

Barry Doughty LAF 6 Application

Please complete the following questions as fully as possible. The selection of Local Access Forum members is normally determined on your application alone, without personal interview. It is, therefore, important that you provide as much information as you can to assist the selection process.

Continue on a plain sheet of paper if necessary

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Bridgend Local Access Forum?

Many years' experiences as an active walker and outdoor activities. Access to and upkeep of Rights of Way an important feature to enable all to gain access to the countryside. Particularly important in Pencoed with direct access to 'common land' from within and adjacent to our boundary.

There are many rambler groups and others who would appreciate direct dialogue with councils to seek way to improve access and to maintain such.

There are many voluntary groups which could be encouraged to take an active interest in their area.

I believe it possible to work and liaise with schools and youth organisation to become involved and active in the objective which will be set out by Bridgend County Borough Council in liaison with town and community Councils.

More work could be done with the older generation to assist with their health and Wellbeing. Our group could be a catalyst for those purposes.

2. If appointed, how would you fulfil this role?

By active participation in discussions and actions. Willing to take leading roles for the various working groups established.

Understand some of the constraints but also able to find alternative solutions to priorities and wishes of the forum.

3. What particular skills and experience could you bring to the Forum?

*In the past very active in encouraging young people in environmental projects, outdoor pursuits, and respect for our countryside.
Can work on my own or as part of a team. Understanding of Local and National Government and how they link to the Senedd and Westminster government.*

I have many contacts and relationships with those that make decision therefore this might be an asset to the forum.

Willing to get my 'hands dirty' rather than just talking out objectives.

4. What experience of access in Bridgend to you have?

I do not have experience of the Bridgend area Access issues. However, having been a local councillor in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan particularly the Heritage Close it would not take me long to get 'up to speed' with the particular issues in the Bridgend County Borough Area.

5. What opportunities do you have to disseminate information and network with relevant organisations?

There so many ways to disseminate information using both social media and other means of information sharing. I am quite apt at getting the information 'out there' once it has been discussed and agreed by the forum.

I do have experience of the need to establish relationships with the press and TV and would harness those relationships wherever I can to promote the work of the Forum.