



## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 13

11<sup>th</sup> July 2012

### Rushmere Country Park

<b><u>Members</u></b>	
Steve Bumstead – Chair	David Simkins
Andrew Pym	Marion Mustoe
Tom Chevalier	Julian Clark-Lowes
Tony Welch	Pauline Hey
Brian Golby	Rosalyn Whisker
Andy Knight	
<b><u>Secretariat</u></b>	
Caroline Romans - Central Bedfordshire Council	
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	
Jason Jordan	Andy Gerrard
Angela Kirby	Cllr Dave Taylor
Cllr Angela Barker	
<b><u>Observers</u></b>	
Jonathan Woods – Central Bedfordshire Council	Keith Dove – Luton Borough Council
David Leverington – Central Bedfordshire Council	

		ACTION
1.	<u>Public Questions</u> There were no public questions.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> See above.	
3.	<u>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</u> Steve Bumstead was nominated as Chair by Andrew Pym. This was seconded by David Simkins. Steve was duly elected as Chair for another year until June 2013.	

	<p>Pauline Hey was nominated as Vice Chair by Marion Mustoe. This was seconded by Andrew Pym. Pauline was duly elected as Vice Chair for another year until June 2013.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>4.1. Approval The minutes of the March meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>4.2 Matters arising A number of actions were carried forward as they have not yet been completed:</p> <p>Cllr Dave Taylor has been re-appointed to the forum for another year, but has not attended a single meeting since his original appointment. Keith has spoken to Luton Committee Services. Brian Golby to talk to Cllr Dave Taylor to encourage him to attend the JLAF meetings.</p> <p><u>Vacancies on Forum for young people and tourism &amp; rural business</u> – <i>Young people:</i> JLAF secretary is awaiting dates from Alli Guiton for future youth parliament meetings.</p> <p><i>Tourism and rural business:</i> JLAF secretary to contact James Parrish, Moggerhanger House and the Jordan Trust to try to get a member for the JLAF who can represent this interest area.</p> <p><u>Mapping of Luton excluded area</u> – Keith to check whether Luton’s gazetteer includes ROW and alleyways that would be on a definitive map.</p> <p><u>S106 contributions</u> – JLAF secretary has sent a letter to John Maple at Luton BC requesting greater transparency of s106 contributions and an increased profile for monies for ROW and greenspace, but has not received a response. JLAF secretary to ask for a response.</p> <p><u>CBC Definitive map issues</u> - JLAF secretary to request a response from Paul Cook (Head of Transport Strategy and Countryside Services) at CBC to the letter sent in April.</p> <p><u>Pegasus crossing, Hitchin Road</u> - Keith to talk to Malcolm Hawkins to find out progress on this.</p> <p><u>Huddle</u> – Tony Welch offered to take on one of the additional Huddle licences and Andy Gerrard was suggested as the second person. JLAF secretary to sort out.</p> <p><u>Proposed Gating Order – Leyhill Drive, Luton</u> - the forum is keen to understand what guidance is given by Luton Borough Council to developers regarding promotion of pedestrian and cycle access within and between developments/communities.</p> <p>All remaining actions were completed.</p> <p>The following points were also raised:</p>	<p>Brian Golby</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>Keith Dove</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>Keith Dove</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>Keith Dove</p>



	<p>behalf and the forum wished to pass on its thanks to them. JLAF secretary to collate the responses and respond to the consultation by 6/8/12.</p> <p><u>CBC Draft development strategy</u> – this is currently out for public consultation and covers CBC planning policies and where the authority is planning housing growth. This is the first time that a planning policy for ROW has been included in such a document.</p> <p>The JLAF asked the secretary to respond on their behalf stating that it firmly supports the inclusion of this policy within the document.</p> <p>Other development activity: the North of Houghton Regis framework plan is also out for consultation which is based around the A5-M1 link and a number of masterplans are currently in development for the same area.</p> <p>JLAF secretary to obtain an update on the A5-M1 link which went to public inquiry in early 2012.</p> <p>The forum should consider how it will deal with the impacts of large scale growth in Central Bedfordshire and Luton on greenspace and ROW; potentially create a list of the most critical issues and try to ensure that these are covered by these development/masterplan documents.</p> <p>A greenspace masterplan is also currently being produced for the north of Luton which will be circulated to the forum once it is out for public consultation at the end of September.</p>	<p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF members</p>
7.	<p><u>Paths for Communities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Forest of Marston Vale have already submitted a bid to P4C for improved signage along routes into the Forest Centre.</li> <li>- Henlow Parish council are considering a bid to provide a contribution to a bridging project at Poppy Hill Lakes.</li> <li>- CBC is working with BRCC (Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity) on a bid for the creation of an off road link between Biggleswade and Langford (past Jordans Mill).</li> <li>- Harlington parish council are looking at a bid to upgrade a section of the Icknield Way along the railway line to bridleway.</li> </ul> <p>If the forum has any other ideas for bids, please either contact Fiona Taylor at Natural England (fiona.taylor2@naturalengland.org.uk) or Haydn Rees (fundraiser) at CBC (haydn.rees@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk).</p>	<p>JLAF members</p>
8.	<p><u>Your countryside (CBC OAIP)</u></p> <p>The draft action plan was circulated; it is very top level as the detail will be contained within the annual business plan.</p> <p>The timeline is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First draft completed by end of July 2012-08-10</li> <li>- August to September – finalise document</li> <li>- Consultation – end September to Christmas</li> <li>- Adoption by end of March 2013</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><u>Any other notified business</u></p>	

	<p>- JLAF Annual report proforma has to be completed and returned to Natural England by 31<sup>st</sup> October. JLAF secretary to prepare report and complete proforma.</p>	<p>JLAF Secretary</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Dates of future meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Luton Town Hall (TBC). Sandwiches to be provided from 6.30pm.</p> <p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Sandy Town Council Office. Sandwiches will be provided from 6.30pm.</p>	