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## AMENDED SUPPLEMENT TO AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 8



Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: **Friday 6 July 2018**

Time: **10.00 am**

Venue: **The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell**

SARAH FOWLER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### AGENDA

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To: National Park Authority Members

Constituent Authorities  
Secretary of State for the Environment  
Natural England



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## Agenda Item 3

**2018 Statements Received for Positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority****Chair of Authority:**

Cllr Patrick Brady

I had not intended to stand but, following approaches from colleagues, I have agreed to offer myself for election as Chairman of the Authority.

**Policy**

Policy reviews are a priority for the next couple of years:

- a major review of the future of National Parks;
- A Corporate Policy review that will, in many ways, replace the old National Park Management Plan; a
- a review of planning policy, with a new NPPF and a new all-embracing Local Plan

Members need positively to own and understand the policies we are advocating and those we adopt. This requires leadership, understanding of policy implications, and inclusiveness. We must:

- A. Make sure we consider the wider long-term implications of what we do and not be distracted by vociferous special interest groups or the campaigns of the moment;
- B. Listen to and understand what our local farmers, businesses and communities are saying. They are, after all, the people whose predecessors created this National Park and its special qualities and now care for them;
- C. Understand what is happening locally, not least given what we were told by Derbyshire Dales Council on our Annual Tour as to where our communities may be in a few years' time.

I believe firmly that the steps that may need to be taken for our communities are not only necessary and urgent for the long term health of the National Park, but are entirely compatible with our prime purpose of conserving and enhancing of its special qualities

**What I want to do**

A Chairman's role is limited, and whatever we do needs the time, enthusiasm, brains and the contribution of those members wanting to make a difference. My aim will be to help Members make that difference and, within resources, to use my considerable experience of local authority governance at a senior level to work inclusively with colleagues to:

- ✓ enhance the National Park Authority's reputation for integrity and consistency;
- ✓ re-build relationships with our partners, particularly the local authority leaderships with whom we need to work;
- ✓ find ways to strengthen Members' role in making policy, scrutiny and influencing the agenda;
- ✓ advocate simpler reports and "Plain English";

- ✓ keep Members better informed about the important business of the Authority;
- ✓ clarify the roles of Members and officers and the accountability of officers for actions and advice;
- ✓ pursue “open government” so that the public and Members can better contribute to our work;
- ✓ ensure that reasonable concerns of Members and partners are addressed and responded to, whether accepted or not.

### Cllr David Chapman

For the past four years I have been the Deputy Chair of this Authority.

During that time, I have familiarised myself with all duties which a Chair of a National Park should be expected to fulfil.

I have attended both Planning and ARP Committees during my tenure as well as meeting every Friday with our CEO and Chair. This has kept me informed and updated with every aspect of the running of this Park and I consider that I have a well rounded insight into the overall requirements that this Authority requires from it's Chair.

Outside of this Authority I have also formed associations with Chairs and CEOs of all the other UK National Parks and would be able to seamlessly continue to work with them on topics which are of mutual interest and importance.

My idea of what the requirements of a Chair of this Authority should be are as follows:

- Someone who is not necessarily an expert in every field but who has the ability to bring together officers and Members to reach a mutually beneficial outcome bearing in mind that ultimately the Members are the decision makers.
- Being able to communicate with outside bodies such as politicians, local constituent and Parish councillors and all groups who have an interest and influence with this Park.
- Know the Park. I emphasise this point as it is so important that the residents' needs and aspirations are understood, in farming and industry, tourism and conservation, jobs and housing to name but a few. However small or large a part we play in these areas we must approach them all with dedication, enthusiasm, professionalism and love.

I consider that I meet these criteria.

I consider that I would be capable of leading this Authority with vigour, with fairness, with strength and with good humour.

I have lived, worked, farmed, been educated and raised a family in this Park all my life and I would consider it a privilege and an honour to be able to become its Chair.

### Cllr Andrew McCloy

For the last four years I have chaired ARP committee, as well as taking part in Member Scrutiny teams, the Charity Working Group and holding Member Representative roles. Prior to my joining the Authority I chaired the Peak District Local Access Forum for six years; and I was a Derbyshire Dales District Councillor (Independent) for five years. What this has taught

me is that the Peak District National Park is at its strongest when it is led by a vigorous and visible membership; when all its constituent authorities and its local communities are fully and positively engaged; and when it is bold and imaginative in its thinking and is willing to try new approaches to help it adapt and develop.

