

Green Lane User Group Meeting

Wednesday 16 January 2019

In Attendance – Alan Hardinge (DOI) / Richard Crane (DOI/WD) / Julian Wood (ACU) / Kath Keyes (BHS) / Walter Gilbey (MHC) / David Gooberman / Adam Henderson (MMBC) / David Leiserach (MFCG) Mark Kerruish (DEFA) / Shaun Gelling (DEFA) / Graeme Watson (DEFA) PC John Hills (WLO) / Tim Graham (WLT)

Apologies – Adam Henderson (MMBC) / PC Claire Sproule-Craine (WLO) / Trisha Sayle (MWT)

Track Reports

RC trying to minimise debris on the Highway and clearing gullies which are assisting the problems. Grids need to be put in places such as Lhergy Colvine, gullies cleared at top of St Lukes, Glen Dhoo Baltic Road and Ballacotch etc. RC to maintain every September/October time.

KK reported that the track at Ballacomish, Arbory has not been cut. **DG reported still outstanding. AH to chase.**

Barnell Lane - RC made progress on pinch point in middle of track (top side) and cleared all the culverts again.

Clarum to Glen Mona - RC reported all pipework cleared on the north side and more work to be done. Monitoring process.

Donkey Track - AH commented that culverts will be in within the next 2 weeks. SG informed the meeting that there is a new owner on one side of the track. JW to contact.

Whiskey Run - Monitoring process; but work to date working well.

Top of Narradale - Hopefully will not deteriorate further at bottom. JW commented that there was no water issue late December. Monitoring process.

East Mountain Gate - No new issues and SG reported DEFA will process Ariel photographs every year.

JW commented that he had ridden a lot of the tracks over the holiday period and couldn't see any further deterioration which he put down to the good weather and recent works.

Proposed Work

Dowse – AH reported that the Department are getting quotes for the works required. **On-going.**

Slieau Whallian - JW reported still a mess but no worse. RC commented that the most noticeable thing is that landowners do not maintain any of the water courses and as you cannot see where drainage is, there is no point addressing such tracks if we cannot turn on/off points. RC also commented that sod hedging being replaced with fencing does not help the drainage situation.

Glen Rushen Road and pipeline is presently closed. JW reported that the track hadn't got any worse and RC commented that the ruts are very slippery and wet and visually it doesn't help with the collapsed wall.

Bottom of Sloc to Port Erin - JW reported in good condition.

Sound Road - Court hearing next month (18 February). Complicated situation however JW went through the archives to find Deemster Moore's report from 1942 and another amended report circa 1960 which he forward to the Department. Good witness statements have been provided.

Proposed Management Plan

Maps - JW requested more of the location maps produced by the DfE. AH to action. JW also commented that the TRF mapping guide has now recommended routes which if you are a member can download. It was also noted that KK would like to see mapping for horses.

Illegal Riding/Access

No reports coming from the police. SG has witnessed local illegal riders but cannot allow riders on unorganised sites due to planning/noise issue/insurance etc; they need to be properly managed. JW to talk separately to SG regarding a couple of motor cross locations. JW also commented that with regards to any illegal riders, if we can get 80% of the community helping themselves then we would get to a level to identify these characters. DL reported there has been a lot more mutual respect/acknowledgement.

RC commented on cars blocking green lane areas is an on-going problem. SG informed the meeting that DEFA are looking at putting a car park at the Baltic for approximately 12 cars subject to planning approval.

DL/TG left the meeting at 6.40pm.

Any Other Business

A local resident reported a problem regarding the poor condition of track at Slieu Whallian. This has been noted and to be monitored.

RC to arrange signage for 4WD vehicles and in May/October 2 x 4 WD groups from the UK will be visiting the Island.

SG suggested that once Dalby Mountain has been dealt with to arrange a press release including Ariel photographs and include East Mountain Gate and The Clarum before and after photographs.

RC has contacted electronically an introduction of himself to tourism to see if we can put something together regarding their off road sport weekend in March. Response awaited.

Date for Next Meeting – **Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 5.30pm** in West 1 First Floor Sea Terminal