

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

**THURSDAY 21 JULY 2005 - 1800 - 2000
GREENHEAD VILLAGE HALL, GREENHEAD**

MEETING AGENDA

The agenda is divided into two parts. Part I is the formal meeting and Part II is a more interactive session which we hope will involve members in discussing the afternoon's site visit and making recommendations.

Part I

1 Welcome and Apologies

To welcome everyone, particularly the new members, to the meeting.

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 14 April 2005 (attached)

4 Matters Arising

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

5 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

To elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year. Appointing Authorities to take the chair for this item.

6 Public Participation

To receive any questions submitted by members of the public

7 Budgets

To receive an update from D Brookes and C Mulligan on any budget and related issues and to discuss any matters arising.

9 Updates

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| a) | CROW update including restrictions, mapping issues and exclusions | DB/RM/LL |
| b) | Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) | DB |
| c) | The Lost Ways in Northumberland | DB |
| d) | Working Groups Update including appointing new members to groups, developing roles and planning future meetings | RC |
| e)) | Updates on information from any other LAFs | |

9 Members' Section

To hear members' individual updates on relevant activities. Members

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10 Any other business

- a) Project to Assess the Effectiveness of the operation of LAF's: Countryside Agency research project undertaken by the University of Gloucestershire.
- b) ROW and the Northumberland County Council website DB

11 Dates of Future Meetings

- o Thursday 20 October 2005 – time and venue to be decided.
- o Thursday 19 January 2006 – time and venue in Hexham
- o Thursday 13 April 2006 – time and venue to be decided
- o May 2006 – elections for Year 4 membership.

Part II

Feedback from Guided Walk and Site Visit

(30 minutes discussion time, 15 minutes feedback)

Following the site visit to Once Brewed with Paget Lazzari and Julian Acton, when members were asked to look at specific access issues, members are now asked to provide feedback on the following questions in relation to this afternoon's visit. Members should divide into three groups and spend 30 minutes discussing their question. Groups should write down their key findings and nominate a spokesperson to speak for 5 minutes and provide a summary of their group's main recommendations.

Group 1 - How important is the maintenance of ROW to the successful delivery of the new rights of open access?

Group 2 - How is open access impinging on the management of dogs in the countryside.

Group 3 - What, if anything, can access authorities better do to assist land managers in dealing with the new rights of Open Access?

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