

Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum

2016

Annual Report

March 2017

Foreword to the Annual Report 2016

2016 has been a busy year for the Forum with 4 meetings, a significant number of items discussed, 2 presentations received and 3 new members recruited.

I feel the Forum has continued to make progress with increased awareness of what the Forum does and more input from various departments within Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC). However it is still apparent that more needs to be done to ensure the Forum is consulted on a regular basis with regards to all projects that affect access to the Countryside.

The Guidance for Local Authorities on Public Rights of Way (October 2016) produced by the Welsh Government has proved to be a useful document setting out in detail what Local Authorities must do when it comes to managing Public Rights of Way and interacting with the Forum. I would like to see CCC adopt this document and link it into the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) that is currently being produced.

It has also been noted that the number of outstanding issues (maintenance & legal) reported within Carmarthenshire has been increasing as confirmed by the reports shown in Appendix 1. These reports, which started being produced in May 2016 show that Outstanding Maintenance Issues have increased by 8% and that Outstanding Legal Issues have increased by 11% over the 8 months up to the 13th January 2017. The Local Access Forum is concerned that these problems are increasing and urge the local authority to work towards reducing the numbers of outstanding issues.

2017 will be another busy year for the Forum with a significant amount of input needed on the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Carmarthenshire and some significant projects underway including the Towy Valley Cycle Route, which the Forum hopes it will be consulted on in more detail over the coming months.

I would like to thank Jonathan Tudor, Caroline Ferguson and their team for the time they have spent and advice that has been given to the forum as secretary and advisors for the past year.

I would also like to thank all forum members for the time and expertise they give to the forum. As shown in Appendix 4 many LAF members are also members of other organisations / committees and it is hoped that this will assist in taking the work of the LAF forward to a wider audience.

Mark Hadley
Chairman
Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum

Introduction

The Carmarthenshire LAF was established in September 2002, and covers the County of Carmarthenshire, excluding the area of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority for which their Western Area LAF has responsibility as shown in Appendix 3. The Local Authority had a statutory duty to establish the LAF as required by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

The statutory function of the Forum is to advise the authority, Natural Resources Wales and others as to the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purpose of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, with regards to the needs of land-management and the natural beauty of the area.

The remit of the Forum is now widened to advise not only the appointing authority (in our case Carmarthenshire County Council), the Highway Authority and other bodies as may be prescribed by regulations but to advise on the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plans, Wardening, the making of bylaws and long term exclusions and restrictions on access.

The views of the Forum should be sought on any new regulations under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the management of the new rights of access, the strategic priorities for the public rights of way and cycle networks and all other forms of open air recreation.

Forum members are committed to attend outside groups if appropriate and are encouraged to do all they can to engage with the public.

All meetings of the Forum are open to the public. Minutes of meetings and other LAF details are available on the Carmarthenshire County Council website at: <http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/residents/leisure-outdoor-activities/public-rights-of-way/local-access-forum/#.ViuVxZUvnIU>

The National Assembly for Wales regulations require appointing authorities to prepare an annual report for each LAF for which it is responsible as soon as possible after the end of the financial year. This report incorporates Natural Resources Wales' guidance on the production and content of Local Access Forum Annual Reports.

The annual report will serve several purposes:

- a) A summary record of the previous year's work. Minutes of individual meetings and other documents produced will give greater detail but the annual report will summarise the LAF's work.
- b) A work plan for the coming year. This will be the plan agreed between the LAF and the appointing authority, in accordance with regulation 16(2)(b). It is acknowledged that changing priorities and pressure of other work may prevent the plan being adhered to in full.

- c) A 'publicity' document. The annual report must, by statute, be made available for public inspection and it must be available for the public to buy.

The Year Reviewed

Reporting of the Statutory Function

This section of the annual report focuses upon the LAF's performance of its statutory function during the year ending 31st December 2016 (December meeting held on 19th January 2017). This function, as included in the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 is to advise:

- a) The appointing authority.
- b) Any body exercising functions under part I in relation to land in that area.
- c) If the appointing authority is a National Park Authority, the local highway authority for any part of that land, and
- d) Such other bodies as may be prescribed.

As to the improvement of public access to land in that area for the purposes of open-air recreation and enjoyment of the area.

The bodies mentioned in a) to d) above shall have regard, in carrying out their functions, to any relevant advice given to them by a LAF under this subsection or any other provision of this Act.

The LAF held 4 meetings in the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 (December Meeting Deferred to 19th January 2017). These meetings can be summarised as follows:

- 1) 18th February 2016 – Carmarthen Leisure Centre
- 2) 12th May 2016 – Carmarthen Leisure Centre
- 3) 22nd September 2016 – Carmarthen Leisure Centre
- 4) 8th December 2016 (Deferred to 19th January) – Carmarthen Leisure Centre

Matter Considered by the LAF 1st January – 31st December 2016 (19th January)

1. Topic Considered: **New Members / Resignations**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016, 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017

Summary: Richard Leggett's new membership agreed at the February meeting. Becky Chunising stood down from the LAF on the 9th March 2016. John Cook and Gerald Brown's new membership agreed at the September meeting.

2. Topic Considered: **Carmarthenshire Archive Service**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016

Summary: Item discussed confirming that CCC's Executive Board had agreed for the archives to remain in Carmarthenshire. The Forum confirmed that the archive is essential for applications to add rights of way to the definitive map under section 53 of the CROW Act 2000.

3. Topic Considered: **Dog Control Orders**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016, 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016

Summary: The LAF confirmed support of the proposals to control dogs in certain areas at the February meeting. Copies of fact sheets relating to the orders were handed to members at the May meeting. Final copies of the leaflets were handed out in the September meeting.

4. Topic Considered: **NRW Targeted Consultation on Draft Guidance for the Review of ROWIP's**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016

Summary: Geoffrey Williams informed the LAF that a copy of the Ramblers response on this matter would be obtained. The LAF had also submitted a response to NRW expressing concerns about funding for the implementation on new ROWIP's.

