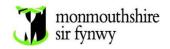
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14th April 2022

Notice of meeting Local Access Forum

Tuesday, 26th April, 2022 at 2.15 pm, Caldicot Castle

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors: Ann Webb Anne Underwood (Chair) Irene Brooke (Vice Chair) Anthea Fairey Shan Lewis David Farnsworth David Smith Tracy Hook **Gordon Davies** Jenny Cockitt John Askew Mark Storey Martin Sweeney Phil Mundell Sheila Hampshire Sylvia Fowles

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Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Outcomes we are working towards

Nobody Is Left Behind

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

People Are Confident, Capable and Involved

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

Our County Thrives

- · Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

Our priorities

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation
- Maintaining locally accessible services

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- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chryf

Canlyniadau y gweithiwn i'w cyflawni

Neb yn cael ei adael ar ôl

- Gall pobl hŷn fyw bywyd da
- Pobl â mynediad i dai addas a fforddiadwy
- Pobl â mynediad a symudedd da

Pobl yn hyderus, galluog ac yn cymryd rhan

- Camddefnyddio alcohol a chyffuriau ddim yn effeithio ar fywydau pobl
- Teuluoedd yn cael eu cefnogi
- Pobl yn teimlo'n ddiogel

Ein sir yn ffynnu

- Busnes a menter
- Pobl â mynediad i ddysgu ymarferol a hyblyg
- Pobl yn diogelu ac yn cyfoethogi'r amgylchedd

Ein blaenoriaethau

- Ysgolion
- Diogelu pobl agored i niwed
- Cefnogi busnes a chreu swyddi
- Cynnal gwasanaethau sy'n hygyrch yn lleol

Ein gwerthoedd

- Bod yn agored: anelwn fod yn agored ac onest i ddatblygu perthnasoedd ymddiriedus
- **Tegwch:** anelwn ddarparu dewis teg, cyfleoedd a phrofiadau a dod yn sefydliad a adeiladwyd ar barch un at y llall.
- **Hyblygrwydd:** anelwn fod yn hyblyg yn ein syniadau a'n gweithredoedd i ddod yn sefydliad effeithlon ac effeithiol.
- **Gwaith tîm:** anelwn gydweithio i rannu ein llwyddiannau a'n methiannau drwy adeiladu ar ein cryfderau a chefnogi ein gilydd i gyflawni ein nodau.

Terms of Reference

Monmouthshire Local Access Forum is the statutory Local Access Forum for Monmouthshire (excluding that part of the county that falls into the Brecon Beacons National Park), as required under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

The function of the Forum is to advise the local authority, Natural Resources Wales and others, as to the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, and to advise and assist with the implementation of the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Membership

Members of the forum are appointed by the "Appointing Authority" (Monmouthshire County Council in accordance with the relevant regulations. The current membership of the forum is as follows:

Mr John Askew

Mrs Patricia Belsten

Mrs Irene Brooke

Mrs Anthea Fairey

Mrs Sheila Hampshire

Ms Elizabeth Hepburn

Ms Gwyneth Jones

Mr Phil Mundell

Mr David Smith

Mr Mark Storey

Mrs Anne Underwood (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Ann Webb (the "Appointing Authority" representative)

Observers;

Representatives from Monmouthshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales

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Minutes of the meeting of Local Access Forum held at County Hall, Usk - Remote Attendance on Monday, 6th December, 2021 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: Irene Brooke (Deputy Chair)

David Farnsworth

Sylvia Fowles

Sheila Hampshire

Tracy Hook
Shan Lewis

Phil Mundell

Martin Sweeney

Anne Underwood (Chair)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Keeble Group Engineer (Highways and Flood Management)

Matthew Lewis (Countryside) Interim Performance, Evaluation and Programme

Development Lead for MonLife

Ruth Rourke Principal Officer - Countryside Access

1. Apologies for Absence / Introductions.

Apologies were received from members: Jenny Crockitt, Anthea Fairey, David Smith, Mark Storey, County Councillor Ann Webb and from John Askew

AU welcomed members to the meeting which was being held virtually in accordance with the provisions of The Countryside Access (Local Access Forum) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020.

2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

3. <u>To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum meeting</u> of 22 July 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 22 July 2021 were approved as a correct record.

The Secretary provided members with an update on the following actions from the minutes:

(a) The Council's cabinet has approved the active travel maps following completion of the consultation period for submission to Welsh Government by the statutory deadline of December 2021

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(b) Regarding NRW forest operations plans, NRW sought member's assistance in identifying suitable consultees to assist in the development of a new Forest Resource Plan.

