

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

ANNUAL MEETING – 3 JULY 2020

Candidates Statements

Chair of the Authority

Cllr A McCloy

With your support I would like to continue as Chair of the Peak District National Park Authority for another term. We are in a period of considerable uncertainty, with challenges on a number of fronts. From Coronavirus and Brexit to the Glover report and Government's spending review, there are hugely significant issues and decisions that affect not just day to day delivery but the long term course of this national park, and it is my belief that to get through this successfully we need strong and stable leadership.

I will continue to chair the Authority in an open and inclusive manner and carry on reporting on my work representing national parks on the national stage. Indeed, the most profound changes ahead may be as a result of the recommendations of the Landscapes Review. From the outset I've welcomed the wider ambitions of Julian Glover's report, for instance the crucial role national parks can play in shaping a sustainable future for farming and helping nature to recover. But I'm also clear that to make this happen we need adequate resources and central support; and whilst national parks should work together more effectively and improve aspects of our governance, this should not and cannot be at the expense of local representation and accountability. I will continue to press this key message at Government level.

There's a sense of history at the Peak District National Park which I feel keenly; and although mostly positive, it can sometimes weigh us down and make us seem slow and reluctant to change. But I don't think we have any option now. Through circumstances largely beyond our control we have to make some difficult choices about how we deploy our dwindling resources and re-organise ourselves, what we prioritise and how we go about things. There are, I suggest, some key considerations going forwards:

1. striking up new and innovative partnerships is the only way we will effectively tackle climate change, especially given our limited resources
2. more visible promotion and protection of wildlife is essential if we are to reverse further biodiversity loss and encourage popular support and understanding

3. reaching out to new, diverse and mostly urban audiences will require us to be smarter, dynamic and pioneering
4. the income-generating role of the PDNP Foundation is only likely to grow in importance to the Authority and we need to nurture and support it.
5. The Local Plan review is a prompt for us to re-examine our relationship with national park communities and really understand concepts like 'thriving' and 'sustainable'.

As a first step I'll be seeking a review of the Authority's Corporate Strategy in light of the events of the last few months and its likely impact on our indicators and targets; and similarly I suggest we need to consider the implications for the five-year Management Plan. There is much to do, but I am up for the challenge.

Deputy Chair of the Authority

Mr J Berresford

As I enter the final year of my current appointment to the Authority, I am keen to embrace the challenge of becoming its Deputy Chair. I believe I have proved through my contributions to date, that I have a true appreciation of the organisation's core purposes and values.

As the Peak District National Park approaches the 70th Anniversary of its inception, it is entering possibly the most critical point in its history. Covid 19 has left the Authority starved of resources and facing an uncertain future. The pandemic has also left the Peak District's environmental and economic assets deeply scarred. Now, more than ever before, is the time for careful but brave leadership. Such action is needed in order for the Authority to successfully steer one of the nation's most precious assets, into a future characterised by the highest quality of provision for all. The spectre of rapidly worsening climate change and the long-term impact that this brings to area's precious landscapes and delicate ecosystems, also demands determined action by the Authority.

My experience in change management and organisational development would, I believe serve me well in supporting the Chair, Members and Officers as we seek to address these unprecedented challenges. Clearly, we cannot meet these challenges alone. Success will be achieved through an energetic approach to partnership working. I believe this is one of my greatest strengths which, when combined with the excellent local and national networks I possess, further supports my bid to become Deputy Chair of the Authority.

I am also keen to represent the Authority once again on the Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire Local Authority Investor Group. It makes sense to me, to provide a strong voice on this representative body, particularly now as the local visitor economy begins to recover from an extended period of closure. It would also be my intention to

ensure that the Authority gets the best value it can for its subscription to this outside body.

Finally, I would welcome the opportunity of continuing my input into the on-going work of the Governance Review Working Group.

Cllr C Furness

It is very important for the Deputy to support and work well with the Chairman. Andrew and I have similar views and ambitions for the future of the PDNPA and I look forward to working with him to achieve our goals. I have been a Board Member since 2003 (except for a 4-year gap) and have never been as optimistic about its future as I am now, despite covid 19.

