

## **Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group**

**Monday, 12th September, 2011 at 6.30 pm in Conference Room 1, Chorley Town Hall**

### **Agenda**

#### **No. Item**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**  
Members are asked to consider any Personal / Prejudicial Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 June 2011** (Pages 1 - 4)  
Members are asked to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 12 June 2011.
- 4. Police Report** (Pages 5 - 8)  
Members are asked to note report attached.
- 5. Rivington Heritage Trust Recent Meetings**
- 6. Goit River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) Campaign** (Pages 9 - 10)  
Members are asked to note report attached.
- 7. Lancashire County Council Countryside Officer's Activity Report** (Pages 11 - 12)  
Members are asked to note report attached.
- 8. United Utilities Officer's Report** (Pages 13 - 22)  
Members are asked to note the attached report.
- 9. Any Other Business** (Pages 23 - 32)

**10. Dates of Future Meetings**

Members are asked to note that meetings have been arranged in Conference Room 1, Chorley Town Hall on the following dates:

- 19 December 2011, 6.30pm;
- 5 March 2012, 6.30pm.

I M Fisher  
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall  
Preston

# Agenda Item 3

## **Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th June, 2011 at 6.30 pm in Conference Room 1, Chorley Town Hall**

### **Present:**

#### **Chair**

Councillor Marie Gray, Chorley Borough Council

#### **Committee Members**

Parish Councillor G Hester, Rivington Parish Council  
Mr B Allman, The Ramblers Association - Mid-Lancashire Area  
Parish Councillor JG Ashworth, Heath Charnock Parish Council  
Parish Councillor E Berry, Rivington Parish Council  
MR IJ Drinkall, Tenant Farmers  
Sandra Grime, Goit River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)  
PC 802 Evans, Lancashire Constabulary

#### **Officers**

Fiona Cruchley, Lancashire County Council  
Neville Kidd, United Utilities  
Hazel Gannaway, United Utilities

### **1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Local Advisory Group the Chair and Vice Chair were required to be appointed at this meeting.

It was therefore proposed and unanimously agreed by all members that Chorley Borough Councillor Mrs Marie Gray be appointed Chair and Parish Councillor Glen Hester be appointed Vice Chair.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Pat Case (Chorley Borough Council), Mr T Dickenson (Chorley Sports Forum), Ms Maureen Hall (Friends of Healey Nab), Parish Councillor David Metcalfe (Withnell Parish Council), Mr Barry Richardson (Goit River Action Environmental Team), Mr J Dimsdale (Friends of Healey Nab), Andrew Greenwood and Nicholas Haigh (Lancashire County Council).

### **3. Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Parish Councillor Graham Ashworth declared a personal interest as he is a member of the Rivington Heritage Trust.

#### **4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2011**

Apart from a typing error on Item 8 (201 instead of 2011) the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and accepted as a true record.

#### **5. Police Report**

PC Evans attended the meeting in place of Sergeant Bramhall. A report had been provided with the agenda by Sergeant Matt Lee and the members of the group wished to thank the officers for the report as this briefed them sufficiently the recent activity in the area.

PC Evans reported that the main area of concern was the use of 4 x 4-type vehicles in the area and recent activity had taken place whereby drivers of vehicles had been stopped and spoken to and issued with warnings that if their vehicle was found in the area again the vehicle would be seized. PC Evans informed the group that some of the registration numbers of the vehicles had been provided by the Rangers but some had come from members of the public and they were very appreciative of any information.

It was stressed that early intervention, however small, was of great benefit as it may stop incidents getting out of hand later and PC Evans encouraged the group to call their local contact as often as necessary.

Both Neville Kidd and Hazel Gannaway from United Utilities confirmed that the recent incidents of these type of vehicles wilfully damaging gates had decreased.

#### **6. Rivington Heritage Trust Recent Meetings**

Parish Councillor Graham Ashworth had attended a recent meeting of the Trust and reported that the Trust was producing a 5 year plan which would involve possible lottery funding bids. Mention was made of the forthcoming Ironman Triathlon on 31 July 2011.

Discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the area and Neville Kidd and Hazel Gannaway from United Utilities were reported to be in talks with Planning Officers regarding repairs to roads and possible implementation of speed humps.

It was reported that the 'Go Ape' activity centre were submitting a planning application to tidy up certain areas of their facility.

#### **7. Goit River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) Campaign**

Sandra Grimes attended the meeting on behalf of Barry Richardson. The GREAT report had been issued to the members with the agenda. Sandra updated the report to inform the group that the noticeboards for the footpaths had been ordered and she passed the designs round the members. These would be sent to all members with the minutes.

One of the noticeboards would be placed at the gate and other at the carved stone stoop.

Sandra also informed the group that a stall would be held at the Brinscall Festival this Saturday and hopefully they would be able to begin setting up a 'Friends' list.

## **8. Lancashire County Council Countryside Officer's Activity Report**

Fiona Cruchley tabled a copy of her report.

Fiona confirmed that Blackburn-with-Darwen and Bolton councils had withdrawn funding for the West Pennine Moors this year but had wished to continue with some officer time input. She reported that there was now no dedicated Countryside Officer for Lancashire County Council and although she was looking after some of the previous officer's work this was as well as her own.

