

**Brecon Beacons National Park Local Access Forum**  
**Confirmed Minutes of the 2nd Meeting held at 3:30pm on Thursday November**  
**13th 2014 at Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Headquarters, Brecon**

**Present**

Secretary and Presiding for Item 1 – Richard Ball (RB)  
Elected Chair (Chaired remainder of meeting) – Ian Maberley (IM)

Jeff Spencer (JS)  
Hilda Williams (HW)  
Colin Woodley (CW)  
John Crellin (JC)  
Phillipa Cherryson (PC)  
Patrick Dobbs (PD)  
Dave Sharman (DS)  
Debbie Hughes (DH)  
Pam Bell (PB)  
Julian Atkins (JA)

**Observers**

Phil Stone (PSt)	Natural Resources Wales
Lisa Lloyd (LL)	Rights of Way Assistant BBNPA
Eifion Jones	Rights of Way Officer BBNPA

**1. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**

RB opened the meeting and apologised for his late attendance at the earlier meeting due to being delayed at a prior appointment in Cardiff, he thanked EJ for standing in as Chair at short notice.

RB explained that he had received an expression of interest for the position of Chairman from IM and asked if there were any other members interested in standing as Chairman. As there were no further candidates, members unanimously elected IM as LAF Chairman.

RB said that there had been no expressions of interest for the position of Deputy Chair and asked members if anyone would be willing to stand. JA offered to take on the position and the members unanimously elected JA as Deputy Chair.

IM took over the chairing of the meeting.

**2. Terms of Reference**

IM asked RB to explain to members the details of the Terms of Reference. IM proposed to keep the Terms of Reference as they are as there had been no problems and it had worked well in the previous term.

**Members agreed on the Terms of Reference.**

### **3. Appointment of Observers and Community Engagement**

RB asked if there were any organisations that members would like the LAF agenda and minutes to be forwarded to.

The following suggestions were received from members:

Local Mountain Rescue Teams, user groups such as Ramblers Association, MP's and Assembly Members, National Trust as landowners within the NP, walking festival organisers, and graziers associations.

RB thought it may be difficult to contact graziers Associations as we don't have a comprehensive list of contacts.

PB suggested the list is circulated amongst LAF members to see if we have missed anyone.

DS asked if members of the public are allowed to attend meeting and make a presentation with the 3 minute rule as in the PAROW meetings. JA said that members of the public could attend the LAF meetings but would only be allowed to speak at the Chairman's discretion, they would not necessarily be limited to three minutes.

IM emphasised how important it is to spread the word about the work of the LAF and PC asked if she could discuss future press releases at the next meeting as a way of promoting the LAF.

### **4. Proposed Business of Next Meeting**

PC agreed to discuss future promotion and press releases.

PD suggested that the meeting is limited to one presentation to allow enough time for questions and discussion.

IM suggested that one meeting in the year should involve a site visit to look at issues or work that's been carried out. Members thought this was a good idea.

JA asked if EJ could give members a brief outline on the Rights of Way procedures. EJ agreed.

RB said there would be updates from the Visitor Management Plan, NRW funding and Nature Fund Bid.

PB asked if members could be updated on how the dualling of the A465 is affecting Rights of Way. CW has read the documents and JA has been attending monthly meetings to monitor the process and it was agreed they would provide a brief update at the next meeting.

PC said that she had been attending Monmouthshire LAF meetings and is happy to feed back to members any issues that arise.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

PD suggested the LAF should write to Mike Scott Archer to express our appreciation for all his work while Chair of the LAF for the past 3 years. Members agreed.

**Action:** The LAF to send a letter of thanks to Mike Scott Archer

#### **Rights of Way consultations**

EJ told members that he would be sending out a number of consultations in the next few weeks for changes to the Rights of Way network. He asked that members contact IM, coping in LL, with comments. IM would then respond to EJ with a single comment from the LAF.

#### **6. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the NPVC