5. Topic Considered: **Brechfa Forest Wind Farm**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016, 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: The LAF had received confirmation from RWE that they would meet if required. At the May meeting Jillie Gardiner gave an update relating to the connection phase of the project. At the September meeting it was confirmed that Bethan Edwards, Development Project Manager for Brechfa Wind Farm would attend the next meeting. Members were still expressing concerns with regards to lack of consultation regarding the project. It was also discussed that a member of the LAF should join NPower's community forum. Bethan Edwards and Martin Kelly presented to the January meeting regarding rights of way management during the construction phase of the project. At the January meeting members of the Forum asked that concerns regarding the lack of consultation on this project be conveyed to the Chief Executive. Following this a letter was sent to the Chief Executive and a meeting has been arranged in April with the relevant heads of service for each department where this matter will be discussed.
6. Topic Covered: **Glastir Advanced Permissive Route**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: The LAF discussed a Glastir Route in Cilycwm.
7. Topic Covered: **Active Travel**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016, 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: At the February meeting the LAF asked for confirmation from NRW as to what extent local authorities should consult with the forum with regards to active travel routes. (No response has been received.) At the May meeting the LAF had still not received much information and asked Simon Charles to contact it regarding mapping of Active Travel routes. For the September meeting Simon Charles had confirmed that that the

integrated network map wasn't complete & would be ready for the December meeting. It was confirmed in the January meeting that Simon Charles would be attending the February meeting. At the January meeting members of the Forum asked that concerns regarding the lack of consultation on the Carmarthen to Llandeilo cycle route project be conveyed to the Chief Executive. Following this a letter was sent to the Chief Executive and a meeting has been arranged in April with the relevant heads of service for each department where this matter will be discussed.

8. Topic Covered: **Diversion Order Process**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: The process for diversion orders on rights of way was explained to the LAF.
9. Topic Covered: **Grant Improvement Works Programme**
Date(s) Considered: 18th February 2016, 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016
- Summary: A report regarding the Grant Improvement Works Programme was presented at the February meeting. Further reports were discussed at the May meeting. At the September meeting it was confirmed that CCC had spent £54,000 (ROWIP) and £70,000 (Joint Working Partnership) in the 2015/16 financial year. Funding for the 2016/17 financial year was also confirmed totalling £82,000. It was also confirmed that Ranger numbers had reduced and that it was likely community councils would be asked to maintain some paths in the future.
10. Topic Covered: **PROW Furniture (Gates / Stiles, etc) – Responsibility**
Date (S) Covered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: The issue regarding who is responsible for maintaining furniture on rights was discussed.
11. Topic Covered: **LAF Annual Report**

- Date(s) Covered: 18th February 2016, 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: It was agreed that the Annual Report is a useful document to help raise the profile of the LAF.
12. Topic Covered: **Legal Case – Herrick v Kidner & Somerset County Council 2010**
- Date(s) Covered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: This case related to use of the full width of a right of way and it was suggested it set a precedent for management of similar problems.
13. Topic Covered: **Development of Tourism Destination Plan**
- Date(s) Covered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: Jillie Gardiner commented that she had attended a meeting of tourism ambassadors and advised that the LAF will be included in the process.
14. Topic Covered: **Sustrans Cycle Route in Burry Port**
- Date(s) Covered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: Jillie Gardiner mentioned the project with further information to follow at the next meeting.
15. Topic Covered: **Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Representatives**
- Date(s) Covered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: At the February meeting the LAF were introduced to Glyn Lloyd-Jones who would be NRW's representative at future LAF meetings.
16. Topic Covered: **Abergavenny to Llandeilo Cycle Route**
- Date(s) Covered: 18th February 2016
- Summary: Mark Hadley explained that he had attended a meeting about this project.
17. Topic Covered: **Planning – Nationally Significant Development Projects**
- Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016

- Summary: The LAF received a presentation in May from Richard Jones (Development Management Officer) from CCC regarding the planning process relating to Nationally Significant projects and specifically the Brechfa Forest wind farms. The LAF suggested in September that all planning applications that are sent to the rights of way team are forwarded to LAF members via the Chair for comment. This was agreed at the January meeting.
18. Topic Covered: **ROWIP Funding**
Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016
- Summary: Caroline Ferguson confirmed that CCC had received a ROWIP funding letter confirming £54,607 of funding for the 2016 / 17 financial year.
19. Topic Covered: **BBNP Delegation Agreement**
Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: At the May meeting Caroline Ferguson outlined the position regarding the possible alteration of the existing delegation agreement with BBNP. At the September meeting it was confirmed negotiations were still ongoing. At the January meeting it was confirmed that discussions were still ongoing and that an agreement needs to be in place before the start of the next financial year. Members expressed concerns with regards to the BBNP carrying out their duties and how this new agreement may affect the Forum. Following this a letter was sent to the Chief Executive and a meeting has been arranged in April with the relevant heads of service for each department where this matter will be discussed.
20. Topic Covered: **CCC Countryside Access Team**
Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: An update was provided in May regarding the structure of the Countryside Access unit and members asked to be kept updated with regards to vacant posts. At the September meeting Alan Warner outlined

that he was looking to gain approval to use contractors for annual grass cutting or to hand back maintenance to Community Councils. This would free up Ranger time for Capital works, minor enforcement and furniture improvement works. It was confirmed at the September meeting that there was no update with regards to the structure of the legal team. At the January meeting the forum were informed that the new structure for the maintenance team was in place and that a new part time assistant was starting in the legal team. The forum asked the chair to contact the Chief Executive outlining concerns regarding recruitment and its impact on the service. Following this request a letter was sent to the Chief Executive and a meeting has been arranged in April with the relevant heads of service for each department.