She confirmed that some input on Healey Nab had been received by the volunteer rangers and this would continue, although only the Lancashire area. Where the problem/issue encroached into the other authorities' areas activities would not take place by Lancashire County Council.

The Chair queried whether any projects would be undertaken in the future or would the work just be of a maintenance type. Fiona confirmed that there is a very small amount of money in a budget for projects etc but that this would likely be used to finish projects already started rather than begin any new ones.

Fiona did confirm however that the labelling in Anglezarke would be undertaken soon as the map boards should be available. However, Mr Drinkall highlighted that payment to landowners for access had ceased and whilst the land remained accessible under the Countryside and Rights of Way act this would not apply for the concessionary access points and Mr Drinkall queried where these signs would be placed and asked for consultation prior to their implementation.

Parish Councillor Glen Hester queried whether the Rivington Heritage Trust would be taking over from the West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee for the maintenance/monitoring of the area. Fiona confirmed that although only one meeting a year was to be held of the Area Management Committee officers were meeting more frequently and it was envisaged that an update report could be provided the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group in December each year to inform of the progress.

Brian Allman from the Ramblers Association queried how many volunteer rangers there were on Healey Nab and it was confirmed there were probably three or four each weekend. Fiona suggested that if he had names of other people wishing to be volunteers then to get in touch direct with her, and she would pass details to the appropriate team

Parish Councillor Graham Ashworth queried whether any figures could be provided regarding the expenditure on West Pennine Moors and Fiona confirmed this could be provided if required.

## **9. United Utilities Officer's Report**

Hazel Gannaway presented the report as issued with the agenda. She confirmed that a newsletter was being produced, including maps of the area which cyclists could use. It was hoped these maps would encourage cyclists to use the routes as described.

Hazel also confirmed that information would also be placed on the West Pennine Moors website regarding the forthcoming Ironman Triathlon.

Hazel then reported that Andrew Ryding, previously a part-time volunteer Ranger would be joining United Utilities as a Part-Time Ranger and would work all around the area.

Parish Councillor Lynne Berry queried whether anything could be done regarding fishermen climbing over walls in the car park at weekends. They have been causing a nuisance and giving abuse when challenged. Both Neville and Hazel confirmed they would instruct the rangers to keep a check on the area on a more regular basis.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

Parish Councillor Graham Ashworth asked Neville Kidd and Hazel Gannaway from United Utilities if they could provide a document for the next meeting showing the planned maintenance for the area during 2011/12. Neville and Hazel confirmed this would be provided.

A report was tabled entitled 'Friends of Healey Nab Report' but as the representatives from that group were unable to be present at this meeting it was suggested members take the report with them and if any queries arose, either contact the group direct or bring them to the next meeting in September. A copy of the report would be made available when the minutes were issued.

#### **11. Dates of Future Meetings**

The dates of future meetings were noted as follows:

12 September 2011;  
19 December 2011;  
5 March 2012.

Parish Councillor Graham Ashworth gave his apologies for the next meeting scheduled for 12 September 2011.

Ian Fisher  
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall  
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# Agenda Item 4

## Rivington and Brinscal Advisory Group Meeting 12 September 2011

### Ongoing Issues and Initiatives

#### Off Road 4X4 vehicles

In relation to a problem reported at the last meeting I can report that five drivers have been issued with Section 59 warnings for riding on land around the Rivington area. This means that if either vehicle or driver are caught driving in an anti-social manner on any land their vehicles will be recovered by Police and be at risk of being crushed. We continue to target vehicles in the area along with United Utilities Rangers.

#### Ironman UK

July saw the 2011 Ironman UK event that caused many roads to be closed around the Borough of Chorley for the Cycle stage of the competition. This event is organised and risk assessed by Ironman UK and road closures are applied for by them. They are however supported by Lancashire Constabulary and any feedback is welcomed and will be passed to Ironman UK. This year the event passed without incident and was a great family fun day.

#### Changes to the Adlington/Coppull and Wheelton Neighbourhood Policing Team

As from 1 September 2011 Adlington CBM PC 3024 Matt Lee will no longer be responsible for the policing of Rivington and Heath Charnock although will still work in Adlington, Anderton and Coppull areas. I would like to thank all that have worked with and been in contact with over the last 2 years. Rivington and Heath Charnock will now be the responsibility of PC 591 Mark Etheridge who will also cover Wheelton, Anglezarke, Brinscall, Withnell, Abbey Village, Hoghton and Brindle.

#### Key message from the Senior Management team for Southern Division

- The Front Counters and Estates reviews are part of a much wider programme which has considered, and which continues to consider, all aspects of the Constabulary's business in order to find in the region of £42 million in savings over the next four years.
- Over £38 million has already been identified (to April 2011) which is made up of 29% taken from the back office, 18% taken from the middle office and just 9% taken from the frontline, which has been protected wherever possible.
- A full list of the proposals is available on-line at [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) along with much more information.
- The Constabulary has been changing the way it does its business over the last few years and no longer relies on officers working from buildings to provide the services it does to the public. This transformation has included;
  - The use of mobile technology so that officers can do much more of their work out and about instead of at their desks;