If elected Chair of the Authority I will continue to encourage a constructive working relationship between Members and officers, based on mutual respect and understanding; but I am also clear that decision-making ultimately rests with the membership and should be seen to do so. I would chair the Authority as I have done ARP committee - calmly but strongly, with fairness and good humour, based on an inclusive approach that values the contribution of every single member.

I also believe that given the Peak District's complicated political make-up it is essential that we have a productive relationship with every constituent authority, from county and metropolitan through to district and parish, in which we understand each others' priorities and recognise that a successful and thriving National Park delivers for everyone.

I intentionally moved to the Peak District 20 years ago to set up home, since when our daughter has been born locally and is about to start secondary school in Bakewell, whilst my wife works as a senior radiographer for a local hospital. I've been a parish councillor for over 15 years, a member of numerous local community groups and am presently Chair of Governors at Youlgrave Primary School. I strongly believe that National Parks are at their most effective when the interests of the people that permanently live, work and farm in them are in the forefront of everyday thinking - whether it's building enough affordable homes for young people to remain in our villages or helping our farmers find a sustainable future.

We need to reflect on the pioneering spirit that helped set up the Peak District National Park in the first place and approach the challenges ahead with purpose as well as resolve, whether it's opposing inappropriate development or confronting the ongoing persecution of moorland birds, or being bold and visionary in tackling climate change, embracing landscape-scale conservation and reversing biodiversity loss. The recently-announced National Park review should inspire us to look again at how we go about our business and forge a National Park fit for purpose for the next 70 years, in order to stay relevant in an ever changing world. I would like to have the opportunity to lead the National Park in that new direction.

### **Deputy Chair of Authority:**

Cllr Andrew Hart

I would like to put myself forward for the post of Vice Chairman of Peak District National Park Authority. I am committed to the aims and purposes of the National Park. But, I am strongly of the belief that there is scope within these aims to ensure the people living in the park are able to create vibrant dynamic communities that are of great benefit to residents and businesses.

The Peak Park should offer more and better opportunities for residents. In my view, this means more affordable housing, greater economic activity that is suited to the special environment, and much better ways of getting around the park.

Our current policies do not permit the provision of enough affordable housing to meet the need that we know exists. Business needs a more flexible and permissive policy environment so that they can thrive and open ourselves to new investments that contribute to the employment needs of residence and support the growth of productivity in the wider area.

I have been a board member of Peak Leader for a number of years and have acted as the vice-chairman for the past two years. During that period we have successfully invested in farm diversification, small business growth and the visitor economy. This is a direct contribution to the Peak District economy and I am proud of the impact the programme has had.

We are too keen to put barriers in the way of investment and this is stopping the innovation and change that is needed to maintain a living community. I am particularly concerned that our approach to transport in general does not take into consideration the needs of the Park.

Many Board members do not feel they are listened to and if they persist they are made to believe they are a nuisance. If elected, I would like to champion these members' concerns to those at the top.



## Agenda Item 8

**2018 Statements Received for Positions of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees****Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee**

Cllr Chris Furness, MSc (Oxford), MA (Sheffield)

Andrew is a hard act to follow but, if elected, I will do my best to emulate his performance.

I have some credentials which you might consider appropriate. I am currently vice-chair of the Governance and Resources Committee at Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC). This committee has a similar role to ARP. I represent DDDC on the Audit and Scrutiny Committees of Sheffield City Region CA and have been nominated by Leaders to be elected Chair of the latter at the next meeting. In these positions, I am already well versed in the extra duties expected of committee chairs, outside committee meetings.

I believe good attendance is an indication of a member's enthusiasm for the work of the Authority and essential for senior positions. My attendance at ARP and Authority meetings has been 100% over the past 12 months.

My style, as Chair of APR would be to encourage members to participate in debate, express opinions and propose any amendments to recommendations, which they consider necessary. My intention would be to appear neutral throughout debates and only vote when a casting vote is required.

A large percentage of the agendas throughout the year is to do with PDNPA finances and it is therefore important for the Chair to be well versed in accounts. This becomes even more important as we move towards Commercialisation of our assets. Most of my career was creating and managing new subsidiaries for large National PLCs, expanding exports, and managing trading with major customers. Much of that involved the creation of business cases for new products and projects.

Since retirement from Business, and alongside my Local Authority career, I have also pursued a "mature" student career and obtained Masters Degrees at Oxford and Sheffield Universities. I believe this depth of study has helped me in assimilating the many complex and detailed documents we must study before meetings.