The post of Deputy Chair does have some kudos and I intend to use that to further initiatives which I know Andrew also supports. One initiative is to promote and support Community Land Trusts within the Park. We have already successfully tried and tested CLTs in our home villages of Bradwell and Youlgrave and now want to expand this model to all PDNP communities. Brian Taylor is looking into the practicalities of a PDNPCLT, or individual Community CLTs, facilitated by the Authority.

Bradwell CLT, of which I am a Director, currently owns 12 existing houses, has 12 more in development and is seeking planning permission for conversion of a building into four 1 bed flats. We believe this community driven approach is the best way to satisfy the affordable housing need in our communities.

Members who have known me for some time are aware of my concern for our communities within the Park. The cost of houses and the shortage of affordable rented housing is forcing many of our young people and young families out of the Park. They will probably do well wherever they go, but the communities they leave behind suffer from their loss, when their dwellings become holiday lets or second homes. The village schools are the indicators of this trend. In Castleton, where only 40% of houses are now residential, I'm told the school population has fallen from around 50 in the 1980s to just 9 now. Eyam School has a similar history with only 10 pupils now. Bradwell CLT has managed to rescue 12 privately rented houses from the likelihood of becoming holiday lets or second homes, following possible eviction of the tenants, by raising over £2 million in grants, to purchase them.

I have worked closely with Andrew on Scrutiny and I Chaired a mini-scrutiny Panel on Minor Properties Disposal procedure. I have also worked with him on the governance review working group and the climate change tax group.

Other Authorities

Chair of Communities and Environment Committee at Derbyshire Dales DC.

Member of all five Thematic Boards at Sheffield City Region Combined Authority

Chair of Planning Committee

Mr R Helliwell

No statement received.

Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee

Mr Z Hamid

I would be pleased if Members would positively support my re-appointment as Chair of the Authority's Programmes and Resources Committee for the 2020/21 term.

Having been elected last year by Members to Chair this Committee I would offer my services again in order to provide some stability and continuity as we move to a challenging post Covid 19 situation. I hope I have demonstrated the analytical, listening and critical skills required to be a diligent Chair acting in the best interests of the Authority and the National Park. In addition, I have experience of chairing committees and Boards for over 20 years; and if appointed I would continue to work constructively and diplomatically with Members, staff and the public.

I have contributed, and felt valued, as a Member in various roles with the Authority 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 and the new PDNP Foundation charity.

I am also put myself forward to be reappointed as the Member Representative on the Stanage Forum Steering Group again to provide experience and continuity during these unsettling times of transition.

Vice-Chair of Planning Committee

Cllr P Brady

I am local parish councillor, resident in the Park, and its environment and communities are important to me. I have served on the Authority since 2012 and over that time have been a Member both of the Planning Committee and the Members' group advising on the Development Management policies where, through research and vigilance, I was able to achieve some significant improvements.

My professional career in Local Government gave me a wide understanding of both legal and policy side of local planning and development management issues. Consequently, I am well versed in the Authority's planning policies as well as the National Planning Policy framework.

A review of our Local Plan is now under way where I believe my knowledge and background will be of service to the Authority as it reviews its policies.

If I am appointed to either of the two roles for which I am applying I will:

- Work for consistent decision-making;
- Look for improved monitoring and performance;
- Try to achieve more member involvement in policy development;
- Continue to argue for policies and decisions that meet local housing and economic needs whilst conserving the special qualities of the National Park.

Cllr M Chaplin

1. Demonstrate a commitment to the purposes of the Authority and their successful delivery.

Soon after being appointed to the Authority, my colleague Ken Smith and I attended the three-day training course run for new members by the National Park Authority in September 2018. This helped me to better understand the role and purposes of National Park Authorities (NPAs). I have attended the mandatory training sessions on planning and other training sessions on budget planning, personnel issues, climate change, landscape and other environmental issues. I have supported and voted on decisions that enable the Authority to carry out its' functions with a balanced budget in order to achieve aims and objectives set out in the reports brought before the NPA.