- The introduction of an appointments system so that the public can see officers at a time that is convenient to them as opposed to the other way round;
- The use of on-line services, such as the insurance database which means checks can be made without the need for members of the public to produce documents at a front desk;
- Over recent years, we have extended our reach into the community and now operate out of almost 200 different bases across the county, 55 of which are dedicated neighbourhood policing bases which will remain untouched by the proposals. This means we rely less on the public coming to us.
- In Southern Division, we will continue to have Neighbourhood Policing Officers available at the following locations irrespective of whatever decisions are taken around front counters / estates;
  - Fairstead, Birch Green, Skelmersdale
  - Banksbarn, Digmoor, Skelmersdale
  - Hall Green Close, UpHolland
  - Coronation Park, Old Skelmersdale
  - Hoole Lane, Banks
  - Euxton Parish Community Centre
  - Asda, Clayton Green
  - Moss Side Community Centre
  - Worden Sports College
  - Coupe Green, Hoghton
  - Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold
  - Brickcroft Nature Reserve Visitor Centre
- There are lots of alternative ways of contacting the police in Lancashire over and above visiting a building. These are:
  - 24 hours a day, 365 days a week via the non-emergency number, 0845 1 25 35 45 (a new national non-emergency number, 101, will be rolled out later in the year);
  - By telephoning or e-mailing your local NHP team – details available from the Contact Management team on 0845 1 25 35 45 or on-line by putting in your postcode to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk)
  - Some police stations have yellow phone boxes outside which the public can use to call for assistance;
  - Via e-mail at [lancashirepolice@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lancashirepolice@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)
  - On-line by logging on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk)
  - Via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lancspolice](http://www.facebook.com/lancspolice)
  - Via Twitter [@lancspolice](https://twitter.com/lancspolice).
- This is real consultation lasting three months and absolutely no decisions have been made so make sure you let us have your views today by;
  - Contacting your local Divisional Commander or Police Authority representative;
  - Going along to your local Police and Communities Together meeting;
  - Visiting [www.facebook.com/lancspolice](http://www.facebook.com/lancspolice)



- Or completing an on-line survey from August 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) or [www.getintheloop.co.uk](http://www.getintheloop.co.uk)
- Focus groups will also be taking place with key groups and a telephone survey will be conducted.

PC 3024 Matt Lee



# Agenda Item 6

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## **Goit River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) Campaign Report**

1. The application to Carolyn Evans (Lancashire County Council's Champion for Disabled People) for a grant to extend the path alongside Brinscall Lodge has been approved and £1,000 has been lodged in GREAT accounts. Planning permission has been given and further funding has been requested from Pat Case's Local Member Grant. Also we have been encouraged to apply for funding for a Green Partnership Award.

2. No further progress has been made with United Utilities regarding the removal/replacement of the fence on Railway Road. United Utilities have received letters of support from Lindsay Hoyle MP and over 150 residents and GREAT supporters. Replies from the Chief Executive, Steve Mogford, the MD Steven Fraser and three case owners are insisting on patching up and repainting the fence, even though they sympathise with our quest. We are continuing our campaign via dialogue with them and seeking a long term solution.

Barry Richardson



## **Lancashire County Council Activity Update**

### **Summary Ranger Report – Healey Nab**

#### **Ranger Cover**

Patrols of Healey Nab by volunteers on Sundays continue supported by full-time Ranger Nick Haigh and other Rangers as required.

#### **Users**

The site continues to be predominantly used by, walkers, dog walkers, mountain bikers, runners and horse riders.

#### **Incidents and issues**

The work of volunteers continues to be vital in tackling issues that occur on site. The usual on-site issues are being recorded, including tree damage, camping, fires, litter, and general maintenance.

Recently there have been reports of walkers using the mountain bike tracks, temporary signs have been put up to alert the public that these tracks are not for walkers. A more permanent solution to this issue needs to be developed.

Maintenance of the mountain bike tracks continues through the 'I dig Healey Nab' group.

#### **Additional Lancashire County Council activity**

Maintenance of the public rights of way network is ongoing as part of the statutory responsibilities of the County Council. Any issues about rights of way should be reported to the public rights of way team on [PROWreports@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:PROWreports@lancashire.gov.uk)

An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Landscape Partnership Scheme for a range of activities across the West Pennine Moors is being developed. This application will be led by the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside but activities will be delivered by a wide range of partners. This will be submitted in February 2012, and further information about the proposals will be available at the next meeting of the local advisory group.

Fiona Cruchley



## United Utilities Ranger Report Rivington & Brinscall Local Advisory Group 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### General Update

- 20,000 copies of the Rivington Newsletter have been produced and are being distributed. 9,000 were delivered through free papers and the remainder are distributed through libraries, Information Centres, Cafes etc. The Rivington households have had the leaflet hand delivered. (Copies will be available at the meeting).
- The Forestry Commission have been to visit the area and taken samples from trees in the Terraced Gardens and on the drive to the top barn which are displaying signs of disease. We are awaiting the results from these.
- Control measures of invasive species, Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam, has continued this year. Knotweed has been sprayed in many areas and the Balsam is generally pulled out.
- BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) are undertaking a Heritage lottery funded pilot project to remove balsam from the Yarrow valley area. They have undertaken 2 days of pulling around Upper Rivington and there was an open day in August.
- A group of volunteers from United Utilities spent the day clearing the encroaching vegetation in Liverpool Castle and Himalayan Balsam in the vicinity of the castle.
- The ongoing project to remove the encroaching scrub near to the primary school will continue this October.

