

Nottingham City Council

Nottingham Local Access Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting 10th January 2024, 6.30pm Loxley House, Station Street Nottingham

✓ Indicates in attendance

- ✓ Helen Hemstock (Chair)
- ✓ Liz Cordle (Vice Chair)
- Edmund Hopkins (Vice Chair)
- Paul Abel
- Yvonne Dragan
- ✓ Cerys Gibson
- Nick Hynes
- ✓ Rob Kirkwood
- Christopher Lydall
- ✓ Dave Mackrory
- ✓ Hugh McClintock
- ✓ Nigel Sarsfield
- ✓ Chris Thompson
- ✓ Joanna Ward
- Hillary Yates
- ✓ June Perry (observer)
- ✓ Councillor Angela Kandola
- ✓ Dora Kostiuk
- ✓ Olech Kostiuk

76 Apologies Received

Nick Hynes
Hilary Yates
Christopher Lydall

Others in attendance

Dave Clasby Sustrans Partnership for item 79, and Claire Ward candidate for Mayor Election (Labour).

77. Minutes of Meeting on 11th October 2023

With the amendment to item 69(c) so it reads “Discussion points were”, the minutes were approved.

Nigel asked if the Inclosure Walk (author, June Perry) could be added to the Walking in Nottingham webpage, where the LAF walks are available [Walking in Nottingham and Parks - Nottingham City Council](#).

Action: John Lee. Update, unfortunately, the quality of the copy of the Inclosure Walk is not suitable for copying / uploading to the LAF Walking site.

78 Review of Chair, Vice Chairs and Subgroup Leads (expressions of interest)

John asked all members whether they were interested in taking on the above roles, with voting to place at the next meeting on 10th April 2024. Interested members should contact John. If not, the members who currently hold these posts will be put forward for reappointment at the April meeting.

79 D2N2 Cycling and Walking Strategic Group, Dave Clasby, Sustrans Partnership

Helen introduced Dave Clasby who summarised Sustrans' role and partnership working with stakeholders, to keep walking, cycling and active travel on the agenda of the new East Midlands County Combined Authority. Dave summarised the following

- Several organisations have joined up, including the Ramblers and Cycling England
- Consultation / feedback an opportunity to influence active travel agenda and political support, building on the strong links and work to date
- Part of the £500 million allocated to transport will be essential for continued promotion and delivery of active travel schemes to get people out and about
- The settlement for transport funding (part of the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority) will be available in 2025.
- What does the LAF want to see to deliver sustainable transport and sustainable developments? Each member was asked for comments, and Helen noted and uploaded to the online feedback form.

Action: All, for noting

80 Council budget consultation and saving proposals 2024/25 (for discussion) this item was moved up the agenda due to Councillor Kandola having to leave early.

Councillor Kandola introduced the item and the importance of the consultation and made it clear that Councillors do not support the budget cuts. Discussion included

- Importance of replying individually to the consultation, not collectively / groups as these count as one response.
- Number of issues, short-term knee jerk reaction with potential long-term impacts, solutions need further thought, particularly management of parks and open spaces, grass cutting, general maintenance will suffer, becoming less attractive to use.
- Increasing council tax is unlikely to raise sufficient funds to fill the gap needed, compared to say Rushcliffe Borough.
- Issues with completing the online feedback form, completed half and system crashed, so will try again.
- Nottingham is well respected for its vision and delivery of transport schemes, reflected by score of 3 in national survey, so cuts to transport may impact this rating in the future.
- Cutting public transport routes / links will have a big impact on everyone's ability to travel around Nottingham, particularly the elderly and less mobile, providing more "real-time" timetables could help reduce the impacts.
- Current issues with buses not stopping (as a follow up, send an email to Councillor Kandola).

Action: All, for noting

81 Subgroup Updates

a) Walking Subgroup

Liz summarised the update which was forwarded to members ahead of the meeting along with the Ward by Ward spread sheet. Discussion included

- Could an advisory note for “how to report obstructions on paths” be added to the Walking in Nottingham website?
- Ian, interested to hear of any areas that are nice places to walk and not so nice, especially along the River Leen, and Wades Pond (off Cinderhill Road, Park Chase).
- Laura (Guest), training available at NCVS on how to promote walks.
- June, noted more BME groups using the Forest Recreation Ground, so may benefit from a new leaflet covering this area.

Action: All, for noting. John to add a note to the LAF website regarding obstructions.

b) Planning Subgroup

No updates.

c) Definitive Map Subgroup Update

No updates.

Action: John to arrange subgroup meeting at Loxley House.

E-scooter Subgroup Update

Nigel summarised the update, which was forwarded to members ahead of the meeting, including leading the walks from the Notts Guided Walk Programme. Discussion included

- The withdrawal of the Superpedestrian e-scooters scheme, came as a surprise with an update on their website. E-cycle scheme not affected.
- Councillor Kandola explained that the Council did not receive an income from the Superpedestrian scheme.
- Chris, no issues with hired e-scooters. The private e-scooters are an issue, and a lack of clear regulations. Has emailed Lillian Greenwood MP again. Also an issue for the police and Councils community protection because not able to enforce without clear guidance and regulations.

Action: All, for noting.

82 Items for future agendas

Includes suggestions carried over from previous meetings.

- Broadmarsh
- Walking Strategy City and County
- North - South cycleway
- Active Travel / Social Prescribing Fund / Public Health
- Transforming Cities schemes

- Active Travel England (representative).
- Meeting with Notts County LAF (a joint meeting to discuss the new River Trent cycle and pedestrian bridge will be organised).
- Highway Code (John previously advised that the Councils Road Safety team are severely understaffed so it's unlikely that anyone from this team would be available to attend a LAF meeting).
- Combined Authority update.
- Street design, see example Lambeth Council Kerbside Strategy.

Action: For noting, and where relevant, individual members to contact / arrange guest speakers.

83. Any Other Business

- Hugh, invite to Active Travel England to attend future meeting. Still no progress.
- Rob, link between NOSF and LAF. "Green Map" Tree Strategy. NOSF looking for trustees. Will email John with further updates.

Action: Hugh and Rob

84 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 April 2024, 6.30pm at Loxley House, Ground Floor Committee room (cancelled due to Easter holidays).

85 Future meeting dates 2024 / 25 (all at Loxley House)

Wednesday 10 July, 6.30pm

Wednesday 9 October, 6.30pm

Wednesday 10 January 2025, 6.30pm