



## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 31

8 June 2016, Priory House, Chicksands

<b>Members</b>	
Pauline Hey - Chair	Rosalyn Whisker
Brian Golby	Tom Chevalier
Clive Beckett	Mario Costa-Sa
Cllr Tony Brown	John Mardle
Andy Knight	
<b>Secretariat</b>	
Gabriella Jeavons-Fellows - Central Bedfordshire Council	
<b>Apologies</b>	
David Simkins	Steve Bumstead
Cllr Paul Castleman	Louis Upton
Jane Conway	Tony Welch
<b>Observers</b>	
David Leverington – Central Bedfordshire Council	
Keith Dove – Luton Borough Council	

		ACTION
1	<u>Apologies, welcomes &amp; introductions</u> Pauline welcomed John Mardle to the group	
2	<u>Public Questions</u> None	
3	<u>Election of previous meeting</u>  Pauline agreed to continue for a third year as Chair and all were unanimous in their support of her.  There was a discussion as to who would take up the position as vice chair. Pauline explained that the vice chairs main duty would be to provide cover for the chair if she is unable to attend meetings and would be able to fill the role of Chair once she	

	stands down. Clive volunteered to take on the role. All approved the appointment of Clive as Vice Chair.	
4	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>a. <u>Approval</u></p> <p>All agreed and approved previous minutes</p> <p>b. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
5	<p><u>Anti Social Motorbike Initiatives</u></p> <p>Mario reminded all that he is working on developing a framework to reduce anti social motorcyclist behaviour. He explained that the framework looks to increase the risks and reduce the rewards of such behaviour.</p> <p>Mario mentioned that the Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) have been working closely with the group Campaign Against Dangerous Riders based in Luton and explained that the group have been very proactive and that there has also been very good support from the local Councillors and MPs.</p> <p>Mario explained that there have been proposals to allow members of the TRF and Institute of Advance Motorcyclists to assist the police officers in their work with anti social motorbike initiatives. Mario explained that they have now come to an agreement that the assistants would have a PCSO type role.</p> <p>Mario agreed to keep the forum updated with further progress.</p> <p>Ros mentioned that the police helicopter has helped to reduce the number of bikes out illegally. Mario confirmed that the police do have off road motorbikes but a better deterrent is road blocks rather than chasing the motorcyclists.</p> <p>John stated that there are 14 access points within Bramingham Park and have been able to reduce anti social behaviour on motorbikes by blocking them. Also involve the neighbourhood watch scheme to text or email the police if they see any suspicious bike behaviour and the police arrive immediately. This proactive response by the police had reduced the bike numbers.</p> <p>The methods of enforcement by the police were discussed and it was generally accepted that the deterrents used are not causing any litigation issues. Mario mentioned that the increased in awareness should reduce the issues and the lines of communication are now in place to tackle the problem.</p> <p>Tom raised the concern that physical barriers would not stop motorcyclists as barriers would also inhibit horseriders and cyclists.</p> <p>Mario explained that the framework in place was based on adaptation from the fly-tipping policy and this could lead to the development on a policy. David mentioned that a policy would be useful to the team. It was agreed that Mario work along with David to develop a framework/policy by the next JLAF meeting in Sept.</p> <p>Cllr Tony Brown also mentioned that since the change of PCC, senior members of</p>	MCS/DL

	<p>Central Beds met with the PCC and confirmed that there is a change in attitude within the police who are now more focussed on the working in conjunction with the needs and desires of the public. Mario agreed that joint police and community work will be progressive and beneficial.</p>	
6	<p><u>JLAF Aspiration of North Luton</u></p> <p>Tom explained that based on the draft response a question had been raised from The Ramblers about shared use of footpaths and bridleways. Their comments have been acknowledged and noted.</p> <p>John mentioned that he had received comments from the public regarding the standard for cycleways. Andy explained that Sustrans set the standard for the cycleways. Keith confirmed that he would send John a copy of the standard.</p> <p>Tom mentioned an example of good practice from Michelle Flynn who noticed that the construction of the A5-M1 link road was going to tarmac the bridleway and got it changed to avoid issues for horseriders. The importance of monitoring developments whilst in construction was emphasised.</p> <p>Louis comments were referred to as they make further mention to the development of the cycleway.</p> <p>The response has been submitted and no further action is required at this time.</p> <p>Keith relayed that the Luton ROWIP has been approved. In response to their interest shown LBC will be working with the Friends of Parks and Chilterns Society to discuss progressing of both the action plan and the definitive map work.</p>	KD
7	<p><u>National Conference (Leeds) Feedback</u></p> <p>Pauline confirmed that she attended the National Conference in Leeds on 1<sup>st</sup> March but didn't find it to be overly useful as there were several different workshops on the day which didn't allow for as much information to be presented. Pauline confirmed that the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter has now been issued and circulated via email today.</p> <p>Some of the topics discussed on at the conference were access prioritisation – County Durham gave a presentation to explain the effective process they used to improve paths. Other subjects discussed were connected to new barriers for disabled, urban and non-urban routes when doing DMMOs and alternative uses of existing structures, such as using a running track for cardiac rehabilitation or using rights of way for charity events.</p> <p>John mentioned in connection with cardiac rehabilitation that the NHS provides funding for the development of facilities within the Bramingham Park and the holding of charity events.</p>	
8	<p><u>Luton Local Plan and Local Transport Plan</u></p> <p>Keith gave an update on the Luton Local plan. The Plan was approved by full council on 21<sup>st</sup> March and submitted on 22<sup>nd</sup> April with a government inspector now appointed. The first hearing will be held in w/c 19 July to examine whether there has been sufficient co-operation with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies.</p>	