Despite, being an "oldie", I keep in close touch with younger generations. I am a member of the Sheffield University Alumni Board, a Governor of New Mills Secondary School and a Director of Bradwell Community Land Trust. The latter will be taking ownership of 12 affordable homes which will be available, in perpetuity, for rent to needy young families who can demonstrate a 10 year connection with Bradwell and adjoining parishes.

As Andrew has often pointed out – ARP covers everything except Planning. That, for me, is what makes it so interesting. I look forward to working with officers from our various departments in producing agendas which will facilitate and promote the aims of our Management Plan.

Mr Zahid Hamid

I would like to be considered for the position of Chairperson of the Authority's Audit, Resources and Performance Committee for the 2018/19 term.

I have served as a member of this committee for 5 years since I was appointed a Secretary of State Representative to the Authority and have taken on additional roles in that time including;

- Lead member for work to engage young people to the Park
- Joint lead for work with Communities
- Member appointments panel
- Due Diligence panel
- Local Joint Committee
- Promoting and Understanding
- Stanage Forum Steering Group
- Charity working group
- Peak District Local Nature Partnership
- Peak District Inspiring Generations Partnership

I feel privileged to be on the Authority and support ongoing work where I can make a positive contribution in developments such as Mosaic, South West Peak, National Park management Plan.

I think I have the analytical and critical skills and experience required to be a competent Chair of ARP if appointed and would continue to work constructively and diplomatically with Members staff and the public. Outside of the Authority, I have experience of chairing committees and Boards for over 20 years. Both of the Authorities committees are essential to the delivery of our statutory purposes, in complimentary ways, and I would wish to maintain a smooth transition from the current Chair so that ARP's role carries on seamlessly.

I will be a diligent Chair acting in the best interests of the Authority using my style of being a sceptical optimist, strategic thinker and critical friend.

**Vice Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee:**

Mr James Berresford

During the course of my career, I have held several high-level exec and non-exec positions within major organisations. In each of these I have sought to apply a level of rigour and scrutiny to the organisation in question by applying a framework for key deliverables and operational monitoring. I see this as a discipline I can bring to ARP, in the position of Vice Chair of ARP as the Authority seeks to achieve operational efficiencies and to improve its project management capabilities. I also believe, that by appointment to this position, I can support the Authority as it looks to grow its commerciality and to develop into an organisation fit for the future.

I have a real understanding of successful strategic partnership management. This, I feel, can be applied to good use as the PDNPA seeks to extend its reach and influence both within and without the park boundaries. This will be an increasingly important area for ARP as it seeks to further the Authority's ability to influence local and national matters as they appertain to the Park's core purposes.

Lastly, as a Peak Park resident I am alive to the nuances and impacts of any key development decisions ARP may make.

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## Agenda Item 8

**2018 Statements Received for Positions of Member Representatives****Member Representative for Tourism and Participation**

Mr James Berresford:

My entire working life has been in tourism. I have the widest possible breath of experience in this area from local to national. I do feel that this background would prove of real value to both the Authority and to the wider Peak District.

Clearly, tourism development and promotion is all about participation. That said, main stream tourism often overlooks the socially and physically disadvantaged. Having operated country parks, I am acutely aware of the needs of this sector and the ways in which they might be better engaged in countryside recreation. I was heavily involved in the former Countryside Commission's 'Operation Gateway' scheme, which was designed to introduce disadvantaged young people to countryside experiences.

**Member Representative for Thriving Natural Environments**

Mrs Penny Anderson (proposed Member with responsibility for Thriving Natural Environments, representative on Local Nature Partnership (LNP), member representative on the SW Peak Partnership and deputy Chair of the MFF stakeholder group):

As a Secretary of State member, I have been charged with the following as part of my role on the NPA:

- understanding the need for a viable balance between farming, food production, land management and conservation;
- landscape-scale approach to conservation; and
- ecosystem services

The role of member representative for Thriving Natural Environments therefore fits into the above responsibilities neatly.

I have been the member responsible for biodiversity or for the last year, for Thriving Natural Environments, since I was admitted to the Authority. I have been part of the LNP and the SW Peak Partnership since their inception in my own right and as the LNP member representative for the last 2 years. I have been deputy chair of the MFF Partnership Group for the last 2 years, in support of David Chapman.

