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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, 18th April 2007** at **Capron House, Midhurst.**

Agenda

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for a one year period.

2. Apologies

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 held on 24th January 2007. (copy attached)

5. Actions and Matters Arising not Covered by Agenda

- Minute 148 – Black Down fencing proposal response (copy and response available at meeting)
- Minute 174 – update on East Sussex County Council countryside volunteers
- Minute 176 – letter sent to Natural England (copy available at meeting)

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. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) Funding and the West Sussex County Council (WSSC) Fundamental Service Review**

- a) To receive a verbal report from Louise Goldsmith, WSSC Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy, followed by the opportunity for members to ask questions
- b) To receive a verbal report from the Chairman on future WSSC support for the Forum

8 **CAFWS Sub Forum Minutes**

To receive verbal updates on the Coastal Plain Sub Forum and South Downs Access Forum.

- a) Coastal Plain Sub Forum meeting 8th March 2007 (minutes attached)
- b) South Downs Access Forum meeting 13th April 2007

9. **Strategic New Developments**

To receive a written report on progress. (copy attached)

10. **Working Groups**

To receive initial feedback from the Working Groups

- a) Disability Access (report attached for members only)
- b) East Grinstead (please refer to report under Item 9)

11 **Revised Local Access Forum Regulations and Guidelines**

To receive Forum comments on the documentation issued March 2007.

12. **Consultations**

- a) Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy response (copy attached)
- b) Common Land Act (2006) – response by 9th April
- c) Power for National Park Authorities to make Traffic Regulations Orders – response required by 20th April
- d) Brighton & Hove ROWIP – response required by 20th April
- e) Access to the Coast – expected May
- f) Landowner/occupier right to apply for orders to divert/extinguish a public right of way – expected April/May
- g) Solent Countryside Access Plan (part of Hants RoWIP) – response required by 30th June

13. **2006/2007 Annual Report**

To review draft Annual Report (copy to be sent under separate cover). Members are invited to bring appropriate photographs to the meeting for consideration for inclusion.

14. **Rural Strategy for West Sussex**

To receive a verbal report.

15. **General Report**

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

16. **Agenda for the next Meeting of the Forum**

To consider Agenda items for the next meeting.

17. **Matters for Information.**

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

18. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Wednesday 18th July 2007 at 10.30am at The Bothy, Knepp Castle, near Horsham