2. Show that you have a willingness to act on behalf of all members of the authority and not sectional or group interests.

I value the expertise, specialist knowledge and experience that each of the members of this Authority bring to the table. Not only does this inform my views but often helps me to understand a bigger picture and consider some angle or aspect that I had not appreciated before.

With our mix of local authority members elected from different parishes, counties, boroughs, city and Secretary of State appointees, the NPA has a constitutional set up that largely precludes sectional or group interests from dominating so I believe it is important to be inclusive to enable the authority to work for everybody's best interests.

As a City Councilor I represent all my Constituents, not only those who voted for me. I am also collectively responsible for the decisions made by that authority for all the citizens of Sheffield and will to apply the same principle of collective responsibility on behalf of all members of the PDNPA.

3. Explain how you have an understanding of the roles and responsibilities associated with the position and the skill set relevant to this position.

The role of the vice chair is to chair the Planning Meeting in the absence of the Chair. This is unusual but it does happen. The Planning Committee requires the Chair to lead on the statutory process making sure that the agenda is followed in the right order beginning with introductions, any fire safety requirements (unless the meeting is virtual) and the need for each item flow in order. The Planning Officers must have the time and opportunity to present their reports on planning applications and an opportunity to respond to questions and concerns that are raised in the meeting. It is vital that meetings are seen to be open and transparent and that members of the public that have come along to make representations are given the time and opportunity to do so but also not to exceed the time allocation unduly. Also, questions, discussion and voting on decisions by members takes place in public view.

I prepare for planning meetings by reading the minutes, reports and planning applications. Since joining the Planning Committee in July 2018 I have listened to and taken account of the verbal reports and views of Officers, listen to the views and representations from members of the public as well as the opinions of other Members (all bring expertise and experience and local knowledge) before weighing up the arguments to a decision based on the evidence. To this end I also ask questions and contribute to discussions and debates. I am mindful that our decisions lead to physical outcomes on the protected landscape of a National Park and that people have to live with them as well as live in them.

The Vice Chair is expected to attend pre-meetings of the Planning Committee to receive and give advice to the Chair and Officers on any problems or difficulties with planning application reports before they are put before the Committee and to help consider how best to negotiate applications and outcomes that may be more contentious. In some cases a report may have to be withdrawn before reaching committee for further work to be carried out. In short, the Vice Chair can help the Chair of Planning and Officers to enable the planning process run as smoothly as is practically possible.

Cllr D Chapman

It is my wish to be considered for the above position, my reasons are as follows:

I have been a member of the PDNPA Planning committee for nine years and previous to that for six years on the DDDC Planning Committee.

In that time I have attended many training sessions covering all aspects of planning matters and have been involved in a wide range of planning applications.

Planning is an emotive subject particularly in the context of National Parks due to the stricter regulations arising from their core purposes with the emphasis being on landscape impact.

As someone who has lived, farmed and worked in the PDNP all my life I consider that I have developed an empathy and understanding of how planning issues can affect residents both negatively and positively and particularly the stress that can be caused by those issues.

I would consider that being in the position of Vice Chair of Planning would give me a greater opportunity to bring that empathy and understanding to both planning officers and applicants in order to help planning decisions arrive at a mutually agreeable conclusion.

Cllr K Richardson

No statement received.

Mr K Smith

During of my 2 years as a Secretary of State (SoS) appointee (and 34 years as a PDNPA officer), I have been committed to Authority purposes and their successful delivery. Through membership of Planning Committee and various task/working groups, and as Member Representative for Landscape and Heritage, I have always acted on behalf of the whole Membership without favouring one particular group or interest.

Vice-Chair of Planning Committee

Planning is a principal tool for management of change to the character of the Peak District's landscapes. My career has included contributing to the development and implementation of planning policies to this end. I am therefore familiar with the relevant PDNPA policies. The last 2 years have enabled me to continue this contribution, from a different but equally important perspective, as a Planning Committee member.

I have wide experience of chairing national organisations, e.g. Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (England and UK), Council for British

Archaeology (national educational and archaeological charity), and as President of the Royal Archaeological Institute (national archaeological society).