I regard the roles to require:

- expert knowledge of the subject area – as a professional ecologist, working in and around the Peak District for 40 plus years, I feel that I know both the area and the issues well. I am a national expert in some of them.
- a close relationship with those on the NPA staff working on ecological, land management, nature conservation and biodiversity issues and projects. To this end,

I met or communicated regularly with Suzanne Fletcher and Rhodri Thomas, and to a lesser extent others in Rhodri's team.

I carry out my duties in a variety of integrated ways as follows:

- As a member of the LNP since its inception prior to my being appointed to the NPA, I have been party to the ideas, issues and projects, including playing a role in the development of the SW Peak HLF Landscape Partnership project. I now sit on its Project Board and interact with and support Karen Shelley-Jones and others in the NPA who work on the project. I prepared the State of Nature within the Peak District (a larger area than the NP) on behalf of the LNP (with assistance from the NPA). The research and data collation undertaken to write the report has helped inform me of trends and outcomes of habitat and species conservation in the PD and is a useful vehicle for planning nature conservation priorities and projects in the future such as the White Peak Project.
- I, Rhodri and other ecologists working for the NP regularly exchange information as relevant. Any information on ecological/nature conservation issues and events that I have is passed on if relevant.
- I have been involved in MfF since its inception (when I assisted the NPA in applying for the original HLF grant, having been a member of its precursor research project for 19 years on a consultancy basis), attending its conferences, workshops and events and (when I was working) undertaking some of its consultancy work. I am regularly invited to give papers on MfF's behalf at their conferences or workshops, which recognises my expertise on upland management and restoration. I broadcast the findings of MfF projects on a regular basis at other upland events throughout the country.
- I talk to or email Rhodri regularly in order to discuss issues, to be brought up to date on progress on projects or initiatives the NPA has taken or is involved in, and to offer ideas or solutions to problems.
- I feedback information or messages from each of these areas of interest to those involved in the others where relevant or necessary. I also volunteer with NE and the NT, and feedback relevant sharable information as required between these and the NPA to help all work together more closely and to ensure duplication of effort is avoided where possible. I am well connected amongst ecological specialists, the professional institute for ecologists and others in a variety of organisations, which assists me in finding information when necessary, and involving others where required.
- I share with other members relevant information where appropriate and useful.
- If these proposed roles are agreed, I will strive to feedback more regularly.

### **Member Representative for Local Communities**

Cllr Patrick Brady:

To assist in this role, I have retained my membership of the Peak Park Parishes Forum.

I have interpreted the role as being to keep a watching brief on:

1. The extent to which both the interests of local residents and the contribution they can make to the National Park is taken into account as we make and review policy;

2. The impact of policy development decisions on individuals and on the vitality and sustainability of communities;
3. The way in which existing policy is interpreted and implemented, having regard to 1 and 2 above; and
4. Whether and how local communities are consulted on matters that affect them and how they are reported.

It has to some extent been a “limbo” year with most of the work on the Development Management policies having been undertaken last year. It is however disappointing that the Parishes Forum’s comments on the Management Plan were not taken more account of.

If I retain this role, I shall be arguing for a more responsive approach to the views expressed by the Forum on behalf of local communities.

### **Member Representative for Economy**

Cllr Chris Furness, MSc Oxford, MA Sheffield:

Annual Report 2017-2018

I have regular meetings with Suzanne Fletcher and John Scott and occasional meetings with Simon Malcolm for updates on economic progress within the National Park.

I also attend relevant business events with Suzanne. Last year, I chaired and hosted a Pedal Peak conference/workshop for businesses engaged in cycling. More than 30 businesses attended to hear about the £150k grants available and to tell us about the success of their business - and the potential job creation as the Peak District develops into the destination for cycling.

I represent DDDC on two committees of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, where I have a say on Derbyshire Dales’ share of the £30m annual Government business regeneration funding.

### **Some information on current economic structure -**

- There are 2,915 local businesses, in the PDNP, which are estimated to have a combined annual turnover of more than £1.1 billion. This equates to an average turnover of more than £87,000 per employee. This is the highest of all English National Parks and significantly higher than the English National Park average of £68,000. The turnover of businesses in the PDNP is relatively concentrated amongst small businesses with fewer than 10 employees.
- The production and wholesale and retail sectors generate the largest turnover. These sectors generate more than 37% of all turnover in the PDNPA, which is much higher than the National Park average of 27% and is more similar to the UK average of 40%.
- The PDNP also generates a relatively high turnover in the agriculture, forestry and fishing and transport and storage sectors, and a relatively low turnover in the information and communication, finance and insurance, professional, scientific and

technical and health sectors, compared to the other English National Parks and the UK average.