	<p>The second part of hearings will allow for stakeholder representations to be considered and will take place in the last 2 weeks of September.</p> <p>Keith also explained that Luton are about to appoint consultants to update the strategy section of the Local Transport Plan. He anticipates that the work will be completed by July 2017, and there will be various things to comment on within the group.</p> <p>John questioned how the Luton Local Plan will fit in with the recently published CBC local plan. Keith explained that the Luton Local Plan does take account of the impact of routes of strategic transport schemes required for land north of Luton and Houghton Regis development, but does not include the development sites within CBC.</p> <p>John questioned whether the Local Transport Plan would impact on the John Bunyan Trail and other rights of way due to potential road widening on the A6. It was agreed that comments can't be made at this early stage; however it is unlikely the A6 will be widened.</p> <p>Andy mentioned that a refuge was put in 10 years ago to improve crossing, and Tom suggested a toucan crossing would improve access and safety. It was agreed that these are items to keep in mind when planning applications are received which could potentially impact on rights of way.</p>	
9	<p><u>Central Beds Local Transport Plan</u></p> <p>David circulated the report that went to the executive in April which explains that the framework for LTP4. The reports set out the change in focus to deliver sustainable growth.</p> <p>David explained that details of how the plan impacts on strategies currently in place or will soon be in place, such as public transport strategy, will soon be published. He confirmed that the timetable for adoption of the plan is Autumn 2017 allowing time for the forum to discuss and influence the plan.</p> <p>Tom raised a concern that a number of issues within the forum's remit mentioned in the plan have a deadline of approval by Autumn 2016. David agreed to establish points of contact regarding these points and feedback to the forum well before the next meeting, to establish whether a sub-group needs to be set up or if there is potential for slippage on these timeframes. David confirmed that the ROW team had not been involved with the consultation on the plan.</p> <p>John mentioned that the plan makes no mention of the Streatley local council plan despite them being affected. Clive also mentioned that healthy lifestyles need to be represented within the plan. Tom suggested reviewing existing plans to be included once timescales for feedback were established.</p>	DL
10	<p><u>Luton ROWIP</u></p> <p>See comments from Keith under Agenda item 6</p> <p>Keith reiterated that although the plan has been adopted, minor changes need to be made and Cllr Castleman is reviewing these in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The ROWIP will be published next month and then meetings will be set up with</p>	

	<p>relevant groups.</p> <p>Keith agreed to circulate the link to the ROWIP when published.</p>	KD
11	<p><u>Livestock guidance</u></p> <p>David circulated the livestock and public access practice guide for all to see.</p> <p>The guidance was sent to over 500 stockowners explaining responsibilities in relation to land that is grazed and has PROW across it.</p> <p>A disc/plaque has been produced for livestock farmers, which warns walkers when livestock are in the field but can be reversed to text stating no stock currently present.</p> <p>David mentioned that they will be monitoring the response of the public and landowners to the guidance and discs.</p> <p>Gaby agreed to check if the livestock guidance is on the website and if not to update the website accordingly.</p>	GF
12	<p><u>Any other notified business</u></p> <p>Pauline mentioned that she had been invited to attend the LNP AGM. The JLAF had not been represented on LNP before as Bob Wallace from BoBLAF had represented both BoB and JLAF with limited feedback so Pauline suggested that the Forum have more involvement with them. All agreed that time constraints restrict the Forum's involvement. There was uncertainty of what exactly the LNP deliver and advocate and Pauline agreed to invite a representative from the group to attend the next meeting to give an overview of their group and how the Forum can be involved.</p> <p>Clive requested that David bring an update of the OAIP Business Plan and objectives for 2016/17 to the next meeting. David agreed to bring such as well as the highlight report for 2015/16 which he has been working on with Paul Burgess from the Sites team.</p> <p>Tom requested that David brings an updated version of his stile spreadsheet to the next meeting.</p>	PH  DL  DL
13	<p><u>Dates of future meetings</u></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Venue TBC. Potential venues for the meeting were the Dunstable Downs Gateway Centre on a condition that the National Trust give a presentation to the forum and Dunstable Fire Station</p> <p>Tom requested that all relevant papers be circulated with the agenda and previous minutes – and include a link to the relevant website items on the agenda.</p> <p>Gaby agreed to draft a list of venues for members to decide on.</p>	Secretary  GF