

# Shropshire Local Access Forum

7 July 2010

**To: All Members of the Local Access Forum**

A meeting of the **SHROPSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM** will be held at **10.00 am** on **THURSDAY 15 JULY 2010** at **CRAVEN ARMS COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEWINGTON WAY, CRAVEN ARMS, SY7 9PS**

Please find the agenda attached.

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## Members of the Forum

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fields of Interest</b>
Mr Stephen Bell	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access
Mr Gareph Boxley	Motorised vehicular use/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access
Mr Steve Charmley	Shropshire Councillor
Mr Chris Chillingworth	Walking/Voluntary Activities/Community
Mr Richard Cotham	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Walking
Mr David Cowell	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism
Mr Bob Hill	Conservation Wildlife/Voluntary Activities/ Landowning
Mrs Jane Ing	Conservation Wildlife/Walking
Mr Clive Leworthy	Local community/ Walking/Tourism
Mr Stuart Morgan	Walking /Tourism/route design and application
Dr Jane Morris	Conservation/Wildlife/ Walking/ Disabled access
Mr Mike Owen	Shropshire Councillor
Mrs Alison Parker	Walking/Conservation wildlife/local community
Mr Roger Plowden	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Farming
Ms Sula Rayska (Chair)	Tourism/Countryside Voluntary Activity/Walking
Mrs Zia Robins	Horse riding
Mr David Shelley	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism
Mr Mark Weston	Horseriding/Carriage Driving/Voluntary Activities

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**Thursday 15 July 2010 - 10.00 am – 12.30pm**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Election of Chair**

Under the constitution the term of office for Chair and Vice-Chair shall not be for more than two years, subject to annual re-appointment. Sula Rayska has now been chair for two years.

If there is more than one nomination for the post of chair then voting shall take place by secret ballot with all members present being entitled to vote. (Members of Shropshire Council cannot be elected as either Chair or Vice-Chair).

### **2. Apologies for absence and welcome to new members**

Please ensure you sign the attendance record.

Stuart Morgan, Alison Parker and Mike Owen have been appointed to serve on the Forum recently.

### **3. Election of Vice-Chair**

The only candidates eligible to stand for the position of Vice-Chair are those drawn from a different category or type of interest to that of the newly elected Chair.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

### **5. Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 February 2010 (attached marked: A)

### **6. Public Question Time**

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which notice has been received from members of the public.

### **7. Feedback from LAF Away Day**

To receive any feedback from the LAF Away Day including the proposals for the quarry development at Much Wenlock and the meeting with the Council Members. Open discussion by all.

**8. Task and Finish Group**

An oral report by Deb Hughes on the Task and Finish Group meetings and the maintenance and enforcement prioritisation system.

**9. England Access Forum - LAF consultation**

A letter from Duncan Graham (Chairman of the England Access Forum) and Rob Cooke (Director Environmental Advice and Analysis, Natural England) is attached marked: B

**10. LAF Local Transport Plan Integration**

An oral report by Jim Stabler to explain the planned integration of the Countryside Access Strategy into the Local Transport plan.

**11. Cycling and Other Matters**

An oral report by Alison Kennedy on cycling matters and the status of cycleways and multi user routes.

**12. Shropshire Way Status**

An oral report by Jim Stabler on the status of the upgrading of the Shropshire Way in the centre and north of the County.

**13. Use of Old Railway Lines within the County**

A general discussion on the use of old railway lines as potential access routes. There are many studies being undertaken on the suitability of the numerous disused railway lines as access routes. The LAF is not normally consulted as part of the studies. The aim is to clarify what role the LAF should have in this area.

**14. Stakeholder Working Group on Unrecorded Public Rights of Way**

An oral report from Zia Robbins on the Stakeholder Working Group on Unrecorded Public Rights of Way with it's executive summary and 32 recommendations established by Natural England to develop a consensus on dealing with the deficiencies of the definitive map processes.

**15. Budgetary Pressures**

Requested discussion led by Zia Robbins on budgetary pressures within the Council and their effects on rights of way.

**16. Joint Telford & Wrekin – Shropshire LAF Meeting**

An oral report by Jim Stabler on the request for a joint meeting with Telford & Wrekin's LAF.

**17. Feedback from other Forums and items for noting**

The following minutes/papers are provided as updates for members:

Byways Liaison meeting held on 24 March 2010 (attached marked: C )

Shropshire Riding and Carriage Drivers Groups held on 7 February 2010 (attached marked: D)

Shropshire Hills AONB Recreation Tourism and Products Development Group held on 9 March 2010 (attached marked: E)

Shropshire Cycle Forum Minutes of 10 March 2010 (attached marked: F)

Minutes of the Telford and Wrekin Local Access Forum held on 28 April 2010 (attached marked: G)

Access Newsletter Issues 44 and 45 (attached marked: H)

Minutes of the last meeting of the Walkers Forum (*to follow* marked: I)

Minutes of the Wat's Dyke Association last meeting (*to follow* marked: J)

**18. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 21 October 2010.

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