### **Inspired by Peak District**

The 'Inspired by Peak District' Brand was launched in 2014 and has been very successful, with over 350 businesses signed up by 2016. These range from food and drink producers and online retailers to manufacturing and creative industries.

I look forward to the economic future of PDNPA with some confidence. I hope we can help provide the affordable housing needs of local young people, so they can stay within their communities and take up the new employment opportunities which are being created within this National Park.

### **Member Representative for Connecting Young People with Nature**

Mr Zahid Hamid:

I supported the staff during the major reorganization and the appointment of new people to different and new posts. The work with schools, colleges, DoE etc has continued and also the development of the Junior Ranger programme. My involvement as a Member has been largely to support, listen and reflect back whilst also contributing to the Inspiring Generations Partnership and helping Peak District Mosaic to bring families into the Park from Sheffield and Manchester.

I would like to continue in this role if appointed to provide continuity and support to the new staff.

### **Member Representative for Food and Farming**

Mr Robert Helliwell:

#### **Skills:**

- In depth knowledge and experience of hill farming in the Peak District.
- Livestock management and husbandry.
- Management of upland grassland, including hay meadows, and moorland.
- Dry stone walling, hedge laying and other boundary skills.
- Management of the countryside for access.

#### **Knowledge:**

- A wide knowledge of production systems in upland farming.
- Wide knowledge of plant life in the uplands and management of upland pastures and moorland.
- I have taught hill farming skills to a range of students
- A member of the National Uplands Forum – the main areas of discussion are currently BPS, late payments of Stewardship monies to agreement holders, and BREXIT and how it will affect livestock production in the hills given 40% of breeding



cows in England are found in the uplands and 44% of breeding sheep are found in the uplands.

- Involved with the development of HLS and UELS in the uplands.
- Have been involved with giving Cross Compliance advice.
- Wide knowledge of the farming community.

### **Experience:**

I have lived and farmed in the Peak District since 1988. Currently farm a hill unit in Edale which is crossed by the Pennine Way. Our main enterprises are:

- Production of lambs from hill ewes, the lambs being sold for breeding or as store lambs through Bakewell Market.
- A small herd of suckler cows producing heifers for breeding sales and steers for quality grass fed beef.
- Involvement with 5 HLS agreements across the farm.
- Land management including areas of SSSI, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, National Footpaths, Open Access, controlled grazing, management of water courses.
- In addition, we also run a small campsite.
- Involved with the PP Land Managers Forum and the sub groups which have been established to cover Moorland Management, the White Peak Project and a response to the Health and Harmony consultation from DEFRA.
- Chair of the Peak District Uplands Forum (NFU) – most of the Peak District National Park is classed as uplands, but it is not all moorland. There are some good quality dairy herds in the Peak District which rely on quality grass production.

It is vitally important that the biggest industry in the Peak District is represented at National level given recent developments. The work of the Landscape and Conservation Team at the PDNPA is well recognised by the industry. Discussion about agricultural policy and how that may affect the Peak District has been aired through the Land Managers Forum and its sub groups.

### **Member Representative for Landscape and Heritage**

Mr Robert Helliwell:

#### **Skills**

- In depth knowledge and experience of livestock farming in the Peak District.
- Management of grass and moorland.
- Dry stone walling.
- Hedgerow management.
- Management of the countryside for access.
- Work alongside visitors to the PDNP.
- Knowledge of environmental stewardship schemes.
- Good knowledge of local history.
- Knowledge of how farming and other industries have shaped the landscape.

## **Knowledge**

- I have been involved with farming in the Peak District in some way for most of my life.
- I have a wide knowledge of production and environmental systems in upland farming and how those systems have affected and shaped the landscape.
- Wide knowledge of plant life in the uplands and management of upland pastures and moorland.
- A good knowledge of farming and its role and value in rural communities.

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- Involvement with 5 HLS agreements across the farm.
- Land management including areas of SSSI, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, National Footpaths, Open Access, controlled grazing, management of water courses.
- Management of a small campsite in the Peak District.
- Involved with recent discussions about BREXIT with National Parks England.
- Involved with the PP Land Managers Forum and the sub groups which have been established to cover Moorland Management, the White Peak Project and a response to the Health and Harmony consultation from DEFRA.
- A member of the planning committee for the last 3 years.
- I am involved with the Peak District Uplands Forum (NFU) – most of the Peak District National Park is classed as uplands, but it is not all moorland. There are some good quality dairy herds in the Peak District which help to give the White Peak its distinctive character.
- Involved with the development of HLS and UELS in the uplands.
- I have been involved with Cross Compliance advice, which included SSSI, wild birds, water quality, soil management and other factors that can affect the environment.
- Recently involved with the launch of a new planning tool for historical farm buildings.

