

**Milton Keynes Local Access Forum**  
**18.30, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023, MK Council Civic Offices Room 1.01**

Item		Action
1.0	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b> Steve Crowther (SC), Suzanne Martin (SM), Stephen Hobbs (SH), John Franklin (JF), Geraint Green (GG), Gail Dunn (GD), Suzanne Martin (SM)</p> <p><b><u>MKCC LAF support:</u></b> James Walsh (JW) Rosie Armstrong- (RA)</p>	
2.0	<p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Terry Smith, Mike Bowley</p>	
3.0	<p><b><u>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</u></b></p> <p>3.1 Further discussions had about diversifying the membership of the LAF. JF no longer has Duke of Edinburgh contacts, but is willing to make contact with schools.</p> <p>GD spoke about ‘MK Hike’, a young persons’ walking group with affiliation with the Ramblers. RA will look for contact details.</p> <p>SC, RA and JW will co-ordinate a general specification for what it is we would be looking for to send out to various groups that may be interested.</p> <p>SM also suggested the Rangers (senior girl guide group), Asley Guise and District Riding Club, and Loughton Equestrian Centre who also offer Riding for the Disabled.</p> <p>3.2 Discussion about updates to the MK East development. JW outlined that work was beginning in and around the area around Moulsoe Footpath 2. It was explained that the Rights of Way team had undertaken a detailed site inspection with St James in the previous last few weeks.</p> <p>3.3 JF asked for an update on the Blue Bridge DMMO claim. JW explained that he had submitted the instructions to our Legal team several months ago. However, following retirement of the Rights of Way Legal expert in the team, a locum solicitor had started with the council and a delay in work had ensued. We expect the Legal Order for Blue Bridge however to now be drafted shortly.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>RA</p> <p>SC, RA, JW</p>
4.0	<p><b><u>Rights of Way Section Report</u></b></p> <p>4.1 <b><u>ROWIP</u></b>  RA shared the news that the RoWIP was now formally adopted by the council and that she is currently working through the Action List to look at the projects that have been identified for 2023 and 2024. RA gave example of some of the long and short term projects that would be worked on first.</p>	

<p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p>Discussion as had about improvements to signage, with lots of ideas being shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH suggested signage to promote the use of ‘What 3 Words’ for identifying where you are. Also signs in village centres showing the local rights of way.</li> <li>• SM suggested some You are Here signs and the What 3 Words location at the beginning and end of routes.</li> <li>• GG suggested some signage improvements at the location of Broughton Grounds. GG to email team details of where signs are needed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Petsoe</u></b></p> <p>RA provided info re update to DEFRA and the Planning Inspectorate’s guidance on Foot and Mouth Disease and how that may or may not affect a break in use in terms of a continuous 20 year period. Details here: <a href="#">Rights of way advice note 15: breaks in user caused by foot and mouth disease</a></p> <p>RA explained that our consultant has also been analysing a historic description of the rights of way at Petsoe as an aid to determining whether a bridleway travelled along our claimed route or not.</p> <p><b><u>DEFRA Public Path Order Presumption Guidance</u></b></p> <p>JW shared new guidance released during the last month that effect Public Path Orders. It was explained there has been initial interest from landowners enquiring in scenarios with PRow travelling through farmyards.</p> <p>SC asked about who pays for applications and whether the alternative route must be on their own land. JW and RA replied that the applicant will continue to pay for the application, and that if an alternative route is not on their own land then the landowner upon whose land it would now travel would be entitled to compensation from the original landowner.</p> <p><b><u>Maintenance on Headland/Crossfield PRow</u></b></p> <p>JW provided a presentation about Rights of Way maintenance legislation and procedures. Areas such as relevant widths, expectations and scenarios where maintenance issues an arise were discussed.</p> <p>The headland maintenance scheme was discussed including recent changes including a payment rate rise for participants.</p> <p>SC asked about enforcement procedures. RA explained she had recently been on an IPROW course on enforcement</p>	<p>GG</p>
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5.0	<b><u>Planning Applications</u></b>	
5.1	<p>GD had recently attended a meeting about the Shenley Park development, which will affect the North Bucks Way. She gave an update of where various road options will be.</p> <p>SC asked whether MKCC had a formal stance on the development and JW explained this was not currently known.</p> <p>The team will respond to the consultation highlighting concerns, particularly around the proposed road crossing of North Bucks Way.</p>	RoW Team
6.0	<b><u>Members Items</u></b>	
7.0	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
	Meeting closed at 8.35pm	
	<b><u>Next meeting</u></b> – 6.30pm, 7th December 2023, Civic Offices.	

These minutes are a true record of the event.

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