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Footpaths KI114, KI113

Chris Dale of the Countryside access team responded to my report on the status of paths KI114 and KI113. (North of Hendrefoelan Road past Lledglawdd Farm). He has not received a response from the person responsible for the obstructions on footpath 114 and is about to write to him again. He notes that the path is also very overgrown, probably because people have stopped using it due to the obstructions. He is arranging for a contractor to clear the path and others on the hill.

6/10/21

Bridleways KI108, KI10

I filled in the consultation on behalf of KCC concerning the proposal to surface the bridleways/tracks between the Olchfa stream and Clyne Valley Road (bridleways KI108 and KI10). Chris Dale Head of the Countryside Access team responded to me. I report the main points of his letter below:

“80% of respondents (of which there were a considerable number, given the extent of the works) were in favour of some works to the surface. All works undertaken by the Countryside Access Team in the park result from suggestions, complaints or reports from people using the paths.

The route between Gower Road and Sketty Park has been a track for at least 140 years and the section of the route in question has previously been metalled with various types of stone over that time. The old tramway was also covered with stone in order to support the rail track. Therefore, in effect, the proposed works are repair works to the existing surface.

The work to clean out the drainage next to the track undertaken last year has helped to an extent, but the sections under consideration for surfacing are still susceptible to the accumulation of mud and standing water because the surface is uneven. The work would enable the surface to be cambered slightly to allow improved flow of water from the surface to the edges and would consist of compacted stone to provide a hard, smooth surface.

There are currently no plans to increase the number of paths that are tarmacked or for more works to surface other paths in the Park. I have noted the points about Himalayan balsam and suggestions/requests/remarks regarding works on other paths.

Anyone with an interest in the Active Travel network of routes may be interested in the current consultation regarding Active Travel at: www.swansea.gov.uk/drafttravelmapsurvey I believe that bridleway KI108 is under consideration as a candidate route in this consultation.

The Council is also drawing up a management plan for Clyne Country Park and a consultation on the plan will take place in the coming months.”