ST explained that the forest resource plan for NRW's woodlands in the Wye Valley South area is a high level 25 year management plan, and will set out the objectives and the social, economic, and environmental benefits from future forest management. The plan will be subject to consultation in the New Year and at this stage the forum's input to identify local consultees was sought. It was agreed that the Secretary will circulate the relevant information to members and co-ordinate a response back to NRW. NRW will consult the LAF on the plan at a future meeting.

RC outlined the extent of NRW's normal Land Management winter program, largely driven by ash die back clearance work. To minimise disruption work is planned around keeping roads and rights of way open with the use of traffic management and banksman, if necessary to maintain safety. **RC** also outlined future work to survey rights of way within NRW woodland and offered to be a point of contact with any future enquiries. Members enquired about a number of related matters including larch disease management and the use of plastic tree guards and possible alternative approaches.

(c) Discussions were underway with IPROW to attempt to reinstate member's access to the IPROW magazine as requested.

4. Membership update (Secretary)

The Secretary explained that following the forum's recognition that it lacked any representation of motorised user interests John Askew, a previous LAF member with good connections with the responsible motorised user organisations, including GLASS UK, had agreed to apply to re-join the LAF. He had been invited to attend this meeting as an observer but unfortunately had to send his apologies. The appointing authority was in the process of ratifying his appointment.

5. Partnership working

The Secretary outlined the current situation regarding partnership working as set out in his report, including;

(a) The access proposals connected with The **Gwent Green Grid Partnership** a collaborative project funded through Welsh Government's RDP ENRaW programme running to March 2023. The programme has five strands, including access.

A Regional Countryside Access Officer, hosted by MCC, will shortly be appointed to coordinate the delivery of the access outputs and the forum will be invited to be represented on a Gwent Access Forum to help develop a regional access plan. Torfaen CBC are hosting a Trainee Ranger Coordinator and five training spaces are being funded across Gwent as part of the scheme.

(b) The **Living Levels** NLHF funded core programme draws to a close in terms of implementation at end of March 2022. The core partners are committed to maintaining the partnership and have commissioned the development of a legacy plan. The Gwent

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Levels Working Group organised by Welsh Government has also identified continuation / a successor to the partnerships as one of its priorities.

The current programme has delivered considerable access improvements and much improved visitor infrastructure across the Gwent Levels with more to be completed by March 2022. The final transition plan and draft legacy plan are due to be considered by the Living Levels Partner Board and after that partner's formal commitment will be sought to a 18 month transition phase to seek longer term sustainable funding and continue to engage with local communities and stakeholders.

(c) In the **Wye Valley** the use and condition of the countryside access network within the AONB, in particular the unclassified county road (UCR) network, remains a cause of community concern. These issues are complex and relate both to the condition of these routes, generally in very poor condition often linked to water erosion /run off issues from surrounding land, and their use including legal motorised use.

The recent "Wye Villages Study" consultation had highlighted the value of recreational routes within the Wye Valley and public concerns over maintenance and access for people of all ages and abilities.

The Countryside Access Improvement Plan includes relevant statements of action and recent discussions with the AONB unit have reaffirmed that a more comprehensive approach would be desirable. Such an approach would look at the UCR's and the linked public rights of way network, to undertake a prioritisation exercise and a facilitated stakeholder consultation, including users, landowners communities and other stakeholders, to develop an inclusive user-strategy for all lower Wye UCRs.

This approach would require dedicated resources, which are not currently in place.

At this stage the forum's support in principle was sought, as that would aid the process of identifying resources to carry it out. Members discussed the proposal. **IB** asked about the approach to traffic regulation orders and raised the difficulties of just addressing one route at a time. **DF** indicated his support for a strategic and prioritised approach. **PM** asked for clarity around the request to the LAF.

Agreed The LAF supports in principle the proposed approach to develop an inclusive user-strategy for all lower Wye UCRs and linked public rights of way.

6. General Updates

(a) Staffing, CAIP delivery and issues: **RR** outlined the changes to staffing and responsibilities within the countryside access team and progress on grant delivery, including the countryside access improvement grant, which is funded by Welsh Government.

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RR also referred to a temporary order at Llantillio Crossenny on Offa's Dyke Path National Trail necessary due to the deterioration of a bridge over the River Trothy; to the launch of a Ramblers Cymru "Paths to Well Being Project" in Grosmont, and the potential for further groups.

The continuing pressure of increased usage and reported issues and the extent to which they are able to be addressed was noted. **IB** asked about the extent to which landowners issues could be identified from the overall totals.

