RIGHTS OF WAY SUB-COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2025 AT 11:00

Present

Councillor RM Granville - Chairperson

A R Berrow J Llewellyn-Hopkins J E Pratt

Present Virtually

S J Griffiths

Apologies for Absence

RJ Collins

Declarations of Interest

None

Officers:

Jane Dessent Solicitor

Mark Galvin Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Andrew Mason Rights of Way Manager

Michael Pitman Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services

Tim Price-Phillips Rights of Way and Land Access Officer

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Invitees:

Helen Donnan Les Meachin British Horse Society Ramblers Association

5. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 22/08/2022 be approved as a true and accurate record
Date Decision Made	11 April 2025

6. Proposed Diversion Of Footpath 17 Porthcawl

Decision Made	The Rights of Way Manager presented a report which requested authorisation for the making of an Order pursuant to Section 257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 on land adjoining 15 The Burrows, Porthcawl, CF36 5AJ
	He explained that the current footpath was set out in Appendix B of the report with the diversion point also set out.
	The following points were covered in the report:
	- Consultation - statutory consultees as well as local members and Town or Community councils and their views were considered before a decision was made to make the order
	- Objections – These were received from the British Horse Society
	- Welsh Government Guidance 2016 – outlined at section 3.17 of the report
	- Public Interest - the diversion satisfies public interest despite a slight increase in length.
	- Financial Implications - The developer will bear the costs of the diversion process and works.

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	A Member asked who owned the land and who was responsible for maintenance
	The Rights of Way Manager stated that the Developer owns the land and will initially maintain the path. Once the Rights of Way Team sign off on the completed path. The responsibility of maintenance will be that of Bridgend County Borough Council.
	RESOLVED: That the Rights of Way Sub Committee:
	 Gave authorisation for the Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy to make the necessary Order to seek to realign Footpath 17, Porthcawl, to the route shown on Appendix B to the report, and to confirm the Order provided no objections or representations are made within the prescribed period, or if any so made are withdrawn.
	 Gave authorization to the Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy to forward the Order to the Welsh Government for determination, if any objections received are not withdrawn.
	 Ensured that the Order(s) excluded any section of the diversion, which utilises highways which are maintainable by Bridgend County Borough Council, as public rights already exist over them.
Date Decision Made	11 April 2025

7. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this link

The meeting closed at 11:15.

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