

(DRAFT) KCAF - Minutes of the Meeting
Monday 11th December 2017
Natural England Offices, International House, Ashford

In attendance:

John Bridle	<i>JB</i>	Chair
Anne Beecham	<i>ABe</i>	Other Interest Representative - Tourism (Vice Chair)
Jeremy Boxall	<i>JBox</i>	Land Management Representative
Anne Rillie	<i>AR</i>	User Representative - Equestrian
Theresa Trussell	<i>TT</i>	Other Interest Representative – Multi User Groups
Alison Clifton	<i>AC</i>	Minutes (KCC)
Averil Brice	<i>ABr</i>	User Representative - Walking
Richard Dickenson	<i>RD</i>	User Representative - Motorised Vehicles (Vice Chair)

Advisors:

Graham Rusling	<i>GR</i>	Public Rights of Way Manager (Kent County Council)
Kevin Haugh	<i>KH</i>	Natural England

Guest:

Martin Craig	<i>MC</i>	Volunteer (KCAF)
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Apologies:

Jenny Bowen	<i>JBow</i>	Natural England
Amanda Corp	<i>ACor</i>	NFU - Landowner / Management Representative
Steve Neville	<i>SN</i>	User Representative - Cycling
Ron Butcher	<i>RBu</i>	Other Interest Representative – Parish Councils & Disability
Chris Jelly	<i>CJ</i>	Other Interest Representative – Dog Walking
Denise Roffey	<i>DR</i>	CAIP Officer (Kent County Council)
Linda Griffin	<i>LG</i>	Other Interest Representative – Cultural and Landscape Heritage
Kirstie Williams	<i>KW</i>	Highways Manager (Kent County Council)

Coastal Access (update)

See Appendix A (attached).

Action: J Bow / KH to provide an update at the next meeting.

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed: Martin Craig (KCAF Volunteer).

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The Minutes of 11th September 17 were agreed.

Sandwich Bay / Pegwell Bay

AB discussed equestrian access to the beach at Sandwich Bay with some local riders who reported that an informal discussion had been held with a member of the RSPB. He confirmed that horse riding is still permitted at Sandwich Bay along the beach in both directions between high and low water marks up to the start of the bird sanctuary at Pegwell Bay and there is no plan by the RSPB or KWT to change this. The beach at Sandwich Bay can be accessed at the northern edge of Princes Golf Course. Times when riding access to the beach may be restricted (i.e. in the summer months) details can be found on Thanet District Council's website.'

Environmental Rural Groups and Stakeholders:

KCC hosted this event on 27/10/17.

22 Organisations attended (inc CLA and NFU).

Action: ABe to brief the Forum at the next meeting.

Highways and Byways Working Group

Correction of Highways Record and Proposal for Unrecorded Ways

RD raised concern regarding the accuracy of the List of Streets.

GR confirmed a 'research' Volunteer will start work in January 2018 to sift through Side Roads Orders, ORPA's (Other routes and roads with public access) and the Highways Gazetteer / List of Streets, to identify anomalies and collate evidence before the 'cut off' date of 2026.

Action: RD to discuss the Highways - List of Streets with Matthew Balfour (KCC Member).

Byways Management update

Restricted Byways at Alkham: has reached the Consultation stage. PROW is currently looking at drainage and how the route will be managed.

Drakes Lane, Hollingbourne: will be discussed at the next meeting.

Byway TRO's at Ruckinge, Guston and Farningham: have been implemented.

Byway Permit Scheme: has been successful. Several Local Authorities have expressed an interest in adopting the scheme.

Slow Roads (Quiet Lanes) Initiative – status and next steps: How can speed restrictions / traffic calming measures be introduced? **Action: KW to discuss at the next meeting.**

Traffic safe margin for all vulnerable road users:

AR raised concern that equestrians are excluded from the 'traffic safe margins' (ie at Court Lane, Barham). **Action: AR to write a letter of concern to Kent Highways, on behalf of the Forum.**

Data Protection (GDPR General Data Protection Regulations 2018)

The GDPR will come into force from 25th May 2018.

Organisations and groups will be held accountable if personal data is not kept secure. There will be heavy fines, if there is a breach.

Action: GR to check the position in respect of voluntary organisations can be held accountable, if there is a breach.

CAIP - Countryside and Coastal Access Improvement Plan

KCC received an overwhelming response to the CAIP Questionnaire.

The Exeter University - ORVal methodology, shows Kent's Public Rights of Way network has a welfare value of £440m per annum.

The CAIP - Stakeholder Panels will meet in January / February 2018, to discuss how best to deliver the beneficial outcomes to health, the economy, the environment and transport that the PROW network has the ability to deliver.

Project updates:

Deferred to the next meeting.

AOB

Membership:

Action: GR to invite an officer from Explore Kent to advise the Forum.

Action: GR to invite a KCC Member to join the Forum.

Conference:

J Box attended the LAF SE Conference on 21 June 17 in Birmingham.
Presentations will be available on Huddle.

6. Date of next meeting

Date:	Monday 12th March 2017
Time:	1.45pm
Venue:	Natural England Offices, International House, Dover Place, Ashford, Kent TN23 1HU

Date:	Monday 11th June 2017
Time:	1.45pm
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