



Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Simon Pickering (Chair)	Welsh Government – Head of Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Jont Bulbeck	Natural Resources Wales
Eifion Jones (BBNPA)	Representing the 3 National Park Authorities and 5 AONBs
Ben Sears	Welsh Local Government Association
Adrian Walls	Welsh Rights of Way Managers Working Group

Technical and secretarial support:

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Helen Lewis	Welsh Government - Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Sarah Smith	Welsh Government - Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Joe Roberts	Natural Resources Wales
Jayne Carter	Natural Resources Wales

Key decisions and actions arising	Owner
<p>Notes and actions from previous meeting</p> <p>1. The minutes were agreed.</p>	
<p>Expert Groups Terms of Reference</p> <p>2. The Group agreed to amend section 20 from:</p> <p>Each member is expected to endorse the overall direction of the access proposal as defined at the outset, and not seek to challenge or undermine the original policy intent behind the 2017 proposal. However, it may be that collectively members reach conclusions about the viability of different delivery options.</p> <p>To:-</p> <p>Each member must support the work of the Expert Group to develop options to take forward each of the access proposals. Members must</p>	Helen

<p>respect the policy intent relating to each proposal, although they are free to express concerns about the viability of different delivery options.</p>	
<p>Expert Groups establishment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Simon and Jont had scored the Expert Group EOI applications prior to the meeting and submitted these to the ARAG with recommendations. 4. The Group agreed to increase the size of each Expert Group from 2-3 to 4 x land manager/recreational interest/public sector. 5. The Group agreed it would be beneficial to draw on the expertise of some of the unsuccessful applicants. This expertise will be called in for time limited roles and/or specific tasks. 6. As insufficient public sector EOI applications had been received for EG 1 and 3, the Group agreed to re-open public sector applications until 6 January. Members of the Steering Group discussed means of boosting applications including targeted discussions. 7. It was agreed to contact Data Cymru to enquire about technical/data expertise for assisting with EG3. 8. It was agreed to send the notification of outcomes to applicants by 20 December. <p>Expert Group 1 membership: Jonathan Hughes – National Trust Rhian Nowell Phillips – Countryside Alliance Sophie Dwerryhouse – Country Land and Business Association Rachel Lewis-Davies – National Farmers Union Wales Hugh Craddock – Open Spaces Society Mark Weston – British Horse Society Kieran Foster – Cycling UK Elfyn Jones – British Mountaineering Council James Nevitt – Ministry of Defence Richard Ball – Brecon Breacons National Park Authority Public Sector – to be advised Public Sector – to be advised</p> <p>Expert Group 2 membership: Rhian Nowell Phillips – Countryside Alliance Sophie Dwerryhouse – Country Land and Business Association Rachel Lewis-Davies – National Farmers Union Wales Nick Fenwick – Farmers Union Wales Angela Charlton – Ramblers Cymru Kate Ashbrook – Open Spaces Society Mark Weston – British Horse Society Duncan Dollimore – Cycling UK David Shiel – Clywydian Range AONB Gareth Owen – Ceredigion County Council Chris Dale – Swansea County Council</p>	<p>Jont/Jayne</p> <p>Adrian/Eifion</p> <p>Ben</p> <p>Helen/Sarah</p>

<p>Anthony Richards – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority</p> <p>Expert Group 3 membership: Rhian Nowell Phillips – Countryside Alliance Charles de Winton – Country Land and Business Association Rachel Lewis-Davies – National Farmers Union Wales Nick Fenwick – Farmers Union Wales Rebecca Brough – Ramblers Cymru Beverley Penny – Open Spaces Society Mark Weston – British Horse Society Tim Hutton – Cycling UK Gwyn Teague – Vale of Glamorgan County Council Lisa Lloyd – Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Public Sector – to be advised Public Sector – to be advised</p>	
<p>Policy Intents</p> <p>9. Joe agreed to provide initial comments on the early draft policy intents (for each Expert Group) Helen will circulate to all ARAG members for comment.</p>	<p>Joe / Helen</p>
<p>Recruitment Update</p> <p>10. The Group were advised that Jont and Jayne had been successful in securing posts within NRW's Access Reform Programme.</p>	