

AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

- Meeting:** National Park Authority Meeting
- Date:** 30 March 2007
- Venue:** Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire
- Chair:** Mr A D Hams
- Present:** Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Mr A Brown, Mr J T Bunting, Mr P M Crompton, Mrs L Crowe, Mr J C Fearn, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Mr P Harrison, Prof J Herbert, Clr Mrs C Hunt, Clr A Marchington, Clr D Mellor, Mr B Neville, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Clr R Priestley, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Clr H L Richardson, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr K Stevenson, Clr D B Taylor, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr G Weatherall, Clr R Wilkinson, Clr Mrs B J Wilson, Mr H A Young.
- Apologies for absence:** Clr Mrs J Bevan, Clr T Bristowe, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Mr C Furness, Clr C McLaren, Clr J Muir, Mrs S Prince, Mr L Rix.

33/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Authority to those Members who will be retiring either at the end of the month or at the time of the district and parish elections. Adrian Brown, Tom Bunting, Lynn Crowe, Barry Neville, Ron Priestley and Hilary Young had all made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Authority during their time as Members.

John Thompson, the Director of Recreation and Education was recovering well from his recent operation.

The National Park Management Plan had been launched at Losehill Hall on 29th March. There had been a high level of attendance from partners and thanks were expressed to the Members that attended to support the event. Ian Fullilove, Policy Planner, was thanked for his work in the preparation and completion of the Plan.

Congratulations were offered to High Peak Borough Council on being voted the "Council of the Year".

Geoff Frost, Ian Hurst and Tony Hood had recently retired from the Ranger Service and the Chair thanked them for their service to the Authority.

34/07 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 9 February and 9 March 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

35/07 **MATTERS ARISING**

MINUTE 4/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that a letter had been sent to the County Council expressing concern at the increase in new road signs in the National Park and that a meeting to discuss the issue had been requested.

HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICE

36/07 **7.1 PLANNING APPLICATION – RE-LOCATION OF COACH (PSV) OPERATING CENTRE AND GARAGE, ERECTION OF NEW COACH STATION AND GARAGE INCLUDING NEW VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AT GOLDEN GREEN GARAGE, BARROW MOOR, LONGNOR (P8102, 03.11.06, NP/SM/1106/1010 405928/364477/RJB)**

This planning application was considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 16 February 2007. The application involved the demolition of existing garage premises and the development of new premises in an adjacent field in the open countryside. The site of the existing garage would be landscaped and form a paddock serving the remaining dwelling, which is a converted barn. The Planning Committee were minded to grant the application, contrary to the officer recommendation. The application has been referred to the Authority meeting on the basis that it is contrary to policies in the Structure and Local Plan.

Mr J C Fearn declared a personal non- prejudicial interest in the application as a local resident.

Mr J Worth, the applicant, made a representation to the meeting under the Public Participation Scheme and answered questions from Members.

The Head of Planning Service's view was that there were strong policy objections to the proposal as set out in the report. If the meeting wished to approve the application it would be referred to the Secretary of State as a departure from the development plan to allow scope for consideration of the need for the Secretary of State to call in the application for determination.

The report also recommended conditions if the meeting agreed that the application should be approved.

Members considered and debated the policy considerations relevant to the application together with additional information on alternative sites and measures that had been agreed by the applicant to mitigate the environmental impact of the development.

Motion:

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

That the application be REFUSED for the reasons set out in the report.

The Motion to **REFUSE** the application on being put to the vote was **LOST**.

Motion:

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

That consideration of the application be deferred.

The Motion to **DEFER** consideration of the application on being put to the vote was **LOST**.

Motion:

The following Motion was moved and seconded.

That the Application be APPROVED subject to the conditions set out in the report and subject to reference to the Secretary of State to consider as a departure from the development plan.

A recorded vote was requested and supported by four other Members in accordance with Standing Orders Part 1 - 1.11.

The Motion for **APPROVAL** of the application on being put to the vote was **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

That the Application be APPROVED subject to the conditions set out in the report and subject to reference to the Secretary of State to consider as a departure from the development plan.

The voting on this Motion was recorded as follows:

For the Motion

Miss P Beswick
Mr J T Bunting
Mr P M Crompton
Mr J C Fearn
Clr Mrs H M Gaddum
Mr P Harrison
Prof J Herbert
Clr Mrs C Hunt
Clr D Mellor
Mrs K Potter
Clr R Priestley
Clr H L Richardson
Clr Mrs S Roberts
Clr Mrs J A Twigg
Clr R Wilkinson
Mr H A Young

Against the Motion

Mrs A Ashe
Mr N Bajaria
Mrs L Crowe
Mr A D Hams
Clr A Marchington
Mr B Neville
Mr C Pennell
Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe
Clr K Stevenson
Clr D B Taylor
Clr G Weatherall
Clr Mrs B J Wilson

Abstain: Mr A Brown

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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8.1 RESPONSE TO THE A628 MOTTRAM - TINTWISTLE BYPASS 2007. (A811/SAT)

The following Members declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting room and took no part in the consideration and decision on the matter.