- (b) Access Reform Briefing: **AU** introduced the access reform briefing, the report of the expert groups to Welsh Government for information. Members had found the format of the long report difficult to follow and there was some discussion about the relative merits of the proposals including those relating to cycling on footpaths. **AU** summarised that the next stage was to see the response from Welsh Government to the recommendations of the expert groups, the proposed timescales and resources implications.
- (c) LAF Chairs Meeting 2 December 2021: **AU** referred to an interesting presentation from Welsh Government on the sustainable farming scheme expected to start in 2025. The future powers of LAFs was also discussed and no changes to primary legislation are proposed, with LAFs remaining as advisory bodies. In addition the temporary regulations enabling online LAF meetings were discussed and the meeting resolved to ask NRW to make representations to Welsh Government that these powers should extended given current circumstances.

7. Consultations

(a) Temporary LAF regulations: **AU** asked members for their views on the need to extend the temporary regulations to continue to allow online meetings and the view was unanimously expressed that the regulations should be extended and that the forum did not feel able to meet face to face in current circumstances. To do so would appear to be contrary to current advice to limit contacts. It was also noted that there are elements of the temporary regulations, namely the provisions for the electronic distribution of papers and annual reports on website which should be permanently retained.

Agreed To respond to NRW as requested to allow a coordinated response to Welsh Government, to confirm the forum wishes the temporary regulations to be extended.

(b) Brecon Beacons Management Plan; The current consultation running to 24th February 2022 on Future Beacons: The Management Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park 2022-2027 was noted for information.

8. Dates of Future Meetings

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The forum agreed that subject to confirmation of the extension of the temporary regulations the Secretary will endeavour to arrange the next meeting in Feb/March 2022, to be followed by meetings in June/July, Sept/Oct and Dec 2022/Jan 2023 in the next year of the forum's business. It was agreed that should the temporary regulations not be extended a decision would be taken closer to the time as to whether the forum could return to face to face meetings or instead hold an informal online briefing session in lieu of a formal meeting.

AU thanked members for their continued perseverance with virtual access and the meeting closed at 16:44 pm.

The meeting ended at 4.44 pm

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Agenda Item 5

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AGENDA ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: STAFFING UPDATE AND LAF SECRETARY ROLE MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 26 APRIL 2022

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To update the Forum on staff matters and the LAF Secretary role.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 For the Forum's information.

3. BACKGROUND:

(a) Staffing Updates

- 3.1 Pleased to be able to confirm that as a result of the Council's 22/23 budget process a new permanent Community Links Officer post has been added to the Countryside Access Team. This post will enable and support community involvement. It will lead on working with volunteers, local path care groups, friends groups, Community Councils and others to facilitate volunteer and community input to help resolve outstanding issues, especially those "low priority" issues that will not otherwise be addressed.
- 3.2 The post will work closely with the Countryside Volunteer Coordinator to support practical volunteer and community tasks and facilitate groups independent involvement. It will also assist in undertaking direct maintenance tasks, inspections and the practical delivery of capital programme and grant aided projects.
- 3.3 This post is currently being advertised alongside a temporary Public Rights of Way Officer post whilst the full time post holder is seconded to the regional access role.

(b) LAF Secretary

3.4 As part of a review of the Public Rights of Way Officer's role profile the responsibility to act as the Secretary of the Local Access Forum will pass to this post. This will not impact on the level of representation on the LAF as the relevant MonLife/MCC officers will continue to attend as observers.

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP WORKING: GWENT REGIONAL ACCESS GROUP

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 26 APRIL 2022

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To update the Forum on partnership arrangements for the Gwent Regional Access Group

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 For the forum's consideration;
 - a) To note the progress on establishing the Gwent Regional Access Group and
 - b) Nominate representatives from the LAF to the group

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 The Gwent Green Grid Partnership (GGGP) is a collaborative project funded to March 2023 through Welsh Government's RDP ENRaW programme developing and delivering a common approach to managing green infrastructure, including the countryside access network, planning and delivering improvements to support community well-being. It is managed by a collaboration of local authorities, led by Monmouthshire CC, working with Welsh Government Natural Resources Wales and other partners. Further information is available here.
- 3.2 The programme strands include access; to prepare a strategic access plan identifying missing links and areas where improvements are needed in the countryside access network both regionally and locally to enable people to lead active healthy lifestyles, provide economic opportunities and expand, where possible, the network available to cyclists and horse riders.
- 3.3 A ranger training scheme is supporting this and the programme includes funding to delivery access projects.
- 3.4 To assist this process a Gwent Regional Access Group is being established. Membership will be made up of the 5 local authorities Local Access Forums (LAF's) or where a LAF is not currently in place, representatives put forward by lead officers until a LAF is re-established. Each area will be able to put forward 2 to 4 representatives. The Group first meeting will be chaired by the Regional Access Officer and then the Group will appoint its own chair.
- 3.5 It is hoped the Group will advise on access projects and the strategic access plan and become part of the legacy of the GGGP programme to help coordinate access improvements and support future strategic funding bids etc.