I believe this combination of experience in the planning process and as chair of different institutions provides the appropriate skill-set for this Vice-Chair role. Additionally, my wider experience of national park purposes would enable me further to support the Chair of the Committee, and the Membership, and make informed contributions through the Chairs and Vice-Chairs meetings/briefings.

Finally, I would welcome the opportunity to: continue my input to the work of the *Governance Review Working Group* and the *Climate Change Task Group*; continue to be a member of the *Planning Committee* and the *Local Joint Committee*; act as deputy to the Member representative to the *South West Peak Landscape Partnership Board*, where I developed the cultural heritage component of the current NLHF Landscape Project.

Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee

Cllr C Furness

I believe it is important for the Deputy to have a good working relationship with the Chair. That is certainly the case with Zahid and me. We regularly exchange emails on various topics and seem to be on the same wavelength on most issues. We share an interest in the development of skills for employment, he as Regional Chair of the WEA and I as a member of the Sheffield City Region Skills Board. We have discussed papers to be presented at Board meetings and he suggests questions and comments, which I have then asked.

It has often been said, that PAR covers everything except planning. That's not quite the case now, following the changes proposed by the Governance Review Working Group, but it still deals with the majority of our National Park issues and is therefore, to me, the most interesting committee. We have some very interesting projects to look forward to.

Being Vice-Chair would give me admission to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs meetings where I would be able to contribute and debate my ideas for making the Authority more proactive in community support and in support of the many businesses within our boundaries.

Other Authority positions

Chair of Communities and Environment Committee - Derbyshire Dales DC.

Member of all five Thematic Boards – Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.

Prof J Haddock-Fraser

I would welcome your support for my appointment as Vice-Chair of the Authority's P&R committee for the 2020-21 period.

Since my appointment last year as a Secretary of State member, I have been active in my engagement with the Authority, committed to its purposes and keen to use my experience and expertise in their successful delivery. In addition to my membership of the P&R committee I am also on the Local Joint Committee and Chair of the newly established Climate Change Member Task Group.

I plan to continue with all of these in 2020-21 and, additionally, hope to be appointed Member Champion for Climate Change and Vice-Chair of the P&R Committee. As the Member Champion role is directly linked to the Climate Change Member Task Group responsibility I already hold, the statement below is focussed on outlining my suitability for the Vice-Chair P&R Committee role.

Skills and Experience

My career to date has enabled me to build knowledge and skills across a range of key areas of relevance:

- I worked for many years in senior management positions (in universities), holding responsibility for strategic and operational leadership and management, including strategy development, and in managing large budgets (£20m-£30m revenue) and many staff (200-300 staff). From this I have a sound working knowledge of key aspects of the P&R committee's scope – strategy, finance, risk management and human resources – and the balance needed between competing priorities and resources across the Authority.
- I am currently part of (and chair) the member-led climate change task group. This scrutinises and influences one of the four programme strands the P&R committee is responsible for. With my professional expertise in sustainability I have a good working understanding of the remit and activities of the other three, and the links between them.
- I have extensive experience in leadership and influence, and as part of this have held many chair/vice-chair positions, both as a trustee/governor and as a manager/staff member. I have just finished my 5-year maximum term as Chair of Trustees for a sustainability membership organisation for universities, operated as chair of sub-committees in other trustee roles, and effectively chaired multiple committees in my time in University senior management.

Role of Vice-Chair

Formally, this role is to substitute if the Chair is unavailable; to attend agenda setting meetings; and to participate in the budget monitoring meetings. These are all within my capabilities and expectations. However, my aspiration is that this role provides much greater support to the Chair, committee, Members and therefore to the Authority. If I were appointed, how this could be achieved would be discussed with the Chair but could include opportunities for the Chair and Vice-Chair to have focussed

responsibilities for oversight of particular aspects of the P&R Committee (e.g. programme strands); to provide enhanced Member support understanding and scrutinising challenging budgets in the post-Covid world; and to enable long-term consistency and/or succession once the current Chair finishes their maximum term as Chair of P&R and on the Authority.

