

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 12 June 2017*

Agenda Item 13: *Reports from other LAFS*

f) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum – Petronella Natrass

The Forum last met on 28 March 2017.

Planning: a sub-group has been convened to carry forward the work started at the workshop in December in which the Forum started to look at what planners and developers should provide and avoid within new development. It was agreed that the Forum should write to local planning authorities offering support and guidance on the protection and enhancement of rights of way within development, in line with the national Planning Policy Framework.

Forestry Commission: Tim Oliver of the (based in Cumbria but currently seconded to Lyndhurst as the FC's Head of Recreation and Public Affairs) gave a presentation on the aims and challenges for the FC in relation to public access on its estate across the country. The Commission, like HCC and many other authorities, is facing challenges relating to reduced resources and increasing costs

HCC updates: Jonathan Woods and Emma Broadbent each gave an update on CAP implementation and Community Engagement respectively (covered under today's NFAF agenda items 5 and 6)

Equestrian guidance: the two equestrian representatives on HCAF are continuing to work on guidance for planning authorities and developers on the particular needs of equestrians in relation to the rights of way and highway network. It was agreed that the Forum should pursue closer contact with HCC Highways in relation to this and other areas of HCAF's work.

HCAF-MoD Liaison group: had met in February and was due to meet again in May to discuss the Long Valley Byelaw review, with a view to formulating general guidelines or a statement on byelaws.

Coastal Access: the last meeting with Natural England to discuss the England Coast Path in Hampshire had been cancelled, and the group is due to meet again on 5 June. There is concern that this sub-group's meetings with Natural England had focused on the state of progress with the work to implement the ECP, rather than on the Forum's views of what is being proposed.

g) Wiltshire

h) Dorset