the time.</p> <p>Modified map no stiles or gates recorded.</p> <p>Road from Hollings Lane was included, added at some time.</p> <p>Need to know what, if anything, has been authorised since then.</p> <p>DJ: Recorded as footpath, probably private vehicular rights of way along it. Aware of gates, confirmed unauthorised. Landowner has been contacted. Some evidence that there was one gate historically, taking advice from legal as not recorded on DM. Other two gates not authorised. Possible enforcement action. Council unable to authorise gates unless for the control of animals.</p> <p>DM: – time to put in application to put in a bridleway at this location.</p>	DM

		MC: similar issue in NY with restricted byway – gates failed, and someone was stuck. Served under Section 130A. DJ: May consult with MC to follow similar process. Cllr Steele will be getting an update, has enquired re planning and ROW.	
7	Other updates/consultations	See below. MB – would be useful to discuss Wharfedale Geen Way at some point. LS to put on agenda for next meeting. Pam noted only small sections fall under Bradford District. DJ to find out if Section 106 on Sun Lane – was the Wharfedale Green Lane part of it. Possibly Derry Hill development Section 106 part of Wharfedale Green Way. Links from other paths.	LS DJ
8	Agree Dates of next meetings	PA: Traditionally 3 meetings per year. Last year first time met outside for a walk and discussion. Agreed quarterly meetings, 3 online and 1 outside. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside: August 7th 2024 – 6.30pm • Online: November 6th 2024 – 6.30pm • Online: February 5th 2025 – 6.30pm • Online: May 7th 2025 – 6.30pm LS to send confirmation email invitations	LS

Other updates/consultations:

- a) DMMO at Wyke Library has now concluded, advertised without objection and confirmed.
(Application to record the route at the former library site. Route between Huddersfield Road and Woodside Road.)
- b) APPLICATION TO UPGRADE PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 40 (DENHOLME). (Great Northern Trail)
Consultation out on 28th March 2024.
DMMO application for upgrade of Denholme 40 (public footpath) is out to consultation with a last call for evidence. We have been directed to make a decision. Fortunately, Susan did some very good prep work on this before she finished so it has been possible to pick it up from where it was left.

DM: it is a well-used route by children, walkers, horse riders, cyclists. A couple of small sections that need linking in.
- c) PPO at Chapel Works, Haworth is in the process of being referred to PINS as we've been unable to resolve the objections (x2) made to the Order.
Draft of information for PINS was sent to Legal 6 weeks ago – Legal have now processed it and made some minor alterations (amending references to some of the plans submitted. It should go to PINS next week.
(Application for diversion of Keighley Public Footpath 165 to accommodate parking as part of the conversion of the chapel into apartments)
- d) Bierley Crematorium – going out to consultation in next week or so. Footpath diversion to accommodate the building of a crematorium.