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3.6 If members were minded to establish a LAF subgroup to consider future network improvements it might be useful if this group, or part of it, also formed the representation on the regional group.

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Agenda Item 8

Monmouthshire Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 26 APRIL 2022

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To update the Local Access Forum on the annual report for 2020/21.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 To approve the draft Local Access Forum's annual report for 2020/21

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 The appointing authority is required to prepare an annual report of the Local Access Forum containing details of the work done by the LAF in the preceding year and a work plan for the coming year.
- 3.2 An annual report covering the period 2020/21 has been prepared covering the first year of the current LAF from 24 November 2020 to 6 December 2021 and is appended.
- 3.3 Subject to the LAFs approval the Appointing Authority will add the new work programme as discussed at this meeting and publish the report on the <u>LAF web pages</u>.

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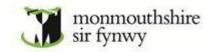
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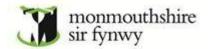
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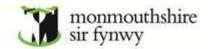
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Chair's Foreword

This Report covers the first year of the current Forum from 24 November 2020.

I am the elected Chair and my Deputy is Irene Brookes. Our Secretary is Matthew Lewis, Environment and Culture Manager, MonLife and meetings are attended by Ruth Rourke, Countryside Access Manager, Paul Keeble, Group Engineer Highways and Flood Management and observers from Natural Resources Wales.

Details of our workload for the year are set out in the Review below. This year activities have been challenged by the prevailing Covid 19 pandemic, initially delaying the first meetings of the forum and then requiring the forum to meet online under the temporary regulations to allow such meetings. Despite everyone's best efforts this has inevitably had an impact on the forum's work and members look forward to resuming face to face meetings.

It is pleasing to see the increased number of members and I very much appreciate the contribution made by all the members and their wide range of knowledge and experience.

Anne Underwood, Chair

Secretary's Report

This report marks the completion of the first year of the current LAF from its first meeting on 24 November 2020. It was pleasing that following a recruitment exercise carried out in 2019/20 there were sufficient applications to allow the forum to operate above the statutory minimum members. 15 members initially appointed. One further member has also joined the forum in this period to add to its range of expertise.

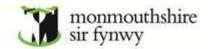
The commencement of the new forum was delayed by the impact of Covid 19 and lockdown restrictions. However the provisions of The Countryside Access (Local Access Forum) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 allowed virtual meetings to commence and the forum was able to have its first meeting in November 2020.

Its subsequent meetings on 9 March 2021, 22 July 2021 and 6 Dec 2021 have all been held online, without, as the regulations allowed for, public attendance.

The LAF members continue to contribute to the resolution and development of countryside access issues and policy in Monmouthshire and look forward to resuming face to face meetings and site visits when conditions allow.

We are very grateful for their voluntary input and for the experience and advice they provide and their commitment to the work of the forum.

Matthew Lewis, Secretary



The Year reviewed

These are some of the issues where the LAF have advised and been consulted:-

1. Active Travel

The forum contributed to the updating of the Active Travel Network Map through response to the consultation on the revised map, required to improve Active Travel routes, and plan how routes will join up to form networks so that people can more easily get around by cycle or as a pedestrian.

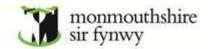
2. Countryside Access Improvement Plan

The forum has received updates on progress in implementing the Countryside Access Improvement Plan (CAIP) including staffing changes, partnership arrangements and grant / project delivery. The LAF considered and supported in principle the proposals to develop an inclusive user-strategy for all lower Wye unclassified county roads (UCRs), pending sufficient resources being available to undertake a comprehensive and inclusive approach.

3. Consultations

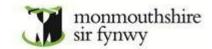
The forum has contributed to National Resources Wales (NRW) planning of consultations relating to forest operation plans and responded to NRW/Welsh Government on the extension of the temporary LAF Regulations (although eventually these were not extended by Welsh Government). The forum has also been updated on the progress of the Access Reforms (via a NRW briefing note) and the outcomes of the LAF Chairs Meeting in December 2021. Members also responded to direct consultation on a woodland creation proposal at Devauden.

