

# Monmouthshire

## Local Access Forum

### 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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