

## RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE – 25TH JULY 2005

**SUBJECT: WORKS IN HAND OR RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the works recently undertaken or programmed to be carried out in regard to the rights of way network

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 To provide a network of routes for journeys on foot and horseback leisure.

### 3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 Works undertaken by Caerphilly County Borough Council since 23rd November 2004 is as follows:

- i erection of 58 No. 4 bar stiles and 17 No. 5 bar stiles;
- ii erection of 5 No. new kissing gates;
- iii repair of 3 No. kissing gates
- iv provided 5 No sleeper bridges across water courses; 1 No. constructed bridge
- v erected 15 No. hunting gates;
- vi cleared 7.9 Kms of paths blocked by debris and foliage,
- vii bridge repairs 3 No..
- viii erection of field gates 10 No.
- ix erection of finger posts 40 No. (N.B. 14 finger posts stolen and replaced)
- x erection of 200 No. waymarker signs
- xi erection of 12 No. hoop or "A" frame barriers
- xii erection of 200 metres of post and rail fencing
- xiii new and repaired steps 110 No.
- xiv repair of 30 No. stiles
- xv repair of public path surfacing 300 metres
- xvi 30 metres of drainage maintenance
- xvii 4 No. pedestrian gates

- 3.2 In addition to the foregoing, the Rights of Way Warden and his assistant have continued to undertake surveys of footpaths and bridleways following complaints received from Councillors and members of the public in the Mynyddislwyn, Bedwas and Machen, Gelligaer, Caerphilly, Risca and Blackwood areas.

- 3.3 Members will recall from my previous report that I identified a number of schemes which have been identified due to the injection of £20,000 additional funds. Since the last committee meeting the drainage works on Cart Road Bridleway No.97 Bedwas and Machen have been completed and it now requires our Structures Section to complete the works with the provision of gabion baskets to rebuild the surface of the path. In addition footpath No.354 Abercarn

(Trinant) has be opened for public use following the clearance of overgrowth, and the installation of new stiles and waymarking.

- 3.4.1 The Gelligaer Ramblers are continuing the survey work associated with the Performance Indicators which is now nearing completion. The Islwyn group have continued with their survey work and it is hoped results will be forthcoming shortly.
- 3.5 During the year they have cleared 500 metres of overgrown paths on behalf of the Authority
- 3.6 In the Islwyn area the volunteers have cleared 2.2Kms of paths of overgrowth and debris. Councillor Cullen being very active in this area to clear paths
- 3.7 The priority of work is unchanged since the previous meeting which is as follows:-
- i Hazards to the public;
  - ii Hazards to property and livestock;
  - iii Regular maintenance programme;
  - iv Complaints from the public not covered by (i), (ii) or (iii).
- 3.8 A list of the telephone and other complaints received by rights of way staff since 23rd November 2004 and also the remedial works undertaken to resolve the issues is on deposit in the Members` Room. At present there is a backlog of works of approximately four/five weeks.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Cost of works to be paid for from the Rights of Way budgets

#### **5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Works arranged by rights of way warden

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the report

#### **7. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 To advise Members of progress in the maintenance of the Rights of Way network

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