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Work Carried Out in 2020/21

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No	Item	On work	When Done
		programme or	
		additional	
	Membership		
1.	Initial briefing by the Appointing Authority	As required by	24 November 2020
	3 , 11 3 ,	Regulations	
	Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair	As required by	24 November 2020
	. ,	Regulations	9 March 2021
	Consideration of need for additional	As required by	9 March 2021
	members	Regulations	6 December 2021
	Countryside Access Improvement Plan		
2	Countryside Access Improvement Plan Delivery Plan	Yes	22 July 2021
	Partnership working (a) Gwent Green Grid Partnership (b) Living Levels Partnership (c) Wye Valley AONB	Yes	6 December 2021
	Staffing, CAIP delivery and issues	Yes	6 December 2021
	Consultations		
3.	Active Travel Consultation: Active Travel Network Map	Yes	22 July 2021
	Woodland creation proposal Devauden	Additional	By direct consultation with members Oct 2021
	Extension of temporary LAF regulations	Additional	6 December 2021
	NRW Forest Resource Plan – request to identify consultees	Additional	6 December 2021
	Other matters		
4.	Access Reform Briefing	Yes	6 December 2021
	LAF Chairs Meeting 2 December 2021	Yes	6 December 2021



Future Work Programme

To be added after LAF 26 April 2022

Role of the Forum

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires local authorities and National Parks, to establish Local Access Forums (LAFs). These forums advise Natural Resources Wales (NRW), local authorities and National Park authorities on ways in which local access can be improved.

The statutory purpose of LAFs is to advise on the improvement of public access to land for the purposes of open-air recreation and enjoyment of the area in which they are established. LAF's must have regard to the needs of land management, natural beauty, flora, fauna, and geological and physiographical features.

The following bodies must have regard to any relevant advice given by the LAF: National Park authority, the highway authority, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government and, for matters relating to defence or security, the Secretary of State.

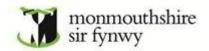
The forums must have a balance between:

- Users of access land and local rights of way; and
- Landowners and occupiers of access land and land with rights of way.

People with other interests especially relevant to the area will also be represented.

The Regulations specify there should be between 12 and 22 members, including the Chair and the Deputy. In addition the Chair may invite other individuals and organisations to observe and give advice.

Members are appointed by the Appointing Authority the local Highway Authority or National Park Authority. Monmouthshire County Council is the appointing authority for the Monmouthshire LAF which covers the administrative County of Monmouthshire outside the boundary of the Brecon Beacons National Park. It includes the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Beauty within the county.



Within the area there are Registered Commons and 1657 Kilometres of registered Public Rights of Way. There is in addition a substantial length of County Unclassified Roads, the responsibility of the Highway Section, many of which are un-surfaced.

Monmouthshire County Council and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority have a Delegated Responsibility Agreement covering most aspects of the management of Public Rights of Way within the National Park.

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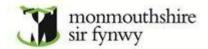
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More details on the Monmouthshire LAF are available at Monmouthshire Local Access Forum (LAF) - MonLife

This includes link to the LAF agendas, reports and minutes on the Council's meetings calendar under the appropriate dates Committee details - Local Access Forum (monmouthshire.gov.uk)

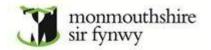
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Appendix 1: Forum Membership

a) 2020/21 Membership (to 24 November 2023)

NAME	INTERESTS
Anne Underwood – (Chair)	Walking and horse-riding
Irene Brooke – (Vice chair)	Landowner and business representative
John Askew	Vehicular and motorised users
Jenny Cockitt	Landowner, natural environment
Gordon Davies	Walking, education and young people's access
Anthea Fairey	Chair of Friends of Castle Meadows
David Farnsworth	Walking and local access
Sylvia Fowles	Disabled Riding, conservation & history
Sheila Hampshire	Farming, wildlife and countryside access
Tracy Hook	Walking and horse-riding
Shan Lewis	Walking and healthy lifestyles
Phil Mundell	Walking user and volunteer
David Smith	Walking & climbing user, volunteer leader healthy walking group
Mark Storey	Cycling, climbing & walker
Martin Sweeney	Outdoor pursuits
Councillor Ann Webb	Monmouthshire County Council representative



Appendix 2: Future Work Programme

Item	Background	Reporting Arrangements
Standard Items:		
Countryside Access Improvement Plan (CAIP)	Progress in implementing the approved CAIP	Regular report to LAF
Performance Measures	MonLife Delivery Plan performance measures of CAMS issues (all issues & High priority issues) Available quarterly	Regular report to LAF
Funding	Progress on and opportunities for external funded & MCC capital funded countryside access projects programmes	Regular report to LAF
Consultations	LAF Consultations	Report to LAF as required
Working Groups:		
To be determined		Report to LAF as required
Work Programme Items		
To be added to after LAF 26 April 2022		