

**Gloucestershire Local Access Forum
DRAFT Minutes including Action Notes**

**Thursday 26th February 2026
Meeting at Shire Hall**

	Minutes & notes of actions	Actions
Item		Who
1.	Present – Alison Williamson (Chair); Richard Holmes (Vice chair); Paul Lockley; Charlie Morriss; Andrew Stott; Meyrick Brentnall GWT (Standing in for Lucy Moriarty); Ian Crossland (LO); Maggie Beggs (visitor for BHS); Phil Hackett (BHS); Mark Holland; Nicola Chidley (GCC); Sarah Macaulay-Lowe (GCC); Jeff Wheeler (GCC); Apologies for absence – Jacky German, John Shaw, Chas Townley, Craig Drew Absent: Cllr John Patient, Cllr Ian Cameron	
2.	Declarations of interest: None.	
3.	Minutes and Notes of 16th October 2025 meeting: - Is there a formal way to raise issues about walking and cycling/riding routes on the A417. Advised to do this via FixMyStreet. NC will bring up at the next A417 WCH group. - Annual Report – CROW Report to be shared with Alison – doesn't look like this happened. NC will check and circulate - Update on unsurfaced/unclassified roads. Added to 5yr inspection regime. Some will be moved to other inspection regimes dependant on the inspection findings. Forest nearly complete and Cotswolds left to do. CM asked if this will be policy – was promised two years ago and concerned this is being lost in management. There is a map showing what has been inspected but not publicly available yet. AS asked why landowners not consulted – this is only asset information so no requirement to consult the landowners. Discussion about ORPA's – PH wants to raise awareness of loss of public rights and some so overgrown not possible to be used – not for GLAF to resolve at this time. Please report to Fix My Street. -	NC NC
4.	Review of Notices and Consultations received by GLAF and Membership – All relevant and shared	
5.	Update on Severnside Nature Park, Gloucester from Meyrick Brentnall, GWT Leaflets shared around and MB did a presentation on what is happening here. Slides can be shared. MB asked for CT Llantony Bridge info – NC will share. - Llantony bridge still on radar (Highways Infrastructure) and contact is Dan. Waiting to do vegetation clearance but no update yet. Will enable optioneering works. - Dan and MB to liaise but MB wants to know when condition survey done – should have already happened. - MB working with Will Saunder (PROW) to improve paths - Group would like to know what is happening about the bridge – keep on agenda for next meeting -	NC
6.	Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2027 – 2037 Engagement & Update - Questionnaire to be published shortly for public and landowner engagement - Focus Groups include stakeholders/landowners/horse riders/ramblers but want other groups; young people/schools.	

	discussed application and actions given. 3 x full time members on project which is funded by Aviva and riverside path to be moved inland via a bank at the rear of the saltmarsh. High tides due in 2027 which will likely breach the bank. Aggregate surface recommended for new path away from flood water. Joint working with highways b. Cotswold Trails and Access Partnership. Meeting on 22nd Oct 25 and included looking at budget – there are funding issues from Natural England. National Trails are pursuing this. How will LGR affect National Trails? Over to underground cables project happening this spring. c. Eleven Rivers Group - 3 Choirs Way /Wysis Way & Gloucestershire Way – - The Eleven Rivers would like involvement with A417 Green bridge proposals. The meeting with Joe Harris involved discussion about funding and access objectives and linking with public health. Spoke about Glos probation workers on east bank of river. - A417 – shared map of closure and 3.4 km alternative route – passing concern to National highways – only positive is the interest in seeing the works. Do we know how long this will take. People will just create shortcuts. Maybe so shuttle bus or escort across site. NC will take this back. - are meeting with Councillor Joe Harris. d. Tetbury Trail. Surface added to the middle section and by Trouble House but wasn't compacted. New contractors have put down on top of grit stone. PL will show GLAF members at next meeting. Timescale to complete is now. e. Kemble to Cirencester Railway Update – No Update. f. Llanthony Swing Bridge – done earlier g. Pilley Bridge at Old Pates. Charlton Kings – Action group/finance to go to CBC h. Stowfield (Black) Bridge – No definitive update other than its being investigated regarding repairs, costs and resources. PROW hoping scaffolding can be replaced and bridge reopened whilst longer term options considered i. Nailsworth to Stroud Railway Path – District Council and Parish Councils along the route are keen to promote and improve the railway path. An update from Woodchester, one of the Parishes alongside the path was read out. (attached to minutes). NC will provide email to Maggie re groups to contact. j. GLAF Annual report. Request to be put as a separate item on GLAF website – NC will check. CT has offered to do an annual report – thank you.	NC NC NC CT
10).	AOB RH – outdoors for all – produce a report online about green paper for access. RH to send NC link for circulation DoT reviewing law for powered vehicles on footpaths. Open consultation until 22-4-26 - Rural redundant paths please report via Fix My Street – vegetation/signage	RH
11)	Date of Next Meeting: Next formal meeting 18th June 2026 Tetbury Trail – details to follow	
	2026 Meeting dates:- 26th February 2026, 20 Aug 2026; 15th October 2026	

GLAF Agreed Minutes on date:

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