Member Champion for Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming

Cllr D Chapman

For the last 26 years I have been a farm advisor in the field of Sustainable Soil Management which involves looking into improving soil and plant health without, or minimizing, the usage of synthetic fertilisers and agrochemicals. It naturally follows on that a healthy soil will improve biodiversity and this is something about which I have gathered a large knowledge base.

My work obviously involves working with farmers and as my family used to farm in the Peak District National Park I have a great affinity with, and am friends with, many of the farming community within it.

I have been Chair of the Moors for the Future Partnership for the last 5 years and have been closely involved with the work on peatland restoration and ecosystem and biodiversity protection.

I am also a member of the PD Climate Group and Chair of DDDC Climate Group.

I am keen to share my experience and knowledge with Members and feel qualified to do that.

Cllr Ms C Farrell

I believe the role of this member champion is to so work towards promoting an integrated management of the natural environment, one that has biodiversity at its heart in order for the Park to achieve its management aims.

My passion is for the natural environment and I see a role for the National Park in becoming a beacon of good practice in land management, working across all sectors to achieve this. The introduction of the environmental land management schemes, will provide a framework for this in terms of farming, but farming is not the only way in which the natural environment is cared for in the Park.

The Management Plan aims to deliver an “*enhanced diverse, working and cherished landscape*”; I recognise and would promote the role of the natural environment in this, landscape is made up of the wildlife within it as well as farmland.

The Management Plan also wants the Park to be “*a sustainable, welcoming and inspiring place for all*” but recently we have seen the problems of large numbers of

visitors coming who are unfamiliar with the countryside. I believe that one way to encourage visitors to respect the countryside is by connecting them to nature, if people have a low connection to nature they do not value it. I would like to encourage a love of the natural environment through nature and education and see this as a part of this role. If visitors could see ospreys in the sky, hares in the field and hedgehogs at night they may begin to love and respect nature and the countryside more. However, first we have to improve biodiversity within the Park so that these things are there for all to enjoy in abundance. I have spoken at meetings about the failure to meet KPI7 and will continue to highlight areas where I think the Park could improve.

To make our natural environment more resilient so it can meet the challenges of climate change we need to make it healthier and that may mean less intensification of land management to increase farm productivity, and also diversification of produce which would provide greater food resilience. I would encourage consideration of these things.

The Park contains many different landscapes, farmed and not farmed, and many employers, including those in the farming, land management and hospitality sectors, as well as its many visitors. As someone who does not have an interest in any of sectors, I could work to ensure that they are all considered as the Park works to improve the natural environment for everybody.

Mr R Helliwell

As the Agriculture Bill, which replaces CAP post BREXIT, moves through parliament and the Environmental Land Management (ELM) and the Future of Forestry discussion documents have been circulated by DEFRA, the importance of each individual National Park, led by the PD, responding to these highly important papers cannot be over emphasised. As member for Food and Farming, this has involved discussions with staff, drawing together a BREXIT group of farmers and land managers from the Peak District and keeping the Land Managers Forum informed and to gather their views.

Farming makes up 80% of the land area of the Peak District, and despite Brexit farmers and growers are still bound by the rules of the EU. British farm businesses have developed to meet these rules and are among the most efficient, high welfare systems in the world. We should not import production to satisfy our requirements for cheap food, which the Agriculture Bill is suggesting. But we still need to look more carefully at our production systems so they have less negative environmental impacts. We have already seen a 20% reduction in GHG emissions from livestock in recent years. The Agriculture Bill could have a devastating effect on Peak District farmers if produce of a lower production standard is imported and allowed to undercut home production.

National Parks have much to offer in the ELM proposals and they are well equipped to ensure that delivery is local and helps to meet landscape scale delivery. Officers have been working with other National Parks and AONBs to draw together a national response. Work is also in hand to produce a response from the PD Brexit group, which will cover responses from the PD Land Managers Forum.

Officers have been working on a project which will hopefully help farmers in the White Peak to look at the viability of options in the new ELM scheme. A ready reckoner has been developed, trialled by the Brexit group, which allows basic data to be used to show what the implications will be on the farm business if certain options are adopted under ELMs. This is a flexible tool, which is relatively simple to use and has the potential to be used for other landscape areas – the Dark Peak (I have tried it out in Edale) and the South West Peak.

