



The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Coastal Access Improvement Programme Background and Update

Local Access Forum Meeting – 27th Nov 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 2017-18

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 2017-18 in respect of this

Code	Location	Details	Update
VG1601	Dimhole	Path close to edge requires cutting back into cliff and provision of level surface as it ascends from cwm.	Works complete.
VG1501	Ogmore Down	Conclude outstanding creation agreement on path, formalising new alignment that avoids needs for road walking	Order drafted.
VG1502	Traeth Mawr	Missing link currently available on permissive basis only. Previously submitted as creation order, landowner has indicated willingness to revert to agreement	Agreement complete
VG1503	East of Nash Point	Rollback of path to mitigate cliff undercutting	Not yet commenced
VG1504	West of Tresilian Bay	Formalisation of rollback following coastal erosion	Geological study into rate of erosion and undercutting commissioned, returned in draft. Awaiting final issue before progressing.
VG1506	Summerhouse	legal orders to formalise clifftop rollback	Not yet commenced.
VG1507	Gileston	Creation of missing link. Agreement complete and works agreed. Creation order underway in respect of final part of land.	Scheme including surface, signage and improvement of furniture agreed. Discussion with landowner on materials ongoing. Creation order on outstanding section with legal.
VG1701	Monknash	Improvement of drainage, surface and crossing	Initial surveys undertaken and project plans agreed. Engineer to assist with scheme design appointed and due to meet on site shortly.

2.2 In addition an allocation for coast path maintenance via grant and at 75% grant rate has been advised. In the Vale for 2017-18 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
Maint	Maintenance Projects on VoG WCP	Vegetation cut back, maintenance of furniture and surfaces	Seasonal cuts complete. Report into cliff erosion commissioned near Rhoose.