

Conwy East and Denbighshire Local Access Forum

Wednesday 30th of July 2025

County Hall
Wynnstay Road
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AGENDA

1	Welcome, Introductions	KS/ All
2	Proposal and Active Travel presentation by Kevin Slattery and John Buckley	KS/ JB
3	29.04.25 Moving Meeting feedback from Chris Ruane	CR
4	Chris Ruane to share research on what other LAF are focusing on.	CR
5	Future speakers – An opportunity for the members to suggest speakers and to prioritise topics of discussion.	All
6	Plan schedule for future meetings.	All
7	AOB	All

Attendees

Sophie Birchall Rogerson	SBR	CCBC	
Bethan Roberts	BR	CCBC	
Caroline Turner	CT	CCBC	
Howard Sutcliffe	HS	DCC	
Adrian Walls	AW	DCC	
Hannah Ardent	HA	DCC	
Tanya Evans	TE	DCC	
Peter Rutherford	PR	APCE	
Emma McCloskey	EM	Forum member	Attended via Teams
Andy Murir	AM	Forum member	
Kevin Slattery	KS	Forum member	Vice Chair acting as Chair in CR's absence
John Buckley	JB	Forum member	
Geraint Roberts	GR	Forum member	
Lucy Powell	LP	Forum Member	
Heather Fitzgerald	HF	Forum member	
Leena Farhat	LF	Forum member	Apologies
Tom Johnstone	TJ	Forum member	Apologies
Katherine Goodey	KG	Forum member	Apologies

Graham Taylor	GT	Forum member	Apologies
Chris Ruane	CR	Forum member	Apologies
Cllr Barry Mellor	BM	DCC	Apologies
Ant Tomlinson	AT	DCC	Apologies
Cllr Goronwy Edwards	GE	CCBC	Apologies

MINUTES

Item		Action
	Part 1	
1.0	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	KS welcomes everyone to the meeting, members introduce themselves.	
2.0	Proposal and Active Travel presentation by Kevin Slattery	
2.1	<p>KS presents proposal 1: The public should have available up to date information relating to Public Right of Ways and Access land. This information should include details of any closures etc and should be made available, a) on Council websites, b) as an emailing system where residents can register to receive notices about the above as soon as they are issued, c) hubs such as libraries and tourist information offices.</p> <p>AW states that the Authority provides statutory registers for diversion, definitive map orders and section 31 (6) declarations as well as planning applications for normal highway orders. He explains that there are limitations on being able to implement KS suggestions such as cyber security issues, IT limitation and timeline, having to apply to government inclusivity and accessibility standards.</p> <p>SBR also explains that information put on the Authority's website must comply to GDPR resulting in only very basic information being shared as IT will not allow documents that include personal data to be put onto the website.</p>	
2.2	KS presents presentation on Active Travel	

	<p>KS expresses concern on the cost of Active Travel from 2018 – 2024 and the percentage of people who cycle staying at 6% between 2019-2020 and 2022-2023. KS suggests strategies to improve the number of people who cycle e.g. connecting more cycle lanes, moving highway gullies, hiring celebrities and prominent members of Welsh society to advertise, going into schools to educate.</p> <p>SBR suggests inviting a traffic engineer to come and speak to the forum about the implementation and management of active travel and to answer questions. SBR agrees that there should always be an element of education especially for the younger generation. She goes on to explain that there may be limitations with moving gullies as they form part of highway function and that there's strict design standards for active travel and highway infrastructure. The specific legislation on minimum widths can limit the roads that are suitable for cycle lanes.</p> <p>HA reminds KS that a CCBC officer spoke to the previous Forum about the high specifications for active travel routes, which makes it very difficult to retrofit existing roads. The examples of roads in London given in the presentation may not be to the specification that's given in the Active Travel Wales guidance. HA suggests the Active Travel Review process is a way to influence the areas money is spent, and the guidance, which could ultimately benefit more people</p> <p>Kevin presents proposal 2: That before Active Travel projects are implemented, consultation should be made with interested bodies such as walking and cycling groups, schools, the Local Access Forum, industry and retail consortia.</p> <p>PR suggests electing a subgroup to discuss their main concerns and to write a formal letter to the Minister. The response can be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>AW explains that none of the officers present can answer on behalf of active travel so the Forum will have to present their proposals to both CCBC and DCC.</p> <p>SBR asks for the members to send their questions to ERF@conwy.gov.uk who will forward their request to the relevant</p>	
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	<p>department and suggests inviting active travel officers to come and present at the next meeting.</p> <p>All members vote in favour of KS forwarding the proposals to CCBC and DCC for a response.</p>	
3.0	29.04.25 Moving Meeting feedback from Chris Ruane	
3.1	CR was unable to attend the meeting so this item was not discussed.	
	Part 3	
4.0	Chris Ruane to share research on what other LAF are focusing on	
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5.0	Future speakers – An opportunity for the members to suggest speakers and to prioritise topics of discussion	
5.1	All agree to invite active travel officers to speak at the next meeting.	BR
6.0	Plan schedule for future meetings	
6.1	BR to send out quarterly dates.	BR
7.0	AOB	
	PR invites the members to view Eryri National Park Local Access Forum's minutes on their website to see what they're discussing.	
	HS suggests CEDLAF members could also join the next ENPLAF to observe.	