Mr A Brown as he had been involved in the original highway proposals.
Clr D Mellor as a member of High Peak Borough Council and Chair of the Council's Development Control Committee.

Clr D B Taylor as he was the former publisher of a leaflet that expressed views on the scheme. He also declared personal non-prejudicial interests as a member of Peak Park Transport Forum (PPTF), Derbyshire County Council Liaison Committee and the National Trust

The following Members declared personal non-prejudicial interests in this matter:

Mrs A Ashe as Vice Chair of PPTF and the Authority's A628 Project Group. She stated that she had not been consulted on the report. She had also received letters from the Friends of the Peak District and the Council for National Parks (CNP) of which she is a member but she had not had any input into this.

Mr P M Crompton as a member of SPITS, the Derbyshire Transport Forum the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

Mrs L Crowe as a member of the CPRE and as a Board Member of Natural England.

Clr Mrs H M Gaddum as a former member of PPTF.

Mr T Hams as a Board member of Natural England.

Mr C Pennell as a Board member of Natural England and as a member of CPRE.

Mrs K Potter as a member of CPRE and the Derwent Valley Rural Transport Partnership.

Clr R Priestley as a haulage operator.

Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe as a member of Derbyshire County Council.

Clr L Richardson as a former member of SPITS and a member of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

Clr Mrs S Roberts as a member of Cheshire County Council, SPITS, and SEMS.

Clr K Stevenson as a member of Derbyshire County Council.

Clr Mrs J A Twigg as a member of PPTF.

Clr R Wilkinson as a member of Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council.

Clr Mrs B J Wilson as member of High Peak Borough Council and the PPTF.

The following made representations to the meeting under the Public Participation Scheme and answered questions from Members.

Ms P Ellison – Alternative Proposals on Transport.

Ms E Lawrence - Save Swallows Wood Campaign.

Ms A Robinson – Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The meeting considered a report outlining objections to the proposed construction of the A628 Mottram - Tintwistle Bypass. The detailed summary of the key issues were set out in Annex 1 to the report.

Officers advised that the objectives of the Scheme do not meet government guidance and the overall aim, objectives and sub-objectives as set out were not sufficiently met.

The Scheme would have severe impacts on the National Park. The principle impacts being as follows:

- § The predicted traffic growth and all the secondary impacts of this.
- § The impacts on the landscape.
- § The impacts on ecology.

The meeting resolved to agree the recommendations in the report with two additional recommendations set out as nos. 4 and 5 below.

In agreeing recommendation 4 Members were advised by the Chief Executive that a full analysis of the arguments for or against this had not been presented to Members.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Authority objects to the proposed A57/A628 Mottram - Tintwistle Bypass and A628/A616 Route Restraint Measures.**
- 2. That the Authority registers this objection with the Highways Agency through the submission of the response listed in the Background Papers to the report. Any final changes to this objection be delegated to the Director for Conservation and Development in consultation with the Member Representative for Transport.**
- 3. That the Authority issues a news release outlining its response and the reasons behind its decision.**
- 4. That the Authority makes it clear in its response that, subject to due process and consultation and because of concerns that the current road scheme as proposed fails to achieve modern transport objectives in a National Park, that Members are minded to remove the Authority's present in principle support for a relief road solution. Officers are asked to consider this as one of the land use options in the development of new planning policies within the Local Development Framework.**
- 5. The Authority recommends that the Highways Agency considers the need to implement, without delay, safety and route restraint measures that would act as a deterrent to existing traffic using the A628 through the 3 villages and that minimal necessary road signs are used in any scheme.**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.45 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2.00 pm.

Chair: Mr A D Hams

Present: Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Mr A Brown, Mr J T Bunting, Mr P M Crompton, Mrs L Crowe, Mr J C Fearn, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Mr P Harrison, Prof J Herbert, Clr Mrs C Hunt, Clr A Marchington, Clr D Mellor, Mr B Neville, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Clr R Priestley, Clr H L Richardson, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr D B Taylor, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr G Weatherall, Clr R Wilkinson, Clr Mrs B J Wilson, Mr H A Young.

38/07 8.2 RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP FUTURES (A.8705/ED)

The following declarations of personal non-prejudicial interests were made by Members:

Mrs A Ashe as Chair of the Hope Valley and High Peak Transport Partnership and member of the Derwent Valley Steering Group.

Mrs K Potter as a member of the Derwent Valley Rural Transport Partnership and the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

The meeting considered a report into the future of Rural Transport Partnerships. Derbyshire County Council and the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership had commissioned a study to review the work of all RTPs within Derbyshire and to suggest appropriate roles and structures of any future transport partnerships. The Authority was invited to be part of a Steering Group of interested parties to guide the direction of the Study.