21. Topic Covered: **Definitive Map / Legal Orders 2015/16**
Dates(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: A table of legal orders processed and outstanding was presented at the May meeting it was noted that the numbers of outstanding orders were increasing. Report provided at September meeting providing update. The report provided at the January meeting shows steady completion of PPO's but that DMMO's completion has not moved forward.
22. Topic Covered: **Improving Opportunities to Access the Outdoors Green Paper – Summary of Response Received by Welsh Government**
Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016
- Summary: Issues regarding the green paper were discussed.
23. Topic Covered: **Heart of Wales Line Walking Trail Proposal**
Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: At the May meeting the project was outlined to LAF members and some leaflets handed out. At the January meeting Caroline

Ferguson confirmed that she had met with members of the project team and that CCC were working with the HOWLTA on the routes in Carmarthenshire.

24. Topic Covered: **Bridges on Rights of Way**
Date(s) Covered: 12th May 2016, 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: Issues regarding the number of bridges requiring repair were discussed at the May meeting. At the September meeting Alan Warner confirmed that £450,000 would be available to repair bridges. It was confirmed at the January meeting that 9 bridges would be repaired / replaced in the next financial year. It was suggested that once works are complete these routes should be promoted.
25. Topic Covered: **ROWIP Review**
Date(s) Covered: 22nd September 2016, January 2017
- Summary: The forum were informed at the September meeting that consultants would be used to undertake the review and that the forum would be involved in the consultation process. At the January meeting the forum were informed that Capita had been appointed as consultants to undertake the review and that things had progressed slowly. Forum members asked that the Chair contact the CCC Chief Executive to outline the forums concerns that the ROWIP may not be completed on time. Following this request a letter was sent to the Chief Executive and a meeting has been arranged in April with the relevant heads of service when this matter will be discussed. It was also discussed that it was likely Capita would attend the next forum meeting.
26. Topic Covered: **PROW Network Issues Report**
Date(s) Covered: 22nd September 2016, 19th January 2017
- Summary: At the September meeting reports regarding outstanding Maintenance and Legal Issues were distributed to the forum. It was requested that these be produced for every forum meeting. It was agreed that the

outstanding issues appeared to be increasing and that this would be monitored at future meetings. It was agreed at the January meeting that the reports continued to show an increase in the number of outstanding issues and that this may relate to the number of vacant posts. The forum asked the Chair to contact the Chief Executive outlining these concerns. . Following this request a letter was sent to the Chief Executive and a meeting has been arranged in April with the relevant heads of service when this matter will be discussed.

27. Topic Covered: **Volunteers**
Date(s) Covered: 22nd September 2016
- Summary: Geoffrey Williams informed the forum how the Ramblers Association (RA) use volunteers and confirmed that volunteers are insured by the RA. Members asked if volunteers could be used to help identify bridges that need repair.
28. Topic Covered: **Cambrian Way**
Date(s) Covered: 22nd September 2016
- Summary: Geoffrey Williams informed the Forum that he is a Trustee of the Cambrian Way and responsible for monitoring the route within Carmarthenshire and that way marking along the route is in the process of being improved.
29. Topic Covered: **LAF Conference 2016**
Date(s) Covered: 19th January 2017
- Summary: Geoffrey Williams / Mark Hadley gave an update regarding the LAF Conference that they had attended.
30. Topic Covered: **3D Walking Campaign / Visit Wales Themes**
Date(s) Covered: 19th January 2017
- Summary: This project related to the Welsh Government theme of 'Legends' for 2017. A number of LAF members had attended a presentation about Carmarthenshire promoting a number of walking routes under this theme. The project was due to be live in

January and the forum was informed that an update was expected shortly. The forum was informed that the 2018 theme would be the 'Sea'.

31. Topic Covered: **Revised Welsh Government PROW Guidance**
Date(s) Covered: 19th January 2017
Summary: The forum discussed this document and it was explained that the guidance consolidates existing guidance and circulars into one catch-all document and references newer legislation such as the Active Travel Act.
32. Topic Covered: **TRO's on Byways / UCR's**
Date(s) Covered: 19th January 2017
Summary: Mark Hadley expressed concerns that it would appear CCC is implementing TRO's over resolving problems.

Other Chair / Deputy Chair / LAF Activities

List of other engagements carried out by the Chairperson / Deputy / Other LAF Members in pursuance of the aims of the forum:

Date	Event Attended	Nature of Attendance	Attended By
19/04/16	Byway User Group Meeting	LAF Members	Mark Hadley, Karen Burch, Jane Evans, Caroline Ferguson
12/10/16	Byway User Group Meeting	LAF Members	Mark Hadley, Karen Burch, Jane Evans, Caroline Ferguson
19/10/16	LAF Conference 2016	LAF Members	Mark Hadley, Geoffrey Williams, Jillie Gardiner, Caroline Ferguson
24/10/16	3 D Walking Campaign Meeting	LAF Members	Mark Hadley, Jillie Gardiner, Caroline Evans, Caroline Ferguson

LAF Committees / Other Meetings

LAF regulation 13 allows for the establishment of committees of a LAF. The Forum established the following committees / attended the following meetings in 2016:

No other meetings apart from those highlighted above were attended in 2016.

Presentations to the LAF

The following presentations were given to the LAF in 2016:

1. 12th May 2016 – Richard Jones (Development Management Officer) Carmarthenshire County Council – Gave a presentation regarding ‘Planning – Nationally Significant Development Projects’.

2. 19th January 2017 – Bethan Edwards (Development Project Manager for Brechfa Wind Farm) and Martin Kelly – Gave a presentation regarding the construction phase of the Brechfa wind farm and management of public rights of way during construction.

Work Plan 2017

Regulation 16(2)(b) requires that a LAF annual report includes a programme of works which have been agreed between the forum and the appointing authority, which the forum plans to undertake during the next twelve months. The following items are included for 2017:

1. Items expected to be referred to the LAF by other bodies:

Local Authority:

It is anticipated that the following items will be discussed with CCC in 2017:

- Active Travel
- Towy Valley Cycleway Project
- ROWIP Review
- Planning
- Grant Improvement Works Programme
- Improved Communication Between Council Departments and the LAF
- Carmarthenshire County Council Countryside Access Legal and Maintenance Department Staffing Structures
- Brecon Beacons National Park Delegation Agreement
- Regular updates on the grant improvements programme and right of way work undertaken by the authority.
- Updates at each meeting with regards to outstanding maintenance and legal issues.