- The damage caused by 4x4 vehicles off Georges Lane and Lower House Car Park has been rectified; the large ruts have been scraped over and vegetated where possible.



- Asset register work is continuing, some fencing has been replaced in Anglezarke near the far end of the reservoir, various works – walling, gates etc are to be undertaken on the road up to Dean Wood.
- There has been some filming around the Pigeon Tower and Liverpool Castle, this has been undertaken by college students as part of there course.
- Jon Castelli the Part Time Ranger has recently left UU, to replace him Guy Barker who has worked as a ranger for a number of years at Jumbles is now going to cover the Rivington area at weekends and bank holidays.
- The capital works scheduled for Liverpool Castle (securing the top stones and re-pointing) and Rivington Hall Drive (installation of drainage and resurfacing) are now at a position where contractors are being sought to undertake the works.

Hazel Gannaway  
United Utilities



## Planned improvements



Liverpool Castle is situated on Lower Rivington reservoir, originally built by Lord Leverhulme when he owned the Rivington estate in the early 1900s. It is now a popular tourist attraction and United Utilities is intending to undertake some works in the castle to secure some of the stonework.

The building is around 100 years old and wear and tear has taken its toll resulting in some stones falling off the higher walls. This work will secure these and keep this popular building in a good state of repair. (See picture)

United Utilities is also hoping to undertake some works on the drive to Rivington Hall Barn. Subject to planning, the area will be completely resurfaced and drainage installed to create an improved surface for vehicles.

## Camping

Summer is upon us and hopefully it will bring with it the weather for camping. However, we don't allow ad hoc camping in the Rivington countryside as many campers leave litter and equipment behind, which has to be cleared so it does not cause potential risk to the local drinking water supply. We ask that if visitors would like to camp in the area that they use one of the private campsites available.



**NO CAMPING**

## Litter

A lot of visitors come to Rivington to enjoy the beauty of the area. However the landscape can be tarnished by litter which is left by a minority of visitors. This creates an eyesore as well as a health and safety hazard. Litter can also end up in the reservoir affecting the local drinking water supply. United Utilities would ask that in order to preserve the beauty of the area that visitors kindly put their litter in one of the bins around Rivington or take it home with them.

## Fishing



Many visitors like to come and fish on our reservoirs and as the weather gets better this becomes more attractive.

United Utilities does allow fishing in two of its Rivington reservoirs (Upper Rivington and Anglezarke ) providing that visitors have valid rod licences. Day tickets can be purchased from the Crown Tackle Shop on Chorley New Road in Horwich.

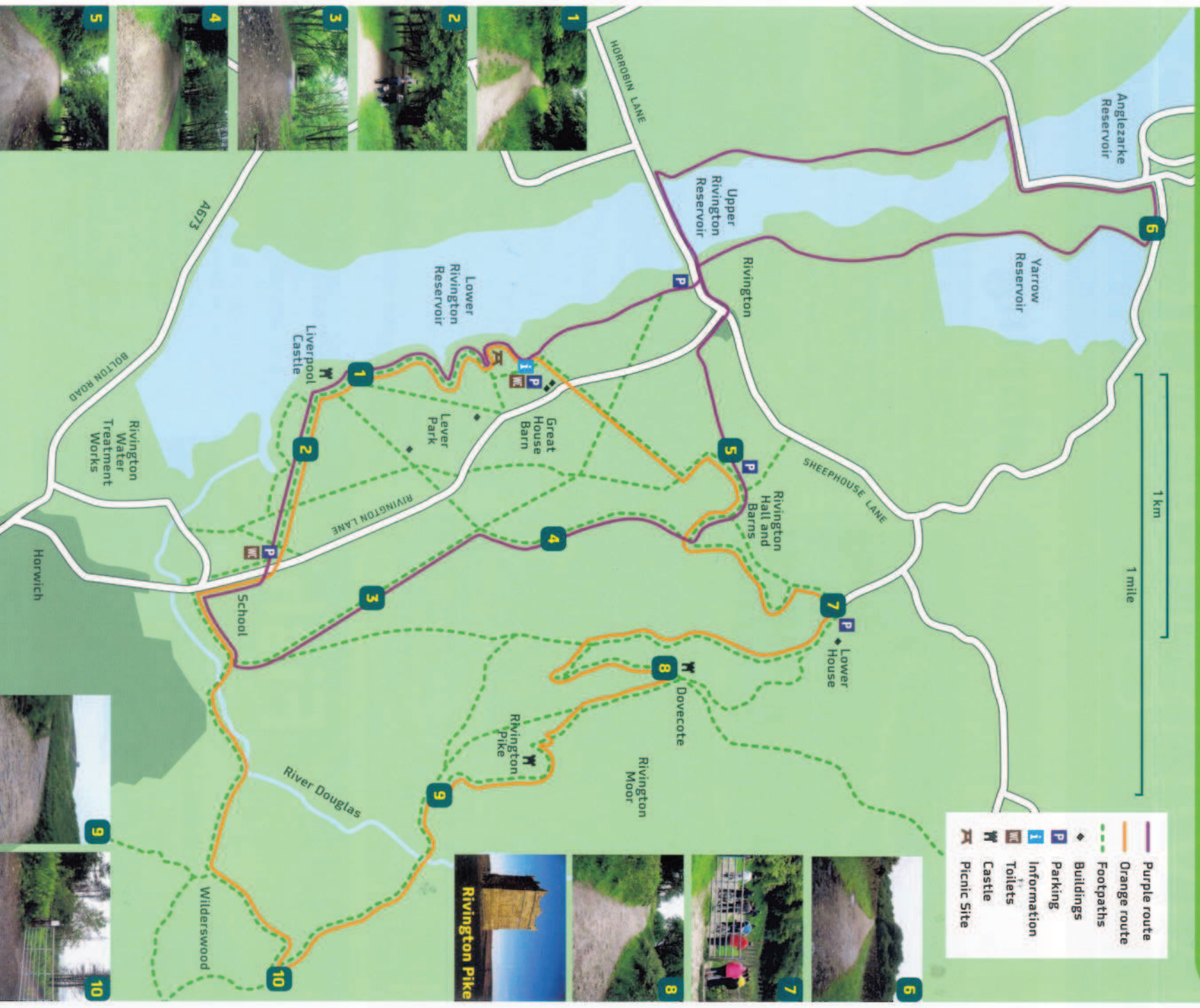
Further information can be obtained by visiting the Great House Information Centre on Rivington Lane, Rivington.