The meeting was requested to approve the Rural Transport Partnership Futures Steering Group's response to the report, so that the preferred option can begin to be implemented in 2007/8.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the publication of the Rural Transport Partnerships Futures Report be noted.**
- 2. That the Steering Group Response to the Consultation on Rural Transport Partnerships Futures be approved.**
- 3. That the Officer's concerns as listed in paragraph 16-20 of the report be approved and Derbyshire County Council and other existing partners be asked to take these into consideration when they implement the preferred option.**

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8.3 FUTURE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES (A.6903/JBD)

The following declarations of personal non-prejudicial interests were made by Members:

Mrs K Potter as a visitor accommodation provider.

Mrs A Ashe as the Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Panel.

Mr J Herbert as the Vice Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Panel

This report considered the future approach by the Authority to rural development schemes in the Peak District, including joint delivery arrangements and a strategy for pursuing the Authority's own contribution and projects

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Authority pursues with partners further development of the role of the Peak District Rural Action Zone as the hub for delivering future rural programmes, in particular in a way that secures its role in co-ordinating funding and involving local authorities to ensure accountability.**
- 2. That future options for the delivery of rural development schemes be explored in partnership with a focus on developing the current arrangements in the medium term (option 1 in paragraph 12 of the report) and further work is done in partnership with others to explore the possible merits of other possible mechanisms for the future.**
- 3. That two strategic projects relating to a) businesses, communities and the environmental economy (paragraphs 21 and 23 of the report) and b) the Sustainable Tourism Strategy, including the Destination Management Partnership, should be the priority amongst bids for such projects. The actual level of the financial commitment by the Authority to be determined as part of budget planning for 2008/9 for a period of 5 years to 2013.**

4. That for projects that will not be funded beyond 2008, exit strategies be developed to ensure that relationships with partners, funding bodies and customers are managed properly; that staff are treated responsibly; that lessons are learned and captured for all; and that where feasible elements of the projects can be mainstreamed within the principal projects or elsewhere
5. That approaches be made at the highest levels to Defra, Natural England, ENPAA and the Regional Development Agencies to secure national level support and recognition beyond the development of the pilot Environmental Quality Mark.
6. That approaches be made to the 4 Regional Development Agencies to make it easier to organise and finance initiatives that cross the whole of the Peak District.

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

40/07 9.1 MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE PEAK DISTRICT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN AND PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION TO THE END OF 2010 (A96991/KS)

The meeting considered a report on proposals to revise the Peak District Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) targets in the light of five years of implementation, and in line with the review of the UK BAP. The report also proposed to continue implementation of the Peak District LBAP with partners to the end of 2010; and to raise the profile of biodiversity issues within the LBAP area.

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress made by all partners towards LBAP targets in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report be noted.
2. That the revised LBAP targets in Appendix 3 of the report be endorsed.
3. That the outline package of potential delivery mechanisms in Appendix 4 of the report to address LBAP targets be approved.
4. That the LBAP be re-launched on the United Nations International Day for Biological Diversity and members be represented by Chair and Vice-Chair of Services Committee or their nominated representative as an approved duty.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

41/07 10.1 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (A.11/EWJ)

This report considered the implications of changes to membership of the Authority as a result of the National Park Authorities (England) Order 2006 and the local election on 3rd May 2007. These changes have consequences for membership of Committees pending the re-appointment of existing Members or the appointment of new Members. The effects of the changes were set out in the Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED:

That all Members of the Authority be appointed as Members of the Planning Committee, Services Committee and the Audit & Performance Committee for the period 8th May to the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2007.

42/07 10.2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF SERVICES COMMITTEE (A.1146/EWJ)

The meeting was recommended to fill the vacancy in the position of Vice Chair of the Services Committee that arises out of Mrs Crowe's retirement from the Authority.

RESOLVED:

That Mr C Pennell be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Services Committee for a period from 1 April to the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2007.

43/07 10.3 REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES (A.1115/ST/RMM)

This report asks Members to consider and agree changes to Members' involvement in outside bodies following a review process. This review only applies to Member involvement as staff will continue to work with all bodies identified as appropriate.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the recommendations to withdraw (as soon as is appropriately possible) from the outside bodies where specified in Annex 1 to the report be agreed.**
- 2. That external opportunities to involve Members in those areas identified in the report at paragraph 9 be identified with proposals being brought back to a future meeting.**
- 3. That the report to the Authority Meeting in July seeking appointments to the revised list of outside bodies also makes proposals for streamlining the process for making future appointments.**

44/07 10.4 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY (A13304/PN)

The meeting was requested to approve the Authority's Procurement Strategy.

RESOLVED:

That the Procurement Strategy as set out in Annex 1 to the report be approved and the actions proposed in the action plan be implemented.

45/07 11.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the following Committees be received:

**Planning Committee 19 January & 16 February 2007
Services Committee 26 January 2007
Audit & Performance Committee 26 January 2007**

46/07 EXEMPT INFORMATION S 100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item Nos.12, & 13 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A Paragraph 5 “Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings” and Paragraph 2 “Information relating to an individual.”

47/07 15. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Authority Meeting on 9 March 2007 be approved as a correct record.

48/07 16. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Services Committee held on 26 January 2007 be received.

The Meeting ended at 3.20 pm