The Forestry document has only recently been released by DEFRA and will receive attention in due course.

Farmers are generally resilient and will adapt to change given time and encouragement. The PDNPA officers have a good working knowledge of the Peak District, its land types and they have a good working relationship with farmers across the park. Supporting their work is important.

Farming produces a range of outcomes, least of which is food. The recent lock down has highlighted that locally produced food is in demand with many local butchers and milk producers noting high demand over that last few weeks. Quality food production must continue to evolve in the Peak District to ensure that loved landscapes and ecosystems are maintained.

Cllr V Priestley

No statement received.

Miss L Slack

I am extremely interested in being the Member Champion for the Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming and I believe I have the experience necessary to support the Head of Landscape and Conversation.

Having spent the first 18 years of my life on a Peak District upland dairy and sheep farm, and the following 10 years working and studying in the environmental and agricultural sector, I have a deep understanding of how all the moving parts, including governance, farmers, businesses, residents and visitors have an impact on our natural environment and biodiversity.

The next few years will be a critical time for farming in the Peak District, as the Basic Payment Scheme is phased out and the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) is introduced. It is vital that issues relating to upland farming continue to be highlighted, and that there is regular stakeholder engagement with farmers (including younger farmers who may be more “competitive” in their production of food than previous generations) throughout this process, in order to achieve optimal uptake, and minimal hiccups in transition, once the new scheme is ready. If executed well, this should lead to increased biodiversity, protection of the natural environment and sustainability for farmers. Throughout my career, I have had experience working with

farmers and a range of stakeholders, for example when I worked at the United Nations in New York, I liaised between government ministers in Jordan and Palestine, farmers and local businesses to build relationships and help create a shared water management strategy, in line with UN's strategic outcomes, and I believe this experience will help me be a critical friend for officers at the PDNPA.

I always seek to help find creative solutions to problems, and I have a particular interest and awareness of new and innovative technologies relating to conservation and agriculture, which could be useful in the development of landscape monitoring etc.

I'm always open to ideas and approachable to members and officers alike, and I believe we have an excellent opportunity ahead to engage with stakeholders and think strategically, in order to enhance and protect our natural environment, whilst increasing biodiversity and supporting our farming communities.

Member Champion for Cultural Heritage and Landscapes

Mr K Smith

During of my 2 years as a Secretary of State (SoS) appointee (and 34 years as a PDNPA officer), I have been committed to Authority purposes and their successful delivery. Through membership of Planning Committee and various task/working groups, and as Member Representative for Landscape and Heritage, I have always acted on behalf of the whole Membership without favouring one particular group or interest.

Member Champion for Heritage and Landscape

I aspire to this position to fulfil the remit of my SoS appointment to promote sustainable conservation of Peak District landscapes and, as identified by the NPA when I was appointed, to promote maintenance and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the National Park.

I have 34 years of experience of managing the cultural heritage of the National Park as an officer of the Authority and 2 years as a Member, the second as Lead Member for Landscape and Heritage. During that year, I met with lead officers and managers, informing and being informed by their work. These inputs benefit from my previous: experience of the NP/NPA; Historic England Advisory Committee and National Trust Archaeology Panel membership; input to agri-environment scheme historic environment policies. Currently I provide heritage advice and guidance to NT and participate in research projects considering ecosystem services and natural capital accounting from a cultural heritage perspective.

These skills, experience and expertise will benefit this role and enable me to assist the Authority in achieving maintenance and enhancement of the NP's cultural landscapes, amidst the many competing and impacting demands.

Member Champion for Engagement

Ms Y Witter

I am interested in being the Member Champion for Engagement because I am experienced in developing strategic work with groups that feeds into the National Park management plan.

This is a role that naturally fits with my passion, experience, connection and whole approach as a Member and a citizen in relation to the Peak District National Park.