# CYCLE ROUTES

On several occasions it has been reported that cyclists and horse riders have used pedestrian footpaths. This is clearly a safety issue and we would ask that all visitors be aware of the guidelines which are in place to make your visit more enjoyable. Please give way to pedestrians, keep dogs under control and remember that cyclists and horse riders are only permitted on bridleways and roads (as these tend to be wider to enable multi use).

**The map on this page gives two routes along bridleways and roads that cyclists and horse riders can use in order to explore the Rivington area.**

Both routes start at the Great House Barn Café. The purple route is 4km in length and is quite flat apart from one climb beside Rivington and Blackrod High School. The orange route is longer in distance covering 8km and is more undulating as it takes in the terraced gardens and the Pike.



### **Tree on the RHB Driveway with Meripilus**

The picture below shows the fruiting body of the potentially dangerous root rotting fungus *Meripilus Giganteus*, it was taken on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, it is one of the Rivington Hall avenue trees, this tree is also marked with a pink spot showing that it is also infected with a *Phytophthora*, most likely to be *Pseudosyringae*, as previous Fera tests came back with this diagnosis from previous tests on the avenue trees.

*Meripilus* is a fungus that attacks the main root systems of trees, this in turn greatly reduces the stability of the tree. Although the crown may look healthy the trees anchorage may be at risk, as the tree is growing over the main access road to RHB it would be necessary to remove any risk to the general public, this would mean that the tree will have to be felled in the interest of health and safety.



The picture below shows the crown of the infected tree yellowing and almost leafless, this is suspected to be the Phytophthora infection as the other infected trees on the driveway are showing similar characteristics.



This picture shows a typical scenario of a tree infected with *Meripilus*.



WP No.	CONTRACT OTHER AND MATERIALS	Location	Owner	Cost Element	Cost Centre	Contactor
1	Electricity for Great House IC	Rivington	Sue Harper	20101	13567	
2	Electricity for Great House Toilets	Rivington	Sue Harper	20101	13567	
3	Electricity for Rivington Lane Toilets	Rivington	Sue Harper	20101	13567	
9	Rates for GHIC	GHIC	Sue Harper	20105	13567	Chorley BC
10	Empty Dog Waste bins	Rivington	Sue Harper	20105	13567	Chorley BC
12	Vacant property rates ??	Various	R Newton	20105	16211	
14	Photocopier Rental	Rivington	Sue Harper	20460	13567	Facilities
15	Postage (inc GHIC)	Central	Sue Harper	20461	13567	Royal Mail
16	Pennine Prospects annual membership	Various	N Kidd	20491	13567	Bradford MBC
17	LWT annual membership	Various	N Kidd	20491	13567	
18	Office equipment on Purchase Card	Various	Sue Harper	various	13567	
19	<i>Stationery</i>	Central	Sue Harper	20466	13567	Banner
20	<i>Uniforms and Footwear</i>	Central	Sue Harper	20148	13567	JK Ross
21	Tools & Equipment	Central	Sue Harper	20154	13567	
22	<i>Janitorial products etc</i>	Central	Sue Harper	20154	13567	Gleaves
23	<i>Tools &amp; batteries etc</i>	Central	Sue Harper	20150	13567	RS Components
24	Fuel	Central	N Kidd	20160	13567	
25	Car Allowances	Central	N Kidd	20281	13567	
26	RHT Expenses	Rivington	N Kidd	20296	13567	
27	Communications - Ext Lines	Central	N Kidd	20311	13567	
28	Communications - mobiles	Central	N Kidd	20316	13567	
29	Cleaning contract E&C offices	E&C Offices	N Kidd	20207	13011	Europa
30	Toilet Cleaning	Various	Sue Harper	20207	13011	APS
31	Barrier Closure	Various	Sue Harper	20207	13011	APS
32	Toilet repair & maintenance	Various	Sue Harper	20207	13011	APS
34	Litter Picking	Various	Sue Harper	20205	13011	APS
35	Fly Tipping	Various	Sue Harper	20205	13011	APS
36	Grass Cutting East & West Pennine sites	Various	Sue Harper	20205	13011	Hortech
37	Car Park Cash Collection	Various	H Gannaway	20205	13011	Legion
38	Maintenance & visual checks of parking machines	Various	H Gannaway	20205	13011	Metric
39	Car park machine vandalism	Various	H Gannaway	20205	13011	Metric
40	Portaloo Hire & litterpicking (Easter)	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	13011	APS

