

AGENDA ITEM No. 4

MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority Meeting**

Date: 23 May 2014 at 10.00am

Venue: Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire

Chair: Cllr A Favell

Present: Mr P Ancell, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr G Claff, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Furness, Cllr Mrs H Gaddum, Cllr D Greenhalgh, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr P Harrison, Cllr Mrs N Hawkins, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr H Laws, Cllr A McCloy, Ms S McGuire, Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Mr G Nickolds, Cllr Mrs L Roberts and Cllr Mrs J Twigg.

Apologies for absence: Ms S Leckie, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr P Rippon, Ms E Sayer, Cllr P Smith and Cllr Mrs N Turner.

PART A

19/14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2014 were approved as a correct record.

20/14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Ms S McGuire to her first meeting of the Authority following her recent appointment by the Secretary of State.

The Chair advised the Authority on the appointment of a further two new Members, Ms E Sayer, appointed by the Secretary of State and Cllr P Smith, appointed by Derbyshire County Council. Both Members had offered their apologies due to other commitments made before their appointment.

21/14 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7

It was noted that all Members had been sent email correspondence from Cllr A McCloy, Mr A Tickle on behalf of Friends of the Peak District and Mr J Youatt.

Item 9

Cllr P Brady, personal interest in matters relating to planning enforcement, as he had spent over 6 years helping a friend to get effective enforcement action.

Item 12

Clr P Brady, personal interest, as a Member of Taddington Parish Council and the Peak Park Parishes Forum as both had made representations on the possible Millers Dale development.

22/14 7. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with Standing Order 1.14, Cllr A McCloy had given notice that he intended to move the following motion:

- “1. That the Peak District National Park Authority reaffirms its commitment to tackling climate change and, as set out in the Government’s Vision and Circular for English National Parks (2010), fully enables its communities to play a pivotal role in the transformation to a low carbon society and sustainable living, where renewable energy is the norm.
2. That officers carry out a review of Climate Change Policy CC2 in light of comments by the Planning Inspectorate stating non-compliance with the National Policy Planning Framework.”

As the effect of the second part of the motion would be to rescind a decision of the Planning Committee made at a meeting held on 11 April 2014 (Minute 47/14 refers), in accordance with Standing Order 1.25, Councillors P Brady, C Carr, C Furness and Councillor Mrs K Potter agreed to be named in the notice of motion.

At the meeting the motion was moved and seconded. During discussion it was proposed that the motion be amended to add the following words “To ask Officers to bring two separate reports to a future meeting of the Authority on the following proposals as set out in the Notice of Motion.” The amendment was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

The motion as amended was then put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

To ask Officers to prepare two separate reports for a future meeting of the Authority on the following proposals as set out in the Notice of Motion:

- (i) **That the Peak District National Park Authority reaffirms its commitment to tackling climate change and, as set out in the Government’s Vision and Circular for English National Parks (2010), fully enables its communities to play a pivotal role in the transformation to a low carbon society and sustainable living, where renewable energy is the norm.**
- (ii) **That officers carry out a review of Climate Change Policy CC2 in light of comments by the Planning Inspectorate stating non-compliance with the National Policy Planning Framework.”**

23/14 8. MEMBER LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST (A.111/JS)

The Authority considered whether to grant an extended leave of absence for a Member of the Authority who had been absent for just under 6 months. Although the Member concerned was likely to attend a meeting within the 6 month limit, the extension would help to mitigate against any unforeseen circumstances that may delay a return such as illness or the cancellation of a meeting

RESOLVED:

To approve, in accordance with section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, an extended leave of absence for Ms Suzanne Leckie, up to 4 July 2014.

24/14 9. PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2014/15 (A197 / WA)

The Authority considered a draft of the 2014/15 Performance and Business Plan. The Plan included a reflection of achievements over the past twelve months as well as setting out the focus of activity for the year ahead. It was noted due to the timing of meetings the Plan was being approved subject to the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee considering the risk register, performance indicators and performance management section at the meeting scheduled for 6 June 2014.

During discussion the following areas were identified for further action:

- Informing Members when responses to consultation had been submitted under officer delegations.
- Under the Key actions for Objective 3 delete “contribute to ” from the 5th bullet point and replace with “progress”
- Director of Planning to look at the reporting arrangements for Indicator 15(a) so it reflected national reporting requirements and indicator 16 so that it recognises that in some cases a detailed response may take longer than 15 working days.
- Members were invited to a Volunteer Celebration Event at Ilam Hall on 21 June 2014.
- More information to be made available to Members on sustainable transport performance as the current indicator did not reflect the amount of work carried out in this area.
- Arranging a Member briefing in 6 to 12 months' time to consider the Authority's work on transport issues and priorities for this area of activity.
- Making more use of the work of local historical societies
- Review target for the EQM accreditation to reflect the introduction of charges for the award.
- Arranging a Member briefing on work on promoting the Peak District as a destination including visitor numbers and their profile.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.25am to 11.40am during consideration of this item.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

1. **To approve the draft Performance and Business Plan 2014/ 15, subject to approval of the risk register, performance indicators and performance management section by the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee on 6 June 2014, and with the completion of details delegated to the Chief Executive, for publication by 30 June 2014.**
2. **To approve proposed change to success factor 1c.**

25/14 10 DELEGATION TO OFFICERS - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PART 7 OF STANDING ORDERS (A.111/JRS)

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

1. To amend section 7.F-9 of Standing Orders Part 7 – Delegation of Powers to the Chief Executive as set out in the Appendix to this report and note the corresponding change to the Officer Scheme of Delegation.
2. To authorise the Director of Planning to determine any outstanding planning applications the Planning Committee has previously delegated to the Director of Land Use Policy in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee.

26/14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

To exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No 10 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A)(4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 3: “Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)”

PART B

27/14 ACTION PLAN FOR THE AUTHORITY'S PROPERTY PORTFOLIO (JBD)

The Authority considered a Part B report setting out the management response to the Strategic Review of Property approved at a meeting of the Authority held on 7 February 2014.

It was noted that on page 7 of appendix 1 the last entry should be amended replacing the word “Retain” with “Review”. It was confirmed that further consideration would be given to the best way to keep all Members informed of progress.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the proposals in appendix 1 of the report as the Management Response to the Strategic Review of Property and as the Authority's Action Plan for Property 2014-17.

The meeting ended at 12.35pm.