

**AGENDA ITEM No. 3**

**MINUTES**

<b><u>Meeting:</u></b>	<b>National Park Authority Meeting</b>
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	7 February 2014 at 10.00am
<b><u>Venue:</u></b>	Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire
<b><u>Chair:</u></b>	Clr A Favell
<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mr P Ancell, Miss P Beswick, Clr D Birkinshaw, Clr P Brady, Clr D Chapman, Clr G Claff, Clr C Furness, Clr Mrs H Gaddum, Mr Z Hamid, Clr P Harrison, Clr Mrs G Heath, Clr H Laws, Clr A McCloy, Clr S Marshall-Clarke, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Clr Mrs K Potter, Clr Mrs L C Roberts, Clr Mrs N Turner, Clr Mrs J Twigg.
<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b>	Mrs F Beatty, Clr C Carr, Clr D Greenhalgh, Clr Mrs N Hawkins, Mr R Helliwell, Ms S Leckie and Clr P Rippon.

**1/14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reported that Clr Ellie Wilcox had recently resigned from the Authority due to her commitments as a Derbyshire County Councillor. He stated that the Authority appreciated all she had done whilst a Member of the Authority and wished her well. No replacement had yet been appointed.

The Chair drew Members attention to two displays at Aldern House for the day they were:

- Calver Weir Project – exhibition of a community led project which the Authority had supported with both officers and Members involved.
- Moors for the Future Project – a display of work done by the Moors for the Future team was on view for Members and a presentation would be given during the lunch break by Chris Dean.

The Chair stated that representatives from China, during a recent visit to discuss National Parks, had enjoyed seeing parts of the Peak District National Park and in particular the Moors for the Future project.

It was noted that the Chair had agreed to a change in the order of the agenda to ensure the only public speaker did not have to wait during the Part B item discussion. Therefore item 10 would be brought forward to follow item 6.

**2/14 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2013 were approved as a correct record

### **3/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public had given notice to speak at the meeting on two items on the agenda.

### **4/14 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members declared interests in items on the agenda as follows:

Item 11

- Cllr A R Favell, Cllr Mrs H M Gaddum, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Mr C Pennell and Cllr Mrs J Twigg all declared personal interests as they were account holders with Barclays and Lloyds banks.

Item 12

- Cllr A McCloy declared a personal interest as the owner of a cycling website.

Item 9

- Mr G D Nickolds declared a personal interest as he received a pension from Severn Trent Water and Severn Trent is mentioned in the report.

### **5/14 10. BUDGET 2014/15 (A137/PN)**

The Head of Finance presented the formal budget for approval for 2014/15 following approval of the proposals presented to Members at the last Authority meeting on 8 December 2013.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Dr P Owens

Members considered the budget and acknowledged that the Government forecast settlement for 2015/16 had been more favourable than expected in the current financial circumstances. It was felt that the Government was supportive of National Parks but Members were encouraged to raise National Park issues with MPs through their own links as well as through National Park links with Government.

The recommendation of the report was then moved and seconded, voted on and carried with an additional recommendation to thank the Head of Finance and his team on helping to achieve a balanced budget.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the base budget for the 2014/15 financial year shown in Appendix 1 and 2 be approved.**
- 2. That the financial position of the Authority in respect of planning for the following years be noted.**
- 3. That the Head of Finance and his team be thanked for helping to achieve a balanced budget.**

## 6/14 7. STRATEGIC REVIEW OF PROPERTY (JBD)

The Chair welcomed this report and congratulated the Chief Executive and officers on all the work done on the review of the Authority's properties. It was noted that a Member workshop would be held to progress work further on this issue.

The Chief Executive introduced the report and thanked officers, Members and consultants who were all involved in the work of the review; in particular he thanked Mike Ingham and the Property Service officers, Jane Chapman, Authority Members Mr Paul Ancell, Mr Christopher Pennell and Cllr Chris Furness and the consultants DTZ and Smiths Gore. It was noted that a full discussion of the review would take place under consideration of the Part B exempt report.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Dr P Owens

The Chief Executive requested to add an additional recommendation to the report to reflect the desirability of having Member engagement at an early stage of the property work but also respecting the need for clarity in delegated roles and decision making, by inviting the Member Representative for Asset Management to join the Integrated Property Board as a non-voting member. This was agreed.

The Chief Executive amended the report in paragraph 10, third sentence, by adding 'and Deputy Chair' after 'Chair of the Authority' and by adding 'Vice Chair of ARP' after 'Chair of ARP'.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. **Members noted the report.**
2. **Reflecting the desirability of having Member engagement at an early stage of property work but also respecting the need for clarity in delegated roles and decision making, that the Member Representative for Asset Management be invited to join the Integrated Property Board as a non-voting member.**

## 7/14 Exclusion of the Public

### **RESOLVED:**

1. **That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No 9 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**

### **SUMMARY**

The Committee determined the following item and full details are contained in the exempt minutes:

9. Strategic Review of Property (JBD)

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 11.50am and reconvened at 12.00 noon.

## **PART A**

### **9/14 11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY (A13/2/PN)**

Members considered the report on proposals to manage the Authority's surplus cash resources by North Yorkshire County Council's Investment Strategy for 2014-15 under contract in line with the Authority's resolution in December 2013. The recommendations were moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the North Yorkshire County Council's Draft Investment Strategy in Appendix 1 of the report be approved for adoption in the Authority's own Treasury Management Policy, which will be brought to Members in March.**
- 2. That the contract with NYCC will be held to order until Members approve the final Investment Strategy at the 28 March meeting.**

### **10/14 12. CYCLING IN THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK (JBD)**

The Chief Executive introduced the report which gave a general update on a number of inter-related developments relating to cycling in the National Park. He stated that he would like to add two additional recommendations covering the following:

- Chair or Deputy Chair of the Authority or Chair or Vice Chair of a Committee to be appointed to the Pedal Peak District Project Member Reference Group. This group is administering the Department of Transport funding referred to in paragraph 18 of the report.
- Receipt of additional grant from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to support cycling in national parks and to fund improvement work at Wyedale to address safety issues will.

It was agreed to add the two additional recommendations.

In response to Members' queries the Chief Executive stated that both DCC and the Authority were engaging with Parish Councils. Implementation of the extension of the Monsal Trail was outside the National Park and responsibility was mainly with DCC. As regards the Haddon Tunnel there was no decision yet but DCC were in talks with the Haddon Estate. DCC were also talking to Peak Rail regarding their land.

The Vice Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee was moved and seconded to be appointed to the Pedal Peak District Project Member Reference Group.

It was noted that review of the Trails by consultants would be reported to the Authority meeting in May. It was also noted that a consultation on a cycling strategy would be launched on 17 February with the conclusions also being reported in May.

The recommendations in the report and the two additional recommendations were moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That Members note the report.**
- 2. That the Vice Chair of Audit, Resources & Performance Committee, Cllr Chris Furness, be appointed to the Pedal Peak District Project Member**

---

**Reference Group.**

3. To approve the receipt of an additional Department of Transport grant of up to £185,000 from Derbyshire County Council to support cycling in the National Park and give approval for spending these monies on the Wyedale track improvements and monitoring

**11/14 Exclusion of the Public**

**RESOLVED:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No 9 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)"

**12/14 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2013**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2013 were approved as a correct record.

The meeting ended at 1.10pm.