41	Skip emptying (Easter)	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	13011	Dickinsons
42	Handwash repair & maintenance	Jumbles & Riv	Sue Harper	20205	13011	APS
48	Reactive / routine maintenance	Various	HG / GB	20205	13011	Various
49	Security cameras on car parks	Various	HG / GB	20205	13011	
50	Visitor Management signage	Various	HG / GB	20205	13011	Greensigns
51	Road marking	Various	HG / GB	20205	13011	L&R Roadlines
52	Vis Counting equipment maintenance	Central	H Gannaway	20205	13011	Instep
53	Rivington Estate vandalism prevention	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	13011	
55	Great House VIC stock purchase	Rivington	K Booth	20150	13025	Various
56	Gritting salt for public areas	Various	Sue Harper	20150	13025	
57	Stannah stairlift maintenance	Rivington	Sue Harper	20205	13025	Stannah
58	Great House general maintenance	Rivington	K Booth	20205	13025	
68	Invasive Species Control	Central	I Harper	20205	13981	APS / Hortec
70	Hedge Trimming	Central	I Harper	20205	13981	WP Riding
74	Water Body Management	WPM	I Harper	20205	13981	WP Riding
75	Nestbox Schemes	WPM	I Harper	20205	13981	Various
79	Skip emptying (based on 4 per year)	Rivington	Sue Harper	20205	13982	Biffa
81	Sanitary disposal bins / Duty of Care	Rivington	Sue Harper	20205	13982	Initial
82	Health and Safety Inspections / Fire Extinguisher Checks	Rivington	Sue Harper	20205	13982	Various
83	Great House IC Redecoration Pt 1	Rivington	K Booth	20205	13982	
84	Great House structural repairs	Rivington	Sue Harper	20205	13982	
87	Lead Mines Grass Cut	LMC	I Harper	20205	14490	APS
88	Retention of historical parkland / scrub clearance	Central	I Harper	20205	14490	Fassfern
89	Lead Mines path works	LMC	H Gannaway	20205	14490	
90	Great House toilets redecoration	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	14490	
91	Rivington Heritage Features	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	14490	Rivington
92	Rivington Newsletter	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	13988	
93	Liverpool Castle repairs	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	14490	
96	Equipment repair & maintenance	Central	All	20150	16537	D Leigh / D Fox
97	Replacement Tickets for Car Park Machines	Various	H Gannaway	20150	16537	Bemrose Booth
98	Padlocks	Central	H Gannaway	20150	16537	Prescotts
102	Boundary repairs - RTA's etc. (not Asset Register)	Various	All	20205	16537	Various
103	Repairs to Tracks & Roads	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	16537	
104	Clear grates & ditches Rivington Estate	Rivington	H Gannaway	20205	16537	
111	Redecoration	1/2 Mill Hill	R Newton	20205	16211	
112	Window repair	3 Mill Hill	R Newton	20205	16211	

113	Replastering	4 Mill Hill	R Newton	20205	16211	
114	External redecoration	4 Mill Hill	R Newton	20205	16211	
115	Minor repairs	5/6 Mill Hill	R Newton	20205	16211	
117	Stone wall repair	Water Hey Cottage	R Newton	20205	16211	
122	Chimney testing	Misc residential	R Newton	20205	16211	
123	Gas safety insps	Misc residential	R Newton	20205	16211	
124	Contingency	Riv Hall & Barns	R Newton	20205	16211	
129	Roof slates	Home Farm	R Newton	20205	13980	
131	Roof slates to rear elevation	Manor House	R Newton	20205	13980	
132	Roof slates & ridge on outrigger	Moses Cocker	R Newton	20205	13980	
133	External redecoration	Moses Cocker	R Newton	20205	13980	
134	Joinery repairs	Moses Cocker	R Newton	20205	13980	
139	Refix slate barn roof	Bradleys Farm	R Newton	20205	16436	
144	Sheets on machinery sheds	Cunliffe Farm	R Newton	20205	16436	
145	Verge cloak on stone barn	Cunliffe Farm	R Newton	20205	16436	
146	Stone barn gutters	Higher Knoll	R Newton	20205	16436	
149	Cubicle building blocks	Home Farm	R Newton	20205	16436	
151	Barn door repairs	Moses Cocker	R Newton	20205	16436	
153	Water supply pipes	Various	R Newton	20205	16436	
154	Drainage	Various	R Newton	20205	16436	
155	Fence/walls (rta)	Various	R Newton	20205	16436	
156	Electrical repairs	Various	R Newton	20205	16436	





# Agenda Item 9

## Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group

The Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group comprises the following organisations (23 members)

### **Chorley BC (3 reps)**

Councillor Mrs ME Gray (Chair 2010/11)

