

**Gloucestershire Local Access Forum**  
**NOTES/Minutes**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

	<b>Notes/Minutes</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>Present</b> Richard Holmes (V.Chair), Alan Shelley, Charlie Morriss, Sue Ellis, Nicola Simpson, Chas Townley, Councillors Beki Hoyland, Robert Vines; GCC Karen Pearman, Will Saundier &amp; Nicola Chidley ; <b>Apologies for absence</b> (Alison Williamson; Paul Lockley; Chloe Turner); <b>Absent</b></p> <p>The Meeting took a moment to remember Gerry Stewart who passed away in the Summer and had been a Member of GLAF, OSS Correspondent and Rambler as well as a former GCC PROW Officer. A memorial bench was proposed on the A417 Missing Link development to be arranged with Bernard Gill.</p>	NC
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – None	All
3.	<b>Notes of meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> and matters arising not covered in the agenda below - None	Chair
4.	<b>Review of Notices and Consultations received by GLAF and Membership</b> -[ 3 localised tree felling licences on access land that GLAF did not wish to receive.] [J9 and 9A consultation. Concern from CM regarding joining up with issues and consideration of the scheme in context.] [Tewkesbury re naming to North Gloucestershire proposed.]	
5.	<p><b>GLAF Annual Report</b> – Widespread discussion. The report focusses on 2007 regulations that arose from CROW Act 2000. The last GCC GLAF annual report was in 2014 – 15. What resources would be available? Who could compile it?, Is there a will to compile it? and Is there a benefit to doing one? Why do Natural England no longer request nor require one? In favour of Annual report is promoting the work that GLAF are doing. See CT report.</p> <p>What other LAFS complete an AR (Seems about 50/50 do)? *CT to report back on numbers doing an AR;</p> <p>*Request to Natural England on their stance; *NC to circulate last AR completed (2014-2015)</p>	CT NC
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Don't Lose Your Way/Restoring the Record</b> – updates from Stakeholder reps- Not much to update re changes as doubt on remainder of Regulations.</li> <li>review of <b>Definitive Map statistics</b> – Progress with 9 determinations in 2024; 1 submission to SofS (Witcombe - complicated); Significant number on list but some progress being made. Significant costs of Public Inquiry ("PI") (Leckhampton School was about £10 – 15k); If lots of user evidence and there is a dispute then PI is best as can test the evidence in a live setting. Discussions on optimal way to proceed and if Barrister is required or Inquiry is needed. Written Representations can be used if a technical objection. CT Graph showing the timescale of some orders showing those awaiting referral to Sec of State. CM is compiling list of cross reference number and site. *To share. GLAF expressed support of Karen's team and their work.. Suggested 4 way email BH/KP/CM/NC to write letter to minister.</li> <li>Deregulation Act reforms have not been enacted following the election we await updates *(latest - 2031 being repealed) *Bring updates to next meeting &amp; Council Motion. BH could take to Full Council as a question and correspond with Minister. Chair was due to go to Env Scrutiny Cttee in Jan/Feb could ask if the regulations could be chased.</li> <li><b>PROW PPO Updates</b> – See report. CT pointed out orders made are not complete. An extra PPO officer resource was approved and is helping reduce the backlog. There is</li> </ul>	CM/Chair NC/KP

