

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK and COUNTRYSIDE
JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2006 at 1800

at Northumberland National Park Offices, Eastburn, Hexham

Part One (1800 – 2000) Open to the Public

1 Welcome and Apologies

Introduce Tony Gates, CEO of Northumberland National Park

2 Public Participation

To receive any questions submitted by members of the public

3 Declarations of Interest

In accordance with Paragraph 6 of the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 members are asked to declare any direct or indirect personal interests (including financial) in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting and shall disclose the nature of those interests to the meeting.

4 Minutes of previous meeting held on 20 October 2005 (attached)

5 Matters Arising

Matters Arising from the previous Minute not covered elsewhere on the agenda

6 Presentation by the Countryside Agency

Presentation by Martin Shaw, Countryside Agency Senior Countryside Officer, Wider Welcome Team to include the Provision of the NERC Bill

7 Presentation on the North Pennines AONB

Presentation by Simon Wilson, North Pennines Area AONB Co-ordinator (East)

8 Updates

8.1 Financial update (C Mulligan, D Brookes)

8.2 CROW update (D Brookes, R Mayhew) including:

- i) Restrictions
- ii) Mapping issues including Anomalies and Errors in Access Mapping
- iii) Exclusions including Consultation on Closures

8.3 Working Groups – feedback from recent meetings, way forward with recommendations and topics for future meetings (WG Chairs)

8.4 Update on information from other Local Access Forums, meetings including LAF Meeting, Preston (P Brooks), Access Officers Seminar (R Mayhew) and proposed liaison meeting with Cumbria LAF (P Brooks)

8.5 Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) (D Brookes)

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9 Members' Section

- 9.1 Issue raised by Gill Featonby
'Encouraging local authorities and organisations such as National Trust/ English Heritage to provide greater access for horse riders/cyclists on land they own/ manage'.
- 9.2 Sue Rogers re issue raised by member of public on Bridleways in the Cheviots
- 9.3 To hear members' individual updates on relevant activities.
- 9.4 Recruitment of members for Year 4 (1 May 2006 to 30 April 2007) (M Hume)

10 Any other business

10.1 Correspondence

- a) British Canoe Union (Tamsin Phipps) – update (att) (R Cross)
- b) *'A Pennine Journey'* – correspondence from David Pitt (att) (L Lazarri)
- c) TRACX – note correspondence from Simon Wilson – *'System for recording use of mechanically propelled vehicle's, rights of way and upland areas within the North Pennines AONB'* (att)

10.2 Wagon Ways – update (T Liddle)

10.3 Internet Map of Rights of Way – Northumberland County Council (D Brookes)

11 Date of Next Meeting

Change of date from 13 April to **Thursday 6 April 2006**; venue Berwick/Borders and to include an afternoon visit.

Part Two (2015 – 2100) - not open to the Public

Members to meet in their working groups to discuss comments from the Draft ROWIP scoping exercise and feedback these comments to David Brookes, Northumberland County Council.

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7 of The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (under Sections 94 and Section 95 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) the meetings of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) will be open to the press and public and they are welcome to attend the meetings. Questions can be submitted via the Administrator up to three working days in advance of the meeting but additional time may be required to answer specific queries. Copies of current and previous agendas, minutes and associated reports are available on the Northumberland National Park Authority website at:

<http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk/LocalAccessForum/meetingsagendaslaf>

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