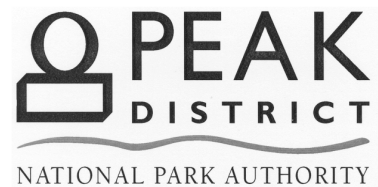


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**AGENDA ITEM No. 5**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** National Park Authority Meeting

**Date:** 25 May 2007

**Venue:** Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire

**Chair:** Mr A D Hams

**Present:** Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Clr Mrs J Bevan, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Prof J Herbert, Clr A Marchington, Clr C McLaren, Clr J Muir, Mr C Pennell, Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Mr L Rix, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs B J Wilson.

**Apologies for absence:** Clr T Bristowe, Mr G Nickolds, Clr G Weatherall.

**49/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair referred to the recent death of Clr Ray Dring a former Member of the Authority. The funeral had been attended by the Clr Mrs Gaddum, Jim Dixon and Ruth Marchington. Other Members were also present. A family fun day was being held in his memory.

Clr Jacque Bevan and Clr Tracy Critchlow were welcomed back to the Authority after re-appointment by Derbyshire Dales District Council. Following the reduction of the number of members appointed by Derbyshire County Council Clr Barrie Taylor's appointment to the Authority had been discontinued. The Chair expressed the Members' appreciation of his contribution to the work of the Authority during his 14 years service.

John Thompson Director of Recreation and Education had now formally retired and he was thanked for long service to the Authority. Richard Campen, recently appointed as Director of Operations was welcomed to the meeting.

The Chair congratulated John Lomas, Bev Primhak and David Bent for their contribution to the successful outcome of the Backdale planning appeal inquiry. Members also acknowledged the leadership support from Tony Hams and Narendra Bajaria.

Members were reminded that the ANPA conference will be held at Buxton on 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September. Details will be circulated in due course and Members were requested to encourage stakeholders to attend.

Congratulations were given to the Forestry Team for the publication of the "Forestry Year" document.

The Moorland Discovery Centre at the Longshaw estate had now been officially opened.



On the issue of traffic signs in the National Park the Chair reported that meetings had been held with Derbyshire County Council. Other highway authorities were being approached on the matter.

Members were reminded that there will be a Special meeting of the Authority on the 29<sup>th</sup> June to deal with the Annual Accounts and that the Annual Authority meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

**50/07**     **MINUTES**

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

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

**MINUTE 37/07 8.1 RESPONSE TO THE A628 MOTTRAM - TINTWISTLE BYPASS 2007. (A811/SAT)**

Fifth paragraph, first line : Insert the words "as a member of" before the words "the Authority's A628 Project Group" with reference to the declaration of interest by Mrs A Ashe.

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

Second paragraph, second line: Insert the words "Rural Transport" after the words "Derwent Valley".

**51/07**     **MATTERS ARISING**

**MINUTE 39/07 8.3 FUTURE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES (A.6903/JBD)**

It was reported that a letter had been sent to the East Midlands Regional Development Agency. Meetings had been held with the Head of Rural Policy and the Chief Executive of DeDEP and RAZ. The schemes had also been discussed with Rt. Hon David Miliband, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and Barry Gardiner the Rural Affairs Minister.

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

Clr Mrs Gaddum reported that the mid term review meeting was well attended by partners.

**URGENT BUSINESS**

**52/07**     **WAGERS FLAT**

It was reported that a Stop Notice had been issued in respect at Wagers Flat Great Longstone. An appeal had been lodged against the Inspector's decision on the Backdale planning inquiry.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**53/07**     **7.1 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007 - 08 (A197/WA)**

The meeting considered the contents of the draft Best Value Performance Plan 2007-08. The Plan outlined the Authority's progress in continuously improving the services provided and targets for the future. It highlighted the issues that needed to be addressed in the future.

Members considered the draft plan in detail and made some suggestions for amendments and additions to the text. Officers agreed to take these into consideration when finalising the draft for publication.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the draft Best Value Performance Plan 2007 – 08 be approved with the completion of details delegated to the Chief Executive for publication by 30 June 2007**

CORPORATE RESOURCES

**54/07**     **8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EAST MIDLANDS AND EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY – APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (A.9361/A.1155/RC)**

The meeting considered appointments to Local Government East Midlands and the East Midlands Regional Assembly.

**RESOLVED:**

1.     **That Cllr Mrs B J Wilson be appointed as the Authority's Member to Local Government East Midlands and the East Midlands Regional Assembly.**
2.     **That Cllr Mrs I Ratcliffe be appointed as the Authority's substitute Member.**
3.     **That attendance at meetings be an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**

**55/07**     **9 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the following Committees be received:**

**Planning Committee 16 March & 20 April 2007**

**Services Committee 9 March 2007**

**Audit & Performance Committee 27 April 2007**

**56/07**     **EXEMPT INFORMATION S 100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item Nos.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 a particular person."**

**57/07      10. EXEMPT MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Exempt Minutes of the Services Committee on 9 March 2007 be received.**

The Meeting ended at 11.55 am