Welsh Assembly Government and Natural Resources Wales

It is anticipated that the following items will be referred to the LAF by the Welsh Assembly in 2017:

- ROWIP Review Process

The following are matters that NRW and WAG anticipate that they will refer to LAF's during the year. This is for guidance only and may change to reflect work priorities. **It should not be taken as definitive.** In addition Local Authorities and National Park Authorities will refer matters to LAF's. LAF members themselves should also be encouraged to put forward agenda items.

- Engagement with other organisations.
- Publicising the LAF and its work.

- Influence – Monitoring the impact of advice and recommendations.
- Work Plan for the year.
- Membership.
- Role and governance of the LAF.
- Look at support for LAF's.

2. Items Proposed by LAF Members and Others:

LAF members have requested that the following items be discussed in 2017:

- Recruitment of other members of the public / groups that are not represented on the LAF including a Disability User Group Representative.
- Heart of Wales Line Walking Trail
- Visit Wales Featured Themes
- Brechfa Wind Farm
- Public Service Boards – Forum Involvement
- CCC – Use of TRO's

Proposed Meetings in 2017

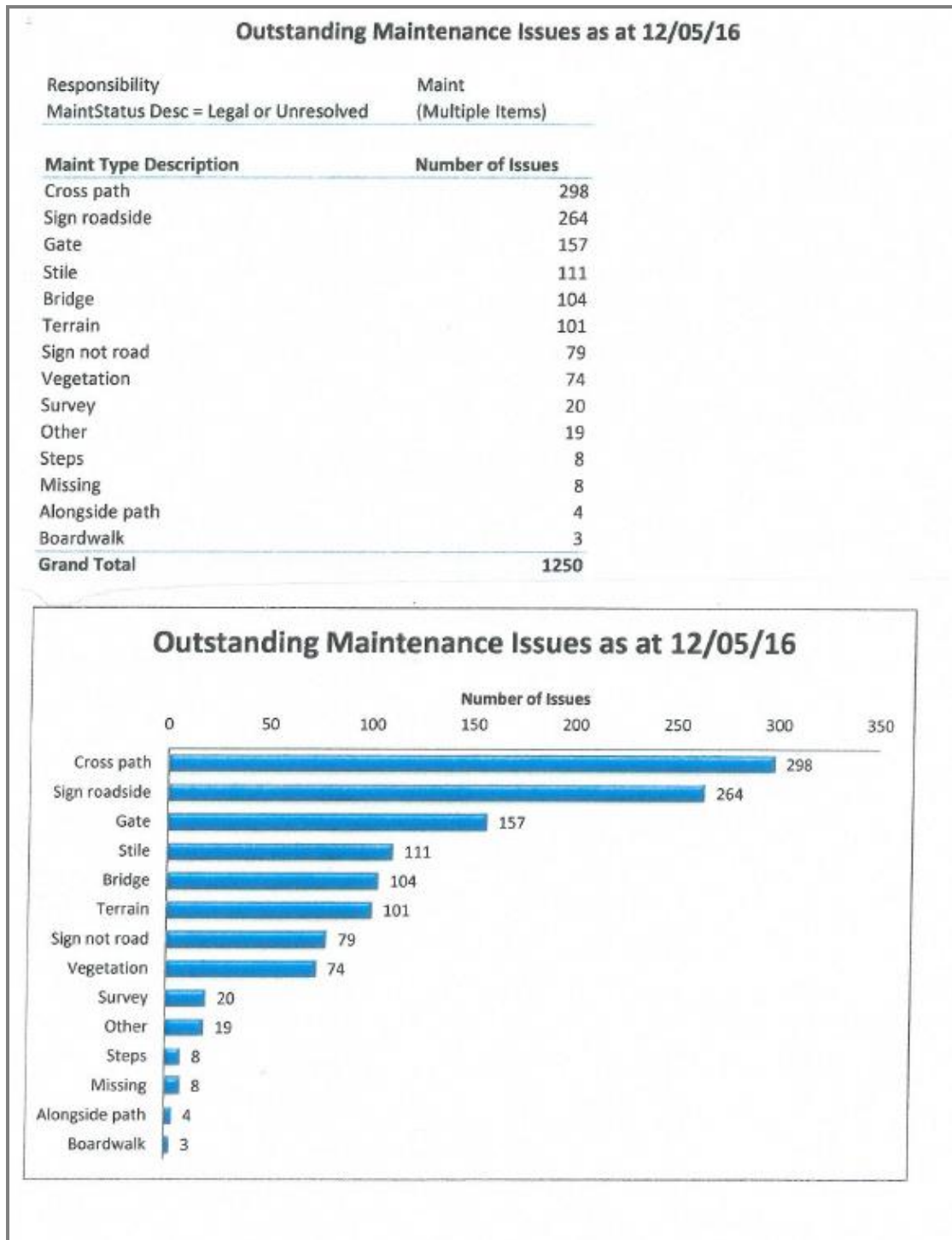
The proposed schedule for meetings in 2017 is as follows:

- 16th February 2017 – Carmarthen Leisure Centre
- 11th May 2017 – Tywi Centre Llandeilo
- 21st September 2017 – Carmarthen Leisure Centre (TBC)
- 7th December 2017 – Tywi Centre Llandeilo (TBC)

Appendices

Appendix 1 Outstanding Maintenance and Legal Issues Reports

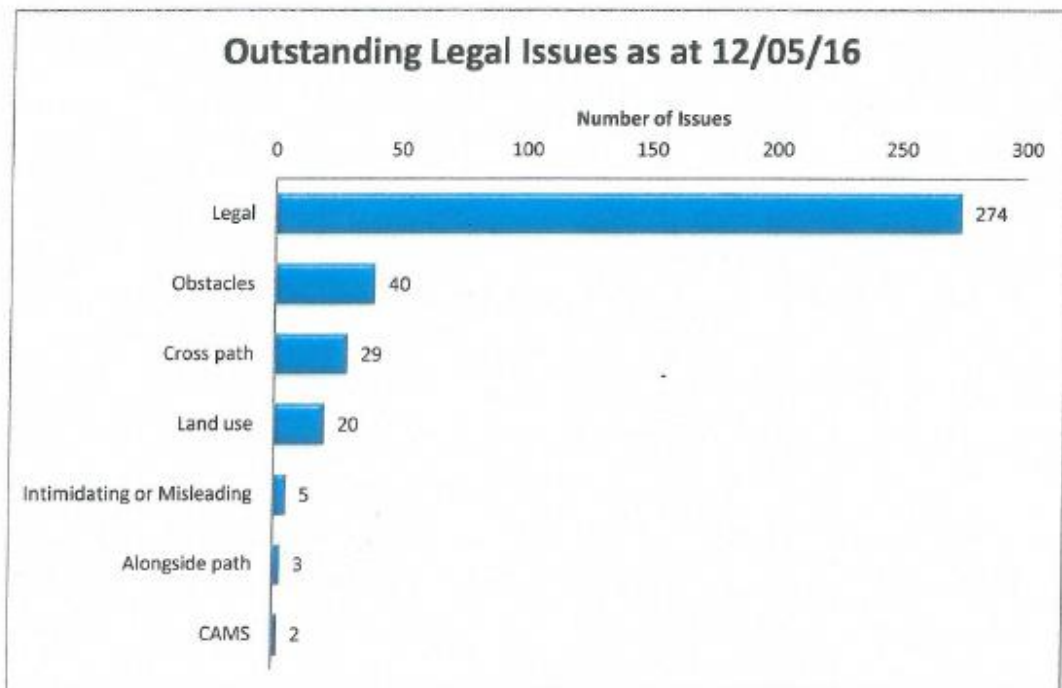
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Outstanding Legal Issues as at 12/05/16

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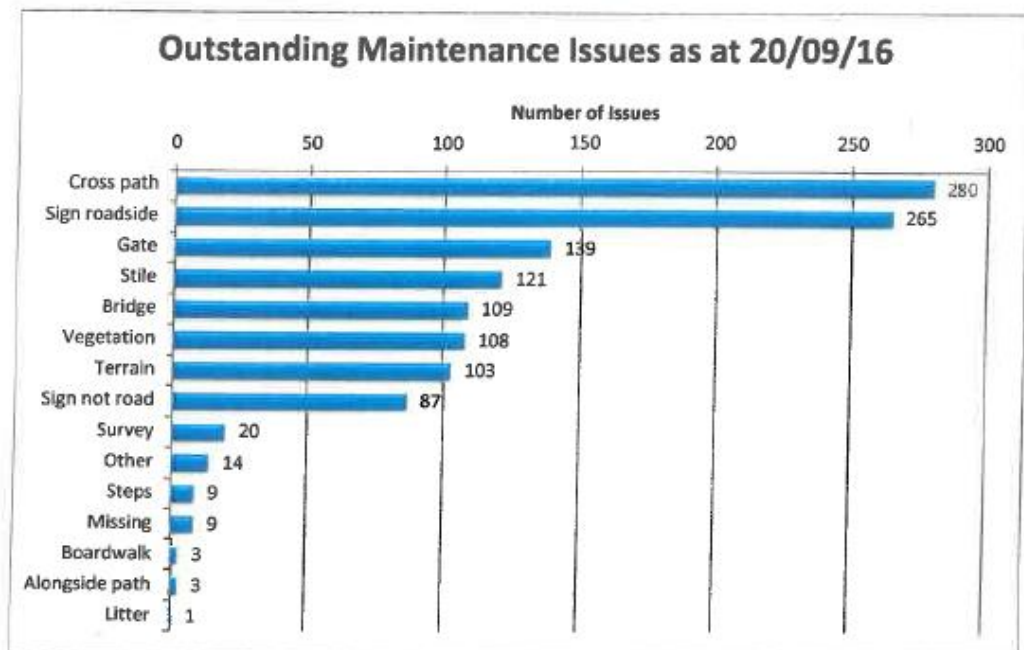
Maint Type Description	Number of Issues
Legal	274
Obstacles	40
Cross path	29
Land use	20
Intimidating or Misleading	5
Alongside path	3
CAMS	2
Grand Total	373



20/09/16

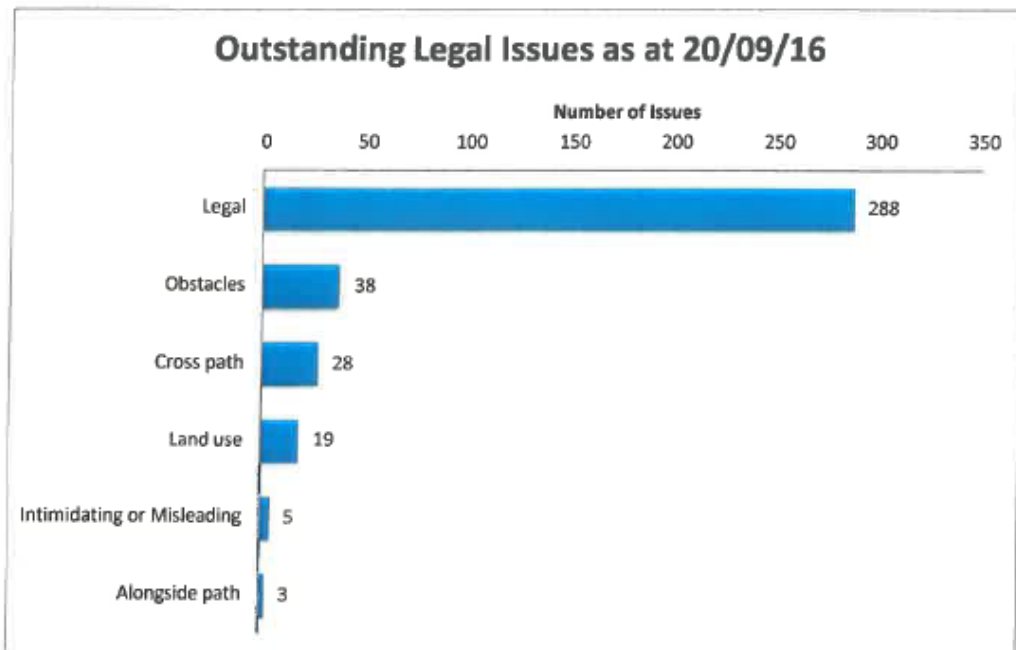
Outstanding Maintenance Issues as at 20/09/16

