

Green Lane User Group Meeting

Wednesday 17 January 2018

In Attendance – Alan Hardinge (DOI)/ Shaun Gelling (DEFA)/ Kath Keyes (BHS) /Walter Gilbey (MHC)/ Julian Wood (ACU)/ Richard Crane (4WD)/ Graeme Watson (DEFA)/ David Leiserach (MFCG)/ David Anderson MLC (DOI)

Apologies – Julie Colquitt (DOE) / Jade Foster (DED) / David Gooberman (MMBC)

Track Reports

AH outlined the issues encountered by the Department following a number of recent weather events, which has caused substantial deterioration to the highway network, placing further pressures on Department resources and budget. A discussion took place regarding similar impacts on a number of tracks. Mr Anderson suggested a way forward as a group would be to agree three priorities and initially concentrate on them, subsequently the following were agreed:-

- Barnell Lane
- Clarum to Glen Mona
- Glen Rushen Pipe Line Track

Ballacuberagh - JW stated he had visited the area recently and there was no evidence of ongoing maintenance of the drain by the landowner. The area of wash-out around the cross drain at the bottom still requires attention. AH to action.

East Mt Gate - JW stated the track was no worse; however he was keeping an eye on and confirmed there was no evidence of illegal riding. WG asked if this area was suitable for horses, it was agreed it is not.

Snaefell Mines Road - JW visited the area recently with the Departments CEO to look at options and concerns about Laxey Mines, a proposal was put forward to find a way between the Mountain Road and the Clarum to Glen Mona track. SG stated that this would be problematic for a number of reasons. He also suggested that following AH statement regarding limited resources attention should be paid to the existing network of legal routes.

Glen Mona - JW challenged the over engineering requirement recently undertaken on the track below Maughold Mountain, however AH stated that although the works could have been more sensitive to the area, in recent heavy rainfall events no flooding has been encountered on A2 Coast Road.

Donkey Track - AH confirmed he will arrange for the outlet at the bottom of the track to be jetted, this will enable the wet area to free drain. JW confirmed once this work is undertaken he will arrange for volunteers to install the pipes across the track, prior to commencing any clearance work. AH / JW to action.

Barnell Lane - SG and DA reported that there had been further significant wash out since the last meeting. It was agreed by all that this track is now the highest priority.

Whiskey Run - KK stated that the area needs attention as a number of water bars are now ineffective and not channelling water into the ditches. SG noted that large puddles are forming due to a build-up of trackside vegetation. AH to action.

Proposed Work

Dowse – Following a general discussion about the extent of works required at the Dowse and considering the previously mentioned list of priority tracks it was decided to progress works on other key tracks before revisiting the Dowse.

Proposed Management Plan

Maps - JW stated the maps would be ready within the next few weeks, distribution initially through the Welcome Centre, Sea Terminal and motorcycle clubs

Illegal Riding/Access

GW stated two local off road motorcyclists had been reported to the Police for riding within Sky Hill Plantation. A number of charges were brought against the riders including licence and insurance infringements. The Auto Cycle Union has also imposed competition sanctions upon the riders.

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Date for Next Meeting – **Wednesday 18 April 2018** in West 1 First Floor Sea Terminal
