



The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Coastal Access Improvement Programme Background and Update

Local Access Forum Meeting – 27th July 2016

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Coastal Access Improvement Programme (CAIP) is a scheme funded by the Welsh Government via Natural Resources Wales and delivered through Local Authorities.
- 1.2 Since the Wales Coast Path officially opened on May 5th 2012 the scheme, which initially ran from 2007-2013 has continued to fund the development and improvement of the route. Following completion of the initial project further funding was made available, this ran from 2013-2015.
- 1.3 The current programme was initiated by a ministerial announcement that committed £900,000 worth of funding per annum for the next 5 years to the path. The current scheme differs from previous in so much as funding is divided between improvements and maintenance, to reflect the maturing nature of the Coast Path.

2. CAIP Funding 2016-17

2.1 Offers of grant have been received and accepted for the following improvement projects. Updates on each are included below. It is also anticipated that a further project at Sully Playing Fields will continue though funding has yet to be confirmed for 2016-17 in respect of this

Code	Location	Details	Update
<u>VG1601</u>	Dimhole	Path close to edge requires cutting back into cliff and provision of level surface as it ascends from cwm.	Tenders received and favoured contractor considered.
<u>VG1501</u>	Ogmore Down	Conclude outstanding creation agreement on path, formalising new alignment that avoids needs for road walking	Dwr Cymru objections addressed. No further objections received at pre-order.
<u>VG1502</u>	Traeth Mawr	Missing link currently available on permissive basis only. Previously submitted as creation order, landowner has indicated willingness to revert to agreement	Draft agreement to legal
<u>VG1505</u>	Cwm Colhuw West	Improve surface by addition of loose stone (type 1).	Works to improve surface have commenced.
<u>VG1507</u>	Gileston	Creation of missing link. Previously submitted as creation order, landowner has indicated willingness to revert to agreement	No move

2.2 In addition an allocation for coast path maintenance via grant and at 75% grant rate has been advised. In the Vale for 2016-17 this amounts to £19,230 of grant to be matched by £6,410. It is anticipated that this will be issued each year over the life of the programme:

Code	Description	Details	Update
<u>Maint</u>	Maintenance Projects on VoG WCP	Vegetation cut back, maintenance of furniture and surfaces	First seasonal vegetation cut back complete.