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Dear Sir or Madam

**North Somerset Local Access Forum Meeting
Castlewood G:08 Clevedon 6.00pm 22 April 2025**

A meeting of the Forum will take place as indicated above. The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Director, Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer

To: Members of the Forum

Councillors: Thomas Daw, Helen Thornton and Peter Burden

Independent Members:

Rights of Way and Access Land Users	
Nikki Barton	Jonathan Brownlett
Sheila Dixon	Marianne McAleer
Julie Main (Chair)	Tina Hamilton
Landowning Interests	
Vacancy (National Trust)	John Harris
Richard Jones	Robert Parsons
	Richard Simmons
Other Interests	
Gillian Hopkins	Roger Trubridge
Nigel Bourne	James Tonkin (Vice Chair)
Marianne McLeer	

Attending from North Somerset Council – Elaine Bowman (Principal Access Officer, Environments, Assets and Transport Services Directorate) Andy Carroll, Access Officer, Environments, Assets and Transport Services Directorate.

***THE QUORUM IS SEVEN MEMBERS, WITH ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH INTEREST GROUP. IF SEVEN OR MORE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT BUT NOT ALL OF THE INTEREST GROUPS ARE REPRESENTED, THE QUORUM SHALL NOT BE MET (EXTRACT FROM THE NSLAF CONDUCT OF BUSINESS)**

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Agenda

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

2 Public Participation

To receive and hear any person who wishes to address the Forum on matters that appear on the agenda. The Chairperson will select the order of the matters to be heard.

3 Declarations of Interest by Members

4 Minutes

15 October 2024, to approve as a correct record (copy attached).

The meeting of January 2025 was cancelled and therefore no minutes are recorded.

5 Access Officer's Report (oral report) – to be presented by Andy Carroll

- Update on Hinkley saltmarsh programme
- Woodspring rambles planning update
- Update on sustainable transport (to include horse riders)
- PROW maintenance

6 Secretary's Report (oral report) – to be presented by Elaine Bowman

- Update on EPIC development following Planning consent approval
- Update on EDF proposal
- PROW and Open spaces update (Town and parish council willingness to take on parks and open spaces)
- Parish council coordination in relation to LAF

- Implementation of DMMO's
- Update on solar farm plans at Congresbury
- Diversion orders and associated issues
- Membership renewals

7 Chairperson's Report (oral report)

- Update on future projects, funding for access
- Overview of Avon and Somerset safety forum
- Update on SharePoint forum, Natural England
- Moving forward beyond 2025, alternative meeting places

8 Vice Chairperson's report (oral report)

- Update on North Somerset Devolution
- Liaison with Town and parish councils

9 Notification of Items of business – to be considered at the next meeting

- Venue for AGM in July 2025

10 Any other Business (notified to the Chairperson by noon on date of meeting)

11 Dates of future meetings during the 2025-26 Municipal Year

- 15 July 2025 AGM
- 14 October 2025
- 20 January 2026
- *28 April 2026 (Avoids Easter/School Holidays which run from the 6th to 17th and full council meeting) * change to initial date proposed

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