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A meeting of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex (CAFWS) will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Wednesday, 16th April 2008** at **County Hall, Chichester.**

Agenda

1. **Apologies and Welcome**
2. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
3. **Declaration of Interests**

Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

4. **Minutes** of the Forum meeting 23rd January 2008. (copy attached page 5)
5. **Actions and Matters Arising not Covered by Agenda**
 - Minutes 237 and 243 – please see update in General Report
 - Minute 257 – letter sent to Mr Grummet for his help on the East Grinstead strategic development work
 - Minute 299 – feedback on LAF regional event organised by Natural England and held on 21st February 2008
 - Minute 302 – update on potential CAFWS membership from the farming community

6. **Urgent Matters**

To consider any items not on the Agenda which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances. If any member wishes to raise a matter under this heading they are asked to consult the Chairman or the Secretary before the meeting begins.

7. **Working Groups**

To receive feedback from the Working Groups

- a) Disability Access
- b) Off Road Cycling
- c) Walking in West Sussex (draft brief attached page 15)

8. **Sub Forums**

- a) Coastal Access, High Weald and Low Weald sub fora
To arrange election of Chairmen, review of membership, and Work Programme for 2008
- b) South Downs Access Forum
To receive verbal update on the future of the Forum

9. **Guest Speakers**

- a) To receive a presentation from Tracey Waltho, Divisional Head, Transport, Infrastructure Operations, WSCC
- b) To receive a presentation from Jon Perks, Principal Rights of Way Officer, WSCC
- c) To receive a presentation from Phil Belden, Countryside Services Manager, South Downs Joint Committee

10. **Current Strategic Developments**

To receive verbal updates on the following: -

- a) East Grinstead
- b) West of Crawley Joint Area Action Plan
- c) Site 6 Bognor Regis
- d) Burgess Hill Infrastructure Audit
- e) Mid Sussex District Council Core Strategy Pre-submission Document – comments submitted
- f) Chichester District Council Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – deadline for comments 11th April 2008
- g) Crawley Borough Council Local Development Framework to 2016: Development at Gatwick Airport to 2015 draft SPD – the consultation runs until 2nd May 2008 and details can be found at http://www.crawley.gov.uk/stellent/idcplg?ldcService=SS_GET_PA_GE&nodeId=365&strCSS=

To agree a Protocol for Forum responses

11. **Current/Future Consultations**

To receive verbal updates on the following: -

- a) Forestry Commission High Weald Forest Design Plan
- b) Tree Safety Policies – Forestry Commission - comments submitted
- c) Draft South Downs Way Management Plan – comments submitted
- d) Access Management Grants Scheme – comments submitted
- e) Draft Marine Bill – Defra – closing date for comments 26th June 2008 (summary papers attached separately for members for information only) The consultation can be found on the Defra web site <http://www.defra.gov.uk/marine/legislation/index.htm> .

12. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP)**

Forum members to receive a copy at the meeting and agree next steps

13. **General Report**

To note a written report on items of interest to members of the Forum including local access forum meetings. (copy attached page 16) **If members have questions in connection with the General Report, please could these be raised with officers prior to the meeting.**

14. **Agenda Items for the next Meeting of the Forum**

To consider Agenda items for the next meeting including:

- RoWIP workshops in the morning including members of the Sub Fora
- Presentation from the Forestry Commission
- Report findings from the Disability Access Working Group
- Cycling presentation

15. **Matters for Information.**

Members may bring to the attention of the Forum any matters that they feel other members should be made aware of.

16. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Wednesday 2nd July at 10.30am at Clair Hall.

To all members of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex