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**Minutes of the Byways Liaison Group Meeting
2.00pm Wednesday 25th March 2009**

	Actions
<p>Present: Richard Knight, Kevin Jones (SCC), Garaph Boxley, (LAF) Ray Dadd (CRAG), Bob Smith (CRAG), Dave Cowell (NT), Tim Stephens (LARA)</p> <p>Apologies: Chris Edwards (SCC Highways)</p>	
<p>Minutes from last meeting The minutes were read and agreed as an accurate record of the previous liaison group meeting.</p> <p>Issues Arising A vote of thanks was given to Karen Wilson who has now left Shropshire Council after many years. It was agreed that Karen had done a lot of work through the LAF on the UCR issues and helped the group over the years.</p> <p>It was agreed that Richard Knight would take the group forward with the help of Kevin for the time being. The new Access Development Officer would be invited to the group once in post.</p>	
<p>Byways Management Update / Flood Damage RK/BS confirmed that no work through CRAG had been completed in 08/09 due to work commitments and priorities elsewhere. RK conformed that the budget for 08/09 had been rolled forward giving a budget for Byway work with CRAG of £10k for 09/10 (barring any disasters!!). BS reported that he would most likely be able to consider some work after March was over. The current projects were discussed and ranked in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Farm surface improvements (BOAT 8 Stanton Long) • BOAT 4 Lydbury North – Fill hole between fords • BOAT 1 Clunbury – stop mud run out onto the road • 5 Turnings, raise surface and clearance (BOAT 50 Clun) • Footbridge on Rowe Lane – BOAT 12/14 Munslow) • BOAT 5 Richards Castle – Next phase of works <p>BS/RK to co-ordinate works to this priority list unless other issues become a higher priority.</p> <p>RK reported that the flood damage work is pretty much under control now and should not skew priorities (until the next time!!)</p>	<p>BS to advise RK when works can be started.</p>

<p>Signage Suitable signage for UCR's was discussed and it was agreed that a black arrow should be used. Options of UCR, ORPA and Unclassified Road were discussed. The group preferred the option of Unclassified Road with a black arrow. RK will take this forward once the management of UCR's is finalised.</p> <p>GB was keen to see the use of replica old fashioned road signs giving destinations, give way or ford indications. He felt this would put some character into the routes. Other routes could be signed off these. Naturally RK quoted budget as being the most likely hurdle.</p>	<p>RK to seek designs if UCR's come under the management of the Countryside Access Team</p>
<p>UCR survey and other issues (NOTE: UCR'S will become a standing agenda item as many issues relating to them were raised throughout the meeting)</p> <p><u>UCR Queries-</u> TS asked whether the change to unitary authority could mean the loss of vital data such old lists of streets, Handover maps etc. GB reported that Zia Robins (Shropshire Riding and Carriage Driving Groups) has done lots of work on the handover maps and knows more than probably anyone about them.</p> <p>TS asked whether it is possible to see what was on the list of streets at the date of commencement of the NERC act. RK agreed to pass any questions relating to Highways management to Chris Edwards.</p> <p>The group asked for the assurance from the Highways department that all UCR's are vehicular Highways. This includes routes where they are dual recorded as lower status rights of way, but should also have vehicular rights. The group would like to see this assurance in writing!</p> <p><u>UCR Survey-</u> GB was keen for the links between Highways and the Countryside Access Team to be formalised. RK agreed and confirmed that we await confirmation of the funding for the second phase survey of the remaining UCR's and other routes. GB was very keen that Zia Robins' work should not be wasted especially as users and the Countryside Access team see the recreational value of the network and not just the utility value of them. RK will ask Andy Lipa to continue the survey once funding is confirmed. Unfortunately there will be a delay whilst new structure of the unitary authority is sorted out and Karen is replaced.</p> <p><u>Specific UCR Queries</u> RD reported that there was work needed on the Medicott UCR which DC could help out with (stone). RK suggested speaking to Chris Fisher in the Highways division, now that Ian Rutherford had left. The same advice was given when RD reported an issue on the UCR at Coats Farm.</p> <p>RD reported confusion about the missing link at Bush Farm (Clunton this time). RK reported that there were two sections of UCR recorded with a missing link between with no recorded status.</p>	<p>RK to pass to CE</p> <p>RK to pass to CE</p> <p>RK to pass to CE</p>
<p>Voluntary Restraints DC reported that there was a lot of 4x4 and quad bike use of the bridleways towards Ratlinghope. This is illegal use so not really a voluntary restraint issue. DC agreed to monitor the situation to see if it was just a phase and report back.</p>	

