

## **Lancashire Local Access Forum**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th January, 2024 at 1.30 pm in  
Committee Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

### **Present:**

#### **Chair**

Richard Toon

#### **Forum Members**

County Councillor Cosima Towneley  
Peter Edge  
David Kelly  
Steve Kirby  
Chris Kynch  
Michael Prescott  
Graham Lampkin

#### **Officers**

David Goode, Lancashire County Council  
Craig Alker, Lancashire County Council  
Victoria Welch, Lancashire County Council  
Lorraine Mellodey, Blackburn with Darwen (Capita)  
Iollan Banks, Blackburn with Darwen Council

#### **Public Right of Way Forum Members**

County Councillor Matthew Salter  
County Councillor Stephen Clarke  
County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM  
County Councillor Carole Haythornthwaite  
Ms Chris Peat, British Horse Society  
Mr Brian Dearnaley, Peak and Northern Footpath Society

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies received.

It was noted that Graham Lampkin had permanently replaced Dean Spencer. The Chair welcomed Graham Lampkin to the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2023**

It was reported that under Agenda Item 6 of the minutes of the previous meeting, it stated that the cut-off date for registering rights of way was 31<sup>st</sup> January 2031. However, it was noted that the cut-off date was 1<sup>st</sup> January 2031.

It was also noted from the minutes that, following the last meeting, it had been announced that the outstanding sections of the King Charles III England Coastal Path from Silverdale to Cleveleys awaiting the outcome of the Planning Inspector had received Secretary of State approval, and therefore work had commenced.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 July 2023 be agreed as a correct record, subject to noting that the cut-off date for registering rights of way was 1<sup>st</sup> January 2031 and not 31<sup>st</sup> January 2031.

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Terms of Reference Discussion**

The Chair presented the Terms of Reference of the Forum to the meeting. It was noted that members of the Forum had previously provided comments on the Terms of Reference, which were included in the agenda.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the comments previously made by the members be incorporated within the Terms of Reference of the Forum.

It was also noted that the Lancashire Local Access Forum had previously worked with other similar organisations, including the Northwest Regional Local Access Forum Chairs meeting and the National Organisation of Local Access Forums. Therefore, it was agreed that the Terms of Reference should reflect the Forum's ability to engage with other organisations of a similar nature.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The comments raised by members prior to and during the meeting be incorporated into the Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Access Forum; and
- ii. The Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Access Forum, be approved.

## **5. Lancashire's Unsurfaced, Unclassified Roads - Responses**

At the last meeting of the Forum, it was requested that responses be provided from Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council, on how each of the authorities dealt with Unsurfaced, Unclassified Roads.



It was noted that the responses received from each authority were set out in the agenda.

It was also noted that any local access issues could be directed to the relevant area's county councillor.

**Resolved:** That the responses from each of the authorities, as set out in the agenda, be noted.

## **6. Coastal Access**

David Kelly, Ramblers Association, requested a progress update on the King Charles III England Coast Path. It was noted that Julie Paton, Lancashire County Council, had provided a written response, which was included within the agenda.

Members enquired as to how much of the Lancashire section of the path would be accessible to cyclists and riders. It was reported that the path would mainly only be available to walkers, with certain sections following vehicular roads. However, part of the route would follow existing public rights of way.

**Resolved:** That the response be noted.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Michael Prescott raised a query in relation to why the planning application for the Avenham Park, Preston Railway Cycle link was never taken forward. It was reported that officers were not aware of any applications in relation to this, and that there were no known plans for improvement. However, it was noted that officers would be asked to investigate this further if additional information could be provided.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meetings of the Forum would take place on the following dates at County Hall, Preston:

- Tuesday 9 July 2024 at 1pm
- Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 1pm

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