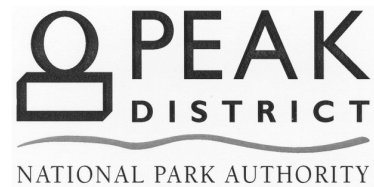


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AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

Meeting: National Park Authority Meeting

Date: 5 October 2007

Venue: Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire

Chair: Mr N Bajarria

Present: Mrs A Ashe, Miss P Beswick, Clr D Barker, Clr Mrs J Bevan, Mr C Carr, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr A Favell, Mr J C Fearn, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Mr A D Hams, Prof J Herbert, Clr A Marchington, Clr C McLaren, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Mr R Priestley, Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Mr L Rix, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr Mrs J Twigg, Clr B J Wilson.

Apologies for absence: Clr T Bristowe, Clr J Muir, Clr C Robinson, Clr E Wain.

85/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Authority's Design Guide had received a commendation from the East Midlands Royal Town Planning Institute.

The Institute had also given a planning achievement award to High Peak Borough Council, the Authority, Derbyshire County Council and Countryside for the work on the Landscape Character Assessment.

The Chair thanked the members of the Conference task team and all the staff who had contributed to the success of the ANPA Conference at Buxton. The partners and sponsors were also thanked for their support.

During the Conference Defra Minister Jonathan Shaw MP made a brief visit to the National Park and had a meeting with some community representatives. The need for proper resources for National Park Authorities through the budget settlement was also raised with the Minister.

The Chair reported back on his attendance at the Europarc conference in the Czech Republic. It had been an interesting event with plenty of networking opportunities with delegates from many European countries all working together to protect special landscapes.

Congratulations were expressed to staff who had been recently appointed as part of the review of the structure. Andy Guffogg as Head of Policy, Research and Partnerships, Sean Prendergast as Head of Field Services and Jane Chapman as Head of Environment, Heritage and Recreation Strategy. The new Head of Communications will start on the 5th November.

Members were advised that if a general election was called they could publicly speak

on National Park issues but that they should not make any political statements as Members of the National Park Authority. The meetings timetable and other Member commitments may be changed to accommodate the election timetable if necessary.

The Chair welcomed the lifting of the restrictions on animal movements allowing local farmers to transport their stock to the markets.

86/07 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 29th June and 6th July 2007 as amended below were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MINUTE 75/07 10.12 NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE: APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES (EWJ/A1118)

After the word "That" in Resolution 1 insert the words "in addition to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority".

87/07 MATTERS ARISING

MINUTE 61/07 MATTERS ARISING

MINUTE 50/07 8.1 RESPONSE TO THE A628 MOTTRAM - TINTWISTLE BYPASS 2007. (A811/SAT)

The meeting was brought up to date on the progress of the public inquiry. Members expressed their congratulations to the staff for the work that they had done for the inquiry

MINUTE 62/07 9.1 FULL APPLICATION - CONTINUED EXTRACTION OF STONE FROM EXISTING QUARRY, EXTRACTION OF STONE FROM LAND TO WEST OF EXISTING QUARRY, PROVISIONS OF SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING AND RESTORATION OF EXISTING QUARRY AND PROPOSED EXTENSION. DALE VIEW QUARRY, STANTON IN PEAK (NP/DDD/0606/0613/JEH)

It was reported that this application was not being "called in" for determination by the Secretary of State. The application will now be progressed following the settlement of the conditions and the completion of the S.106 agreement.

The meeting agreed to consider as the next item the report of the Director of Corporate Resources on the Adoption of the Members Code of Conduct.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

88/07 10.3 ADOPTION OF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT (A.1118/EWJ)

This report requested the Authority to adopt the new Members Code of Conduct including the optional provision that allows a Member with a prejudicial interest in a matter to address a meeting. Amendments to Standing Orders were also proposed to clarify the arrangements for Members attending and speaking at meetings, including participation under the provisions of the new Code where a Member has a prejudicial interest.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Model Code of Conduct for Members as applicable to National**

Park Authorities, including paragraph 12(2), as set out in Annex 1 to the report be adopted to take immediate effect.

2. That the revised version of Standing Order Part I - 1.44 as set out in Annex 2 to the report be approved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

89/07 8.1 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATE AND PROPOSED TIMETABLE (A