

FoHL Meeting 23/5/13 - My notes

1. Thanks given for information received by telephone & paper notes - apologies for being somewhat terse on the phone - half way up a mountain at the time.
2. JANE HOLMES and I had a meeting where Jane's professional expertise cleared a lot of questions and doubts. She identified revenue streams but I want to look at "non-profit" and "charitable" commercial structures as well, so income for developing the site is not dependent solely on grants and Government support. Jane prompted me to think of a "USP" for the camp site, based on my experiences camping when my children were very small and what I would have found advantageous. ("T&B")
3. Motor access to the camp site clarified with JOHN GILLIGHAN of RMBC & the definitive RMBC maps - John stated he could see absolutely no reason any motor traffic could not use the lane as "by historical usage" a prerogative had been declared. He saw no issue with customer's cars, or Fire service access. (JOHN GILLIGHAN mentioned as I was leaving that my proposal for the camp site "would attract money from RMBC, too."

*This prompted a strange comment from ADAM ?? (Lake Ranger?) that "definitive maps were open to interpretation" and that he, not JOHN GILLIGHAN, knew what the maps meant, and cars did not have camp site access as far as he was concerned. CNCLR ANN STOTT & CNCLR STEPH MILLS both expressed surprise at his response; and commented that what ADAM ?? had said earlier during the meeting contradicted what he had just expressed.*

4. BMC & P-Y-B both contacted; BMC via a meeting with their rep. NICK BOND; P-Y-B via email to MARTIN DOYLE (CEO) about support for the camp site. Quite reasonably, support will be discussed when I have the tenancy of the site. The funding for both these organisations is from SPORT ENGLAND.
5. SUSTRANS cycling organisation (I'm a volunteer Ranger) has a Manchester office; the manager was MIKE DAGLEY but I'm out of touch as the Ranger group I was part of has disintegrated. Mike has had to take time out and I need to catch up with things SUSTRANS. My nearest Ranger associate is Sue Smith, 16 Rossall Road, Syke, Rochdale so I'll get in touch to find out if the Manchester SUSTRANS office is still functional and who is running the gaff.
6. Equestrian links: the camp site is alongside the Pennine Bridleway, and could benefit riders travelling along the bridleway. I want a meeting with STEPH MILLS (who has years of experience running equestrian facilities) to explore this.
7. JANE HOLMES suggested that the site could be used for Christian / religious holiday accommodation; it has the peace and tranquility they desire yet is within minutes of leisure activities at the Lake. Psalm 121!
8. The RADIO SOCIETY OF GB have members interested in radio operation from remote and mountainous places (S.O.T.A.) The camp site would be ideal for accommodation for such events. I'm a licensed radio amateur, so can get this in place as and when.
9. Tongue in cheek: (the Friends of) GADDINGS DAM have an active "Wild Swimming" contingent - who swim there 365 days a year. They are attracting National TV coverage, which could be a useful for the camp site and bloody good publicity.