Maint Type Description	Number of Issues
Cross path	280
Sign roadside	265
Gate	139
Stile	121
Bridge	109
Vegetation	108
Terrain	103
Sign not road	87
Survey	20
Other	14
Steps	9
Missing	9
Boardwalk	3
Alongside path	3
Litter	1
Grand Total	1271



Outstanding Legal Issues as at 20/09/16

Responsibility MaintStatus Desc = Legal or Unresolved	Legal (Multiple Items)
Maint Type Description	Number of Issues
Legal	288
Obstacles	38
Cross path	28
Land use	19
Intimidating or Misleading	5
Alongside path	3
Grand Total	381

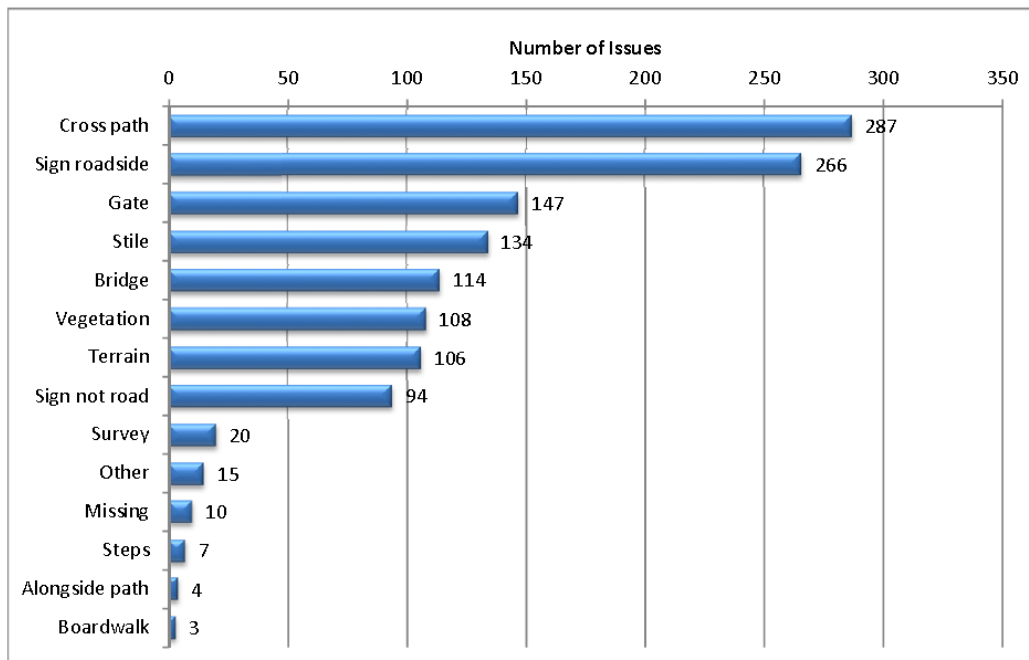


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Outstanding Maintenance Issues as at 13/01/2017

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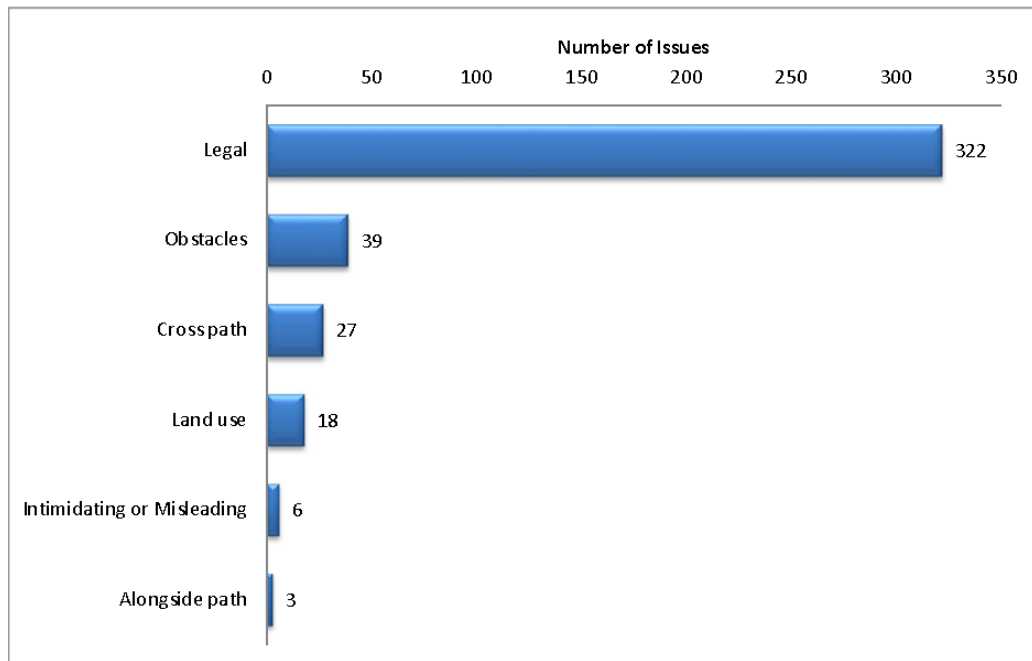
Maint Type Description	Number of Issues
Cross path	287
Sign roadside	266
Gate	147
Stile	134
Bridge	114
Vegetation	108
Terrain	106
Sign not road	94
Survey	20
Other	15
Missing	10
Steps	7
Alongside path	4
Boardwalk	3
Grand Total	1315



Outstanding Legal Issues as at 13/01/2017

Responsibility	Legal
MaintStatus Desc = Legal or Unresolved	(Multiple Items)

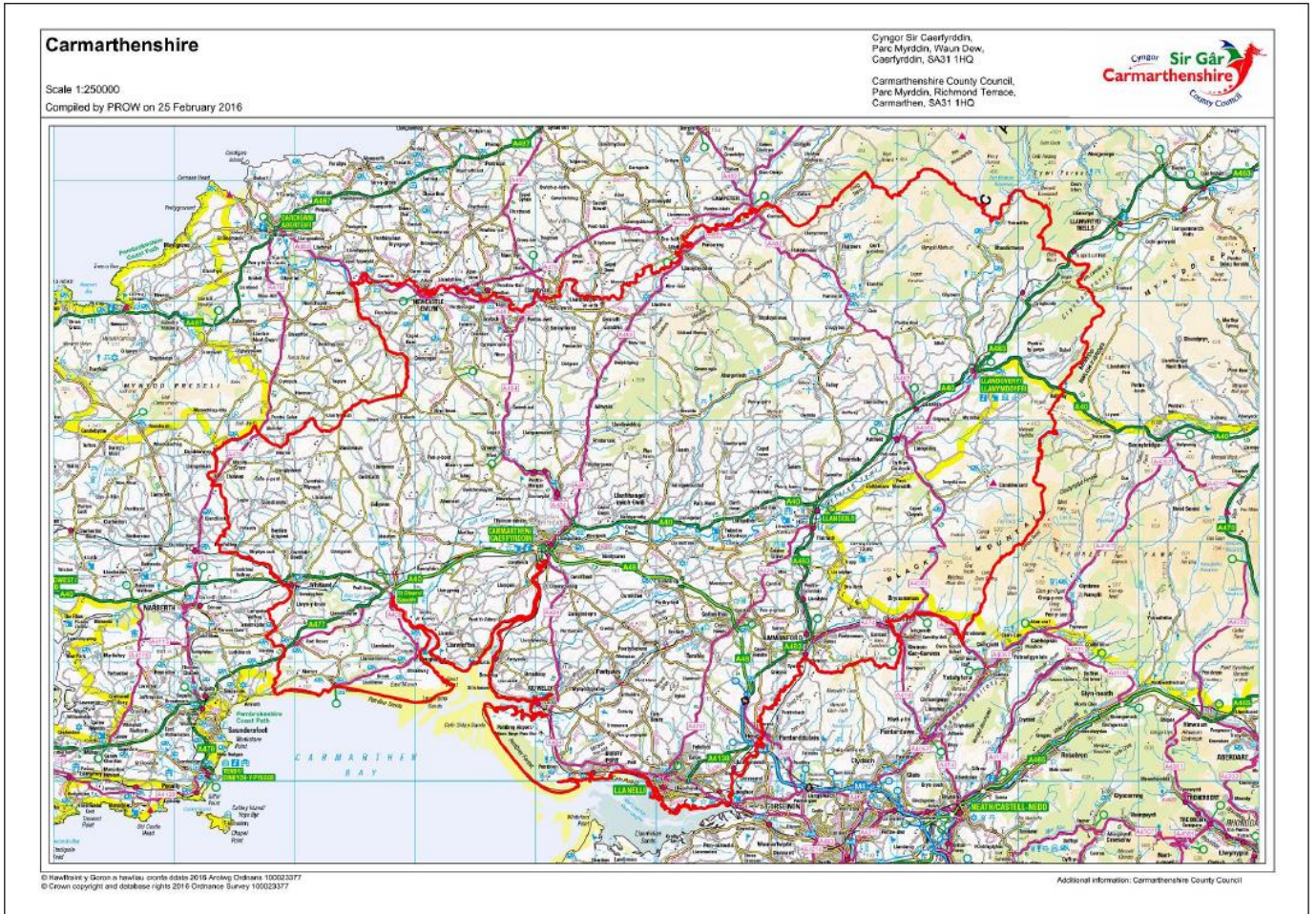
Maint Type Description	Number of Issues
Legal	322
Obstacles	39
Cross path	27
Land use	18
Intimidating or Misleading	6
Alongside path	3
Grand Total	415



Appendix 2 – Appointing Authority Details

Name of Appointing Authority:	Carmarthenshire County Council
Area Covered by LAF:	The whole of Carmarthenshire except that part which lies within the Brecon Beacons National Park.
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Appendix 3 – Map of Local Access Forum Area



Appendix 4 – Membership / Recruitment Details

In accordance with Regulation 3 of the Countryside Access (LAF) (Wales) Regulations 2001, all members of a forum are appointed for three years from the date of the first meeting of a three year cycle that a forum exists for.

At the meeting of 26th February 2015 Mark Hadley was elected as Chair and Karen Burch was elected as Vice Chair. The following table contains brief details of the membership up to 31st December 2016.

Name	Date Appointed to LAF	Date LAF Membership Terminated	Brief Background Details / Interests
Mark Hadley (Chair)	26 / 02/15	N/A	Tourism, Walking, Motorised Access
Karen Burch (Vice Chair)	26/02/15	N/A	Equestrian Access, Tourism

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Jonathan Tudor (Secretary)	26/02/15	25/05/16	Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council
Caroline Ferguson (Interim Secretary)	12/05/16	N/A	Interim Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council
Alan Warner (Council Appointed Member)	26/02/15	N/A	Countryside Operations Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council
Edward Percy	26/02/15	N/A	Motorised Access
Caroline Evans	26/02/15	N/A	Landscape / Ecology Protection, Tourism, Open Access
Eric Jones	26/02./15	N/A	Farming
Jillie Gardiner	26/02/15	N/A	Equestrian Access, Tourism
Chris Rankin	26/02/15	N/A	Horse Riding / Driving Access, Landowner
Keith Morgan	26/02/15	N/A	Local Community Council, Farming
Glyn Evans	26/02/15	N/A	Farming
Eric Davies	26/02015	N/A	Farming
David Stacey	26/02/15	N/A	Cycling, Countryside Management, Agricultural Environment
Becky Chunisingh	21/05/15	09/03/16	
Jane Evans	19/11/15	N/A	British Horse Society
Richard Leggett	19/11/15	N/A	Carmarthen Ramblers
Geoffrey Williams	19/11/15	N/A	Walking
John Cook	22/09/16	N/A	Llanelli Ramblers
Gerald Brown	22/09/16	N/A	Farming

The LAF Members attended the following LAF meetings in 2016:

Name	18/02/16	12/05/16	22/09/16	08/12/16 (19/01/16)
Mark Hadley (Chair)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Karen Burch (Vice Chair)	No	Yes	Apologies	Yes
Jonathan Tudor (Secretary)	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Caroline Ferguson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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(Interim Secretary)				
Alan Warner (Council Appointed Member)	Apologies	Apologies	Yes	Apologies
Edward Percy	Apologies	Yes	Apologies	Apologies
Caroline Evans	Apologies	Apologies	Yes	Yes
Eric Jones	No	No	No	No
Jillie Gardiner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apologies
Chris Rankin	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Keith Morgan	Apologies	Yes	Yes	Apologies
Glyn Evans	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Eric Davies	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	No
David Stacey	Apologies	Yes	Apologies	Apologies
Becky Chunisingh	No	Resigned	N/A	N/A
Jane Evans	Yes	No	Yes	Apologies
Richard Leggett	Yes	Yes	Apologies	Yes
Geoffrey Williams	Yes	Apologies	Yes	Yes
John Cook	N/A	N/A	Yes	No
Gerald Brown	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes

Key

Yes	Attended meeting
Apologies	Apologies of non-attendance received
No	Did not attend meeting & no apologies received
N/A	Person was not a LAF member at this meeting.

A number of advisors / members of the public have attended LAF meetings / given apologies throughout the year as shown in the table below.

Name	Organisation	Meetings Attended
Jane Tibbott	Welsh Government	
Phil Stone	Natural Resources Wales	18/02/16
Councillor Deryk Cundy	CCC Chair of Community Scrutiny Committee	Apologies for 18/02/16, Apologies 19/01/17
Nigel Powell	CCC	18/02/16
Glyn Lloyd-Jones	Natural Resources Wales	18/02/16, 19/01/17
Richard Jones	CCC Development Management Officer	12/05/16
Peter Stopp	Member of the Public	12/05/16
Marie George	Natural Resources Wales	Apologies for 12/05/216, Apologies for 22/09/16,

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		Apologies 19/01/17
Lucy Pugh	CCC Countryside Access Assistant	22/09/16
Martin Kelly	CCC	19/01/17
Bethan Edwards	Innogy (Brechfa Wind Farm)	19/01/17
Jason Lawday	CCC Countryside Access Assistant	19/01/17

LAF Members – Representation in Other Organisations / Committees

Name	Organisations / Committees
Mark Hadley	Green Lane Association Member, Trail Riders Fellowship Member, Carmarthenshire Byway Users Group, Carmarthenshire Tourism Association Member
Karen Burch	British Horse Society Member, Carmarthenshire Byway Users Group
Edward Percy	Green Lane Association Member,
Caroline Evans	Carmarthenshire Tourism Association Member
Eric Jones	
Jillie Gardiner	Carmarthenshire Tourism Association Member
Chris Rankin	British Horse Society Member
Keith Morgan	TBC
Glyn Evans	TBC
Eric Davies	TBC
David Stacey	TBC
Jane Evans	British Horse Society Member, Carmarthenshire Byway Users Group
Richard Leggett	Carmarthen Ramblers Member
Geoffrey Williams	Cambrian Way Trust Committee Member, Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association Committee Member, Ramblers Association Member
John Cook	Ramblers Association Member
Gerald Brown	TBC

Appendix 5

LAF Annual Report Distribution List

CCC Website
CCC Libraries
CCC Customer Care Centres
Community Councils
CCC Members
CCC Chief Executive & Directors
Carmarthenshire Tourist Association
Ceredigion Ramblers Association
Pembroke Ramblers Association
Llanelli Ramblers Association
Dinefwr Ramblers Association
Carmarthen and District Ramblers Association
Lampeter Ramblers Association
Carmarthenshire Riders

British Horse Society
Green Lane Association
Treadlightly
Trail Riders Fellowship
Welsh Trail Riders Association
Auto Cycle Union
British Motorcyclists Association
Sustrans Cymru
Natural Resources Wales
Farmers Union of Wales
National Farmers Union
Neighbouring Authority LAF's
National Trust
Open Spaces Society
Byway & Bridleways Trust
British Driving Society
Cyclists Touring Club
LARA (Land Access & Recreation Association)

Appendix 6

Further Reading

LAF Annual Reports

All appointing authorities are required by statute to produce annual reports. These can be obtained from the relevant LAF secretary. Agendas, minutes and other papers are also available for individual LAF meeting at:
<http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/residents/leisure-outdoor-activities/public-rights-of-way/local-access-forum/#.ViuVxZUvnIU>

Government Act

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; The Stationery Office Ltd (2000).

National Assembly Wales

The Countryside Access (Local Access Forums)(Wales) Regulations 2001;

The Stationery Office Limited (2002).

Guidance for Local Authorities on Public Rights of Way (October 2016)

Natural Resources Wales

LAF Guidance 1: The Establishment of Local Access Forums – Advice and Best Practice Guidance (2002).

LAF Guidance 2: The Role Duties and Functions of Local Access Forums (2002)

Appendix 7

Glossary

The list below shows the full definitions for the acronyms used throughout this annual report:

LAF	Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum
CCC	Carmarthenshire County Council
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
ROWIP	Rights of Way Improvement Plan
PPO's	Public Path Orders
DMMO's	Definitive Map Modification Orders
HOWLTA	Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association
RA	Ramblers Association
TRO's	Traffic Regulation Orders
CROW Act 2000	Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