Councillor Mrs MP Case

Councillor Christopher France

### **Anderton Parish Council (1 rep)**

Vacancy

### **Anglezarke Parish Council (1 rep)**

Mr R Smith

### **Rivington Parish Council (2 reps)**

Parish Councillor E Berry

Parish Councillor G Hester (Vice Chair 2010/11)

### **Heapey Parish Council (1 rep)**

Councillor Mrs Margaret Osborne

### **Heath Charnock Parish Council (1 rep)**

Parish Councillor JG Ashworth

### **Horwich Town Council (1 rep)**

Councillor B Ronson

### **Wheelton Parish Council (1 rep)**

Parish Councillor NEJ Hayes - **all correspondence via post as no email**

### **Withnell Parish Council (1 rep)**

Councillor David Metcalfe

### **Lancashire Association of Local Councils (1 rep)**

Vacancy

### **DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (1 rep)** (previously

Vacancy

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food)

### **Tenant Farmers (2 reps)**

Mr IJ Drinkall

Miss EM Raby - **all correspondence via post as no email**

### **A visitor to the area (1 rep)**

Vacancy

### **Association of Chorley and District Angling Clubs (1 rep)**

Vacancy

### **Bridleways Association (1 rep)** (previously a rep from Bolton, Bury and Districts Bridleways

Ms K Bruce

Association)

### **Chorley Sports Forum (1 rep)** (previously a rep from Chorley Sports Council)

Mr T Dickenson

**Chorley and district Natural History Society (1 rep)** (previously a rep from Lancashire  
Vacancy Trust for Nature Conservation)

**The Ramblers Association - mid-Lancashire area (1 rep)**  
Mr B Allman

**Lancashire Constabulary (Southern Division)**  
PC Mark Etheridge

**North West Federation for Sport, Recreation and Conservation (1 rep)**  
Organisation disbanded.

**Friends of Healey Nab**  
Ms M Hall - **all correspondence via post as no email**

**Campaign for the Protection of Rural England**  
Mr R Jennison

**Goit River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)**  
Mr B Richardson

**Officers attending:****Lancashire County Council**

Fiona Cruchley

Andrew Greenwood - Head Ranger

Nicholas Haigh - Area Ranger

**Chorley Borough Council**

Lesley-Ann Fenton

Peter McAnespie

Ian Heywood

**United Utilities**

Neville Kidd

Hazel Gannaway

**Others requiring details of meetings:****Lancashire County Council**

Jean Nelson, Secretary to Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group

Andy Milroy / Stuart Benson, Substitute Secretaries to Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group

**Withnell Parish Council**

Mr Bernard Golding (Parish Clerk)

**Lancashire Constabulary (Southern Division)**

PS Pauline Appleton



# RIVINGTON AND BRINSCALL LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group is one of four Groups formed by the Lancashire County Council's West Pennine Moors Partnership to operate within the West Pennine Moors.

The other three Local Advisory Groups operate within the areas of Darwen Moor and Hoddlesden, Grane and Holcombe Moor; and Turton and North Bolton.

The terms of reference applying to the four Advisory Groups are as follows:

### **Local Advisory Group Objectives**

The Local Advisory Groups exist to provide a local forum for discussion and consultation, and to initiate local project development, contributing to the furtherance of the partnership aims.

The objectives of the Local Advisory Groups are:

- (a) To advise the WPM Area Management Committee and/or Programme Management Group on local views and opinions on management plans, strategic projects and programmes relating to the area drawn up by the WPM Partnership.
- (b) To co-ordinate wider community consultation for these plans and programmes, where necessary.
- (c) To advise Local Authority Countryside and PROW services and United Utilities Ranger services on issues of concern within each area.
- (d) To initiate and develop small projects within each area, and where appropriate, in partnership with the local Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

### **Geographical Areas of Responsibility**

Local Advisory Groups will operate within the following four distinct and defined areas of the West Pennine Moors:

- Grane and Holcombe Moor
- Darwen and Hoddlesden
- Rivington and Brinscall
- Turton and North Bolton

### **Group Chair and Membership**

Each Group may appoint a Chair. Relevant local authority representatives will normally provide secretariat services for meetings.

Membership can comprise representatives from:

- User groups
- Residents
- Landowners and tenant farmers
- Conservation groups
- Parish Councils

- Any other groups with interests in the management of the area

Officers from the following organisations will attend meetings, where possible, to report on WPM activities:

- Lancashire County Council
- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (where appropriate)
- Bolton Council (where appropriate)
- United Utilities

### **Frequency of Meetings**

Local Advisory Groups will generally meet between two and four times a year, at appropriate venues within each area.

### **Communications with the West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee**

Each Local Advisory Group will receive a copy of minutes from the Area Management Committee meetings normally held in June and November each year.

The Lead Officer for the West Pennine Moors partnership will receive items from Local Advisory Group Chairs to be included on the meeting agenda of the Area Management Committee.