## Agenda Item 8

**2018 Reports Received from Outside Body Appointed Representatives**

Cllr Chris Furness:

**Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership**

I have represented the Authority on this Partnership for 6 years and have attended 3 of the 4 meetings over the past 12 months, together with either Tim Nicholson or David Marsden. I also represent DDDC on the Hope Valley and High Peak CRP, which is helpful in comparing progress.

Other Partners represented are DCC, DDDC, Ambergate DC, East Midlands Trains, Network Rail, Parish Councils and Station Friends Groups. PDNPA is a senior partner, so I also attended the management group meetings which follow.

The Partnership is managed by a part time officer, funded by contributions from the senior partners, (mostly East Midlands Trains and DCC). It is responsible for publicising the line to promote usage for commuting and tourism. Grants are made available for station improvements and for projects initiated by 'Friends of Station' Groups.

Passenger numbers have more than doubled over the past 10 years, due to increased train frequency and publicity. Several national awards have been received.

There is some talk of re-instating the main line from Buxton to Derby via Matlock, but that would greatly impact the Monsal Trail and PDNPA would need to take a position on this if it seems likely to progress.

Mr Zahid Hamid:

**Peak District National Park Youth Forum Group**

This has not met in 2017/18 due to the restructure at the Authority and the appointment of new staff. The plans are to try to reenergize this Forum but not clear when.

Should we keep this appointment on the list?

**Stanage Forum Steering Group**

This group has met several times in the last year and organised a well-attended 'lively' Stanage Forum AGM in September 2017. I think the Group is functioning and has taken note of the staffing changes at the Authority. It is also, with support from the Authority, setting up a specific small vehicle to drive the archeology work at North Lees.

I would like to continue the role here as I try to cement long term relationships.

Mr Robert Helliwell:

### **Land Managers Forum Report to Authority AGM 2018**

The Land Managers Forum (LMF) normally meets once a year usually in response to some item of importance to the farming industry.

This year, and no doubt for several years to come, the big issue has been BREXIT which will have a major impact on the Peak District's biggest industry.

- Brexit will mean a move away from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the EU.
- Exports to the EU could be hit by export tariffs unless a Trade Deal is agreed that covers agricultural produce – in the Peak District this will have a major impact on sheep and beef but could also affect milk products.
- A new National Policy will be needed to replace CAP.
- A new Environmental Land Management Scheme will need to be developed in line with the government's 25 year Environmental Plan.
- Basic Payments will end.

Members of the LMF have been involved in the following groups:

The Minister produced the Command Paper "Health and Harmony" which a sub group of the LMF met 4 times and submitted a response to form the basis of the response from the PDNPA.

A project covering the White Peak has been put together and this could form the basis of a pilot scheme for a new Land Management Scheme. This is currently with DEFRA. The White Peak Project is to be/was launched on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Some members of the LMF have been involved a Moorland Management Group which has recently been established in order to find a consensus on sustainable moorland management. Met twice.

### **Hope Valley Rail Users Group**

This group meets quarterly at venues close to the rail links across the north of the Peak District. The PDNPA is a financial contributor to the User Group through DCC and as a result the member who represents the Authority is normally elected as vice chair.

The purpose of the group is to discuss with Northern Rail any issues that arise from use of the Sheffield to Manchester, Buxton to Manchester and Glossop to Manchester lines – all of which are a great asset to the National Park. The main issues are detailed below with many minor issues also discussed.

- Timetabling – there have been issues, but we have seen hourly trains introduced on the HV line.
- Standards of service – getting tickets has been a problem on trains; ticket machines should be at all stations in the near future.
- Use of stations - "Friends" groups have been established for the various stations on the HV and Buxton lines. These local groups look after the stations and help to make

them more acceptable for users. (Buxton for example is currently installing a Japanese Garden). Grant funding is available from the group for items such as benches, planters and notice boards.

- Parking at stations – Northern Rail are introducing parking charges in the station car parks which is having a knock-on effect on local parking around the stations.

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