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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, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008** at **Billingshurst Village Hall.**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies**

2. **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.

3. **Minutes** of the Forum meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007. (copy attached – page 5)

4. **Actions and Matters Arising not Covered by Agenda**

- Minute 156 – wheelchair access at Pagham Beach walkway
- Minutes 191-193 – Cocking, Graffham and Heyshott (Restricted Byway 952). To note the draft Order had been made. The deadline to lodge formal objections to the Traffic Regulation Order is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 should the Forum wish to do so.
- Minute 199 – Forestry Commission involvement with CAFWS
- Minute 212 – white roads investigation for Discovering Lost Ways
- Minute 226 – National Trust, Slindon

5. **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.

6. **Working Groups**

To receive feedback from the Working Groups

- a) Disability Access (report attached for members page 16)
- b) Cycling

**7. Strategic Developments**

- a) East Grinstead (report attached page 19, response attached page 20)
- b) West of Crawley Joint Area Action Plan (report attached page 28, response attached for Forum ratification page 29)
- c) West of Horsham Masterplan (response attached for Forum ratification page 32)
- d) Site 6 Bognor Regis (response attached for Forum ratification page 37)

**8. Sub Forums**

- a) South Downs Access Forum  
To note unconfirmed minutes of AGM meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 (copy attached page 39) and the future of the Sub Forum

**9. Current/Future Consultations**

- a) Forestry Commission High Weald Forest Design Plan
- b) Discovering Lost Ways (Forum response attached page 45)
- c) Local Transport Planning; The Next Steps (Forum response attached page 46)
- d) Mid Sussex District Council Core Strategy Pre-submission Document – comments by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Further details will be available at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/corestrategy) wef 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008
- e) Tree Safety – Forestry Commission (letter and background summary attached page 50)
- f) Draft South Downs Way Management Plan – comments by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008 (covering letter and Plan extract attached page 52). Further details available at [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/southdowns/](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/southdowns/)

**10. Access Management Scheme & Ramblers Association**

To consider Forum response to the Ramblers Association (letter attached page 60)

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

To receive a verbal update on the imminent publication of the RoWIP for West Sussex.

**12. Work Programme for 2008**

Forum to identify and agree an achievable Work Programme for the coming year. (Information paper attached page 63)

**13. Widening and Increasing Participation in Walking**

To receive a verbal report from the Rural Strategy Manager, WSCC, followed by a Forum discussion.

14. **Commencement of Section 69 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000**

To note a report from the Senior Access Officer, WSCC. (copy attached page 64)

15. **General Report**

To note a written report on items of interest to members of the Forum including local access forum meetings. (copy attached - page 67) **If members have questions in connection with the General Report, please could these be raised with officers prior to the meeting.**

16. **Agenda Items 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 10.30am in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.

**To all members of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex**