

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

**THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2005 at 1800
NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS, EASTBURN, HEXHAM**

Members of the public and press are welcome.

MEETING AGENDA

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2 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.

3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 8 December 2004

4 Matters Arising

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

- a) *Paper from last meeting 'Demand for Outdoor Recreation in the English National Parks*

5 Public Participation

To receive any questions submitted by members of the public

6 Budgets

- a) *To receive an update on budgets and related issues by D Brookes and C Mulligan and to discuss any matters arising.*
- b) *For information – Initiation and Definition of Project (PID) on Rights of Way Improvement Plan*
- c) *North Pennines LAF*

7 Closures

- a) *Presentation by Neville Geddes, District Planning Forester on 'Dedicating Forest Land as Access Land'*
- b) *Presentation by Rob Mayhew on 'Devising a process for handling future long term closure applications'*
- c) *Chillingham Cattle –decision required on formal response on closure application (deadline 29 April 2005)*
- d) *Any other issues*

8 Membership

- a) *Confirming JLAF year as 1 May to 30 April*
- b) *Process for election of new members to the Forum from 1 May 2005*
- c) *Information on recruitment process for new members*
- d) *Widening group membership*

9 Publicity and Events

To discuss the celebration of Open Access Day on 28 May – see Alun Michael letter on Open Access dated 7 March 2005

10 Updates

- a) *CROW update including restrictions and exclusions*
- b) *Mapping issues – noting conclusive maps delivered on 29 March and update on any appeals*
- c) *Working Groups Update including developing roles and any future meetings*
- d) *Updates on information from any other LAFs*
- e) *Update on Alun Michael statement on Byways Open to all Traffic*

11 Members Section

- a) *To discuss ways of working with other agencies*
- b) *Members' individual updates on relevant activities*
- c) *Any other issues such as training and evaluation*

12 Any other matters arising

- a) *Annual report*
- b) *Format of meetings – times, venues, visits etc*

13 Proposed Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates are proposed for future meetings:

Thursday 21 July – afternoon visit followed by meeting – venue to be decided

Thursday 21 October – venue to be decided

Thursday 19 January 2006 – venue in Hexham

Thursday 13 April 2006

Other date for information:

Launch of Open Access Saturday 28 May 2005 in Otterburn

Other LAF meetings: Lake District – 9 May, 27 July and 31 October; Cumbria – 3 March and 22 June; Yorks Dales 22 March.

Members of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum are:

Bryan Harwood (Chair), Richard Cross (Vice Chair), Erica Bamford, Sue Bolam, James Boulton, Pamela Brookes, Alison Carter, Jo Deneil-Rowe, Gill Featonby, Graham Gill, Trevor Hardy, Kevin Heymann, Ted Liddle, Pam Neal, Janet Robinson, Nick Rossiter, Pat Scott, Michael Walton, Mark Wood.

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

Additional copies of the agenda, 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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