My passion is enabling others to increase their knowledge of their surrounding environment, caring for their health and wellbeing while enjoying the countryside. I continue to encourage and support volunteers to equip them with the necessary tools to embrace and encourage others to enjoy the countryside.

I have developed a positive, motivational and inspirational way to promote opportunities for the understanding, engagement and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park, by working with partners and organisations to introduce new audiences and develop training programme for volunteers. I have been instrumental in working with staff, volunteers and other Organisations on initiatives such as:

- South West Peak Landscape Partnership
- Chatsworth House Educational department
- Ordnance Survey - GetOutside Champion programme
- National Trust
- Youth Hostel Association

As part of Peak District Mosaic, I have driven the development of the South West Peak Mosaic programme by working with Officers to promote and involve new audiences from the Stoke o Trent area.

I aspire to be a Member Champion for Engagement because it is role that will encompass my learning and understanding to develop awareness, increase and wider connection with the Peak District

I have and continue to work with Engagement Rangers in introducing others to the National Park, to educate, empower and remove barriers to access, both perceived and actual, thus allowing people to visit the Peak District themselves, and enabling them to add another element to their culture and heritage.

My commitment to the Peak District National Park has a long history, from being a visitor, which has primarily been focused on networking, connecting people and deepening their engagement with the countryside. I have supported and worked in partnership with the Engagement team in making a difference to visitor's experience which have contributed to successfully achieved outcomes and build relationship with community groups.

I will endeavour to support Officers to continue producing positive outcome at all levels by the highly effective engagement with groups and communities and to continue developing strong partnerships with like-minded groups and organisations for a national park for everyone to enjoy

Member Champion for Thriving and Sustainable Communities

Cllr P Brady

I am local parish councillor, resident in the Park, and its environment and communities are important to me. I have served on the Authority since 2012 and over that time have been a Member both of the Planning Committee and the Members' group advising on the Development Management policies where, through research and vigilance, I was able to achieve some significant improvements.

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Cllr V Priestley

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Member Champion for Climate Change

Prof J Haddock-Fraser

I would welcome your support for my appointment as Member Champion for Climate Change for the 2020-21 period.

Since my appointment last year as a Secretary of State member, I have been active in my engagement with the Authority, committed to its purposes and keen to use my experience and expertise in their successful delivery. In addition to my membership

of the P&R committee I am also on the Local Joint Committee and currently Chair of the newly established Climate Change Member Task Group.

I plan to continue with all of these in 2020-21 and, additionally, hope to be appointed Member Champion for Climate Change and Vice-Chair of the P&R Committee. The statement below outlines my suitability for the role as Member Champion for Climate Change.

Skills, knowledge and experience

1. I understand the science and social science around climate change – and its impact on the natural environment and human society. I hold both a PhD and an MSc in Environmental Management, an MBA and BA (Hons) in Geography. These have given me knowledge of both the science (conservation, biodiversity, pollution science) and social science (policy, law, economics, consumer/public behaviour) needed for considered, informed, multifaceted decision-making.
2. I have worked in Higher Education for two decades with my discipline area centring on environmental sustainability and its management/leadership. Central to this is climate change. I still hold a part-time Professorship in Sustainability and Leadership and continue my research and scholarship in this area.
3. In addition to skills and experience in climate change and environmental management, I have extensive experience working collaboratively in task groups, project groups and influencing within them. Many of these have involved wider engagement with stakeholders internal and external to the organisation I was working for.

Intended contribution as Member Champion for Climate Change

When I applied to be a Secretary of State Member for the PDNPA in May 2019, it was with the hope that my appointment could bring value to the Authority in furthering its strategic objectives, current and future management plans. It is clear that the issues surrounding climate change are utterly fundamental to most of these, whether relating to adaptation, mitigation and/or leading on role-modelling carbon-reducing behaviours. I believe my skills, knowledge, experience combined with my desire and passion for the Peak District National Park to - not just be sustained - but thrive, drive my interest in being involved in whatever way is most helpful and that this will be best served by being Member Champion for Climate Change.

Member Champion for Business Economy

CIlr C Furness

No statement received.

Member Champion for Member Learning and Development

Cllr B Woods

No statement received.

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