

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

**GUIDANCE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Background

The County Borough Council is currently recruiting for its Local Access Forum (LAF).

The function of the Forum is to advise the Council, Natural Resources Wales and other bodies exercising functions under Part I of the CROW Act, as to the improvement of public access to land in the Council's area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area and as to other matters as may be prescribed. These bodies must, by law, have regard to relevant advice given by the Forum.

Regulations require the Forum to meet at least twice a year. However, it is anticipated that meetings will generally take place more frequently at a time and place agreed by the Forum members.

Areas of Work

The LAF will advise upon aspects of public access in the Council's area, including public rights of way and the new right of access to open country and registered common land. The Forum will consider all forms of access, including horse riding, cycling and off road driving, and not just access on foot. The exact nature of this work will be decided upon by the LAF itself, in agreement with the Council.

Other Information

Members of the LAF will need to be committed to making a positive contribution to the success of the Forum, and be willing to play a full part in all aspects of the work. Experience of a wide range of access issues and interests in the area is being sought. The positions are unpaid but Forum members will be able to claim reasonable expenses.

The next forum meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 530pm at Sardis House, Pontypridd.

If you wish to be considered for membership please complete the enclosed application form and return by the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to:

Jason Bragg  
Countryside & Rights of Way Officer  
Countryside Section  
Rhondda-Cynon-Taff C.B.C.  
Sardis House  
Sardis Road  
Pontypridd,  
CF37 1DU

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

Name:

Address:

Home telephone number:

Daytime telephone number:

Occupation:

How did you learn of the Local Access Forum?

Please state why you feel you would make a good member of the Local Access Forum.

*Continue on a plain sheet of paper if necessary.*

*I declare that the information I have given is to the best of my knowledge and belief true and complete.*

Signed:

Date:

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

*In order to ensure that our equal opportunity policy is effective, we would be grateful if you would complete the details below. This form will be separated from the application form and will not be used in the selection process.*

**Gender:** Male / Female

**Age:**

**Ethnic Origin**

Please tick:

- White
- Black Caribbean
- Black African
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Other – please describe

**Disability Survey**

Are you disabled? If 'yes' please describe the nature of your disability.

**Can you speak Welsh?**

Please tick:

- Fluent
  
- Working Knowledge
  
- Learner - Beginner
- Learner - Intermediate
- Learner - Advanced
  
- No

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