

Agenda item 10

LTC Administrator

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc: LTC Administrator
Subject: Ledbury Town Trail

I have been in correspondence with Hereford Council for two years on the appalling state of the Town Trail. I am currently awaiting an answer from the Local Authority Ombudsman, on the issue of my on going complaint.

The Council have refused to engage with me on the subject of The Trail, apparently as they have deemed that they have exhausted their interest in the matter.

I have during the last few days tried using the computer based reporting system to advise of a new hazard affecting everyone trying to walk on the Trail where it crosses Oatley's Meadow.

The answer received demonstrates once more the ability of Hereford Council staff to mislead or tell lies about the status of the Trail, or perhaps it is another bout of sheer incompetence on their part. They have now advised me that Hereford Council have not 'adopted' the Trail and my enquiry should be directed to Ledbury Town Council.

This is news to me as Hereford Council have spent the last two years telling me that the Trail is designated as and I quote 'Open Space' and not maintained other than in an emergency or where this is an obvious safety risk.

The Town Trail is the property of Hereford Council, and unless responsibility has been transferred in the last few weeks to Ledbury Town Council, your Council employees charged with the job of answering the public's enquiries are incompetent as mentioned above or are not adequately trained, by what I perceive is a failing Local Authority which can not be trusted on many aspects of public interest and safety.

I would like to know if you as a Councilor will do anything to get the truth about the responsibility for the Town Trail published, so that the people who live in Ledbury and those that use the Trail for a host of activities, know where to report safety issues and how they get Hereford Council and its designated contractors Balfour Beatty, to get on with the practical works and safety issues, rather than making grand gestures in the Ledbury Reporter, complementing themselves on the recent work done on the Trail, some of which is of very poor quality, and in the medium to longer term a waste of public funds.

If you wish to see a copy of my request and the reply, I would be happy to send you one if you can confirm the e-mail address to which I should send it.

Yours Faithfully,

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