## **West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th July, 2011 at 9.30 am in The Dome Room, Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Road, Bolton, BL1 7NP**

### **Present:**

#### **Chair**

County Councillor Peter Malpas, Lancashire County Council

#### **Committee Members**

Councillor Mrs Jean V Rigby, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Councillor Khalid Hussain, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council  
Councillor Amanda Robertson, Rossendale Borough Council  
Councillor Paul Brierley, Bolton Council  
Councillor Marie Gray, Chorley Borough Council  
Councillor Trevor Maxfield, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Councillor Eileen Entwistle, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Councillor Brian Essex, Rossendale Borough Council  
Neville Kidd, United Utilities

#### **Officers**

Ms Bronwen Earnshaw, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Fiona Cruchley, Lancashire County Council  
Ms Jenny Kenyon, Lancashire County Council  
Ms Tamzin Percival, Rossendale Borough Council  
Mr Malcolm Russell, Bolton Council

### **1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Area Management Committee**

It was unanimously agreed that to be able to discuss the change to the Terms of Reference that a chair and vice-chair be voted in for this meeting. CC Peter Malpas and Councillor Jean Rigby were therefore voted in as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

Following the acceptance of the amended Terms of Reference and the fact that the funding situation meant that Lancashire County Council was the only remaining funding authority, CC Peter Malpas was nominated and seconded as Chair and Councillor Rigby was nominated and seconded as Vice-Chair for a term of three years, ending at the annual meeting to be held in July 2014.

### **2. Revision to the Terms of Reference**

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the amended Terms of Reference be agreed for the management committee. It was noted that all voting councils now have two voting representatives. The Secretary to contact all councils and inform them of this.

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Eileen Sherrington (Bolton Council), Councillor Derek Boden OBE (Bury Metropolitan Borough Council), County Councillor Jimmy Eaton (Lancashire County Council), Rosemary Budd (Natural England).

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (31 March 2011)**

These were agreed as a true record.

### **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **6. Review of Partnership Arrangements**

Members noted the report attached to the agenda. No comments were raised.

### **7. West Pennine Moors Revenue Budget - Final Accounts 2010/11**

Members noted the report attached to the agenda. Jenny Kenyon requested that if anyone has any specific queries to contact her directly.

### **8. Lancashire County Council Report on Project Activity**

Members noted the report attached to the agenda. Fiona reported that the leaflets on the bridleway and Healey Nab were at the printers and an email version would be sent to all members as soon as it became available and she would arrange to send all members paper versions later. Following a query from Councillor Gray it was noted that versions of the leaflets would be available in the visitors' centres.

### **9. Ranger and Information Services Report - United Utilities**

Neville Kidd presented his report attached with the agenda. He reported that following the moorland fire, a total of 30 hectares of woodland had been lost in the Pike Stones area. He commented that fly-tipping and litter were ongoing problems taking up a considerable amount of time and that removal of the Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed were a constant problem but one which was constantly being targeted.

Neville reported that the revenue and capital programme was attached to the agenda and if anyone required any further information to contact him direct.

County Councillor Peter Malpas queried the issue of fly-tipping and whether the Police had been helpful in finding the culprits. Neville replied that unfortunately it was a widespread problem in the area and referred to the problem of people dumping used tyres. Neville mentioned that the areas of Rivington, Turton and Belmont were the worst areas for this offence and the culprits were very hard to trace. It also meant that United Utilities had to pay to have the tyres disposed of.



Neville did say however, that fly-tipping was easier to trace on the whole as the bags of rubbish were searched through and often incriminating evidence was found but the offenders were becoming aware of this and being selective about the rubbish tipped.

Neville reported that it cost United Utilities approximately £100,000 to dispose of illegally dumped rubbish.

Councillor Jean Rigby reported on an iphone 'app' called 'lovecleanstreets' which enables iphone users to take pictures of dirty streets. This information is then passed via the application to the relevant council. The website address is <http://lovecleanstreets.org>.

Discussion took place on the Himalayan Balsam and the Japanese Knott Weed issue.

Councillor Brian Essex queried the progress with the dam repairs and Neville replied that it would take a minimum of 12 months to repair, depending on the survey findings into the core of the dam.

Following a query regarding tree planting, Neville confirmed that this would be continuing this year, including hedges.

Councillor Jean Rigby and County Councillor Peter Evans praised the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service for their efforts during the recent moorland fires and other members of the committee also wished to praise all other such services, eg mountain rescue.

#### **10. Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme and potential opportunities arising from the recent white paper on the Natural Environment**

Fiona Cruchley updated the members regarding the progress of this application. The discussions were ongoing and it had hoped to apply in January 2011 but due to the changes regarding funding this application would now be submitted in January 2012. She stressed that competition would be strong but would keep members informed as to progress.

Fiona also informed the members regarding the Government White Paper 'Nature Improvement Areas' and reported that although details of the application process had not yet been finalised requested permission from the members to apply as and when necessary. This was agreed. She reported that there would only be 12 areas involved initially in England and competition would also be strong.

Councillor Brian Essex confirmed that any help with seeking enhanced categorisation for the area could only be of benefit.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

Malcolm Russell commented on behalf of Bolton Council that they were still maintaining projects already commenced on the moors but that capital works had been curtailed. He would report to future meetings as necessary.

Bronwen Earnshaw reported that the situation with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is the same as Bolton and they were maintaining projects, especially the Public Rights of Way. Some funding had been obtained from the Section 106 Fund but this was to maintain the Tacklers Trail and Weavers' Trail as they were rights of way. Bronwen handed round to members copies of a leaflet for the impending walking festival.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday 3 July 2012 at a venue and time to be decided.

Ian Fisher  
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall  
Preston