

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Annual Report 2008-2009

Members

Members of the Forum are listed, with term of appointment given in brackets. Those members whose terms of appointment came to an end in 2008 were reappointed for a further period of three years.

Annabel Arnold (to April 2010)	Michael Orlik (to April 2009)
Perminder Balu (to October 2010)	Claire Sangster (to April 2011)
Cyril Bean (to April 2009)	Ken Stepney (to April 2009)
Joe Carroll (to April 2010)	Roger Stone (to April 2009)
Sheila Cooper April (to 2011)	Bob Tinley (to April 2009)
Brian Coton (to April 2010)	Steven Wallsgrove (to April 2011)
John Hall (to 2009)	Martin Heatley (Warwickshire County Council Cllr)
Heather Holmes (to October 2010)	Stuart Davis (Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Cllr.)
Tom Newbery (to April 2009)	Gary Ridley (Coventry City Council Cllr.)

Appointments

Claire Sangster was re-elected as Chair. Michael Orlik was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

Meetings

The Forum met 4 times,

- 15 May 2008 in Coventry
- 14 August 2008 in Warwick
- 6 November 2008 in Meriden
- 5 March 2009 in Coventry

The attendance rate overall was 73.6%.

There were no Statutory Consultee Meetings held during 2008-2009.

Formal presentations

- There were no presentations given by external speakers
- One presentations were given by members of the Forum
 - Trail Riding (Ken Stepney)
- Five presentations were given by representatives of the three appointing authorities
 - Volunteer working (Richard Barnard, Warwickshire County Council)
 - Potatoes and rights of way (Martin Fry, Warwickshire County Council)
 - Definitive Map update (Paul Williams, Warwickshire County Council)
 - Definitive Map update (David Keaney, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council)
 - Definitive Map update (John Hall, Coventry City Council)

Consultations

The LAF considered

- A Dog Control Order proposed by Stratford on Avon District Council
- Four Dog Control Orders proposed by Rugby Borough Council

Other Items

Various other items were on the Forum agenda and were discussed

- WCC's Statement of Intent and Annual Report for their Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Safety issues around the 'Walk of 1000 Years' in Coventry, by the Whittle Arches
- Ramblers' Association High Court challenge to a Coventry City Council Gating Order
- The future of the Definitive Map process and potential changes to the legislation.
- WCC Gating Order Policy

The Future

The LAF will be concentrating on monitoring the progress the Coventry and Solihull ROWIPs and the Warwickshire's CAROWIP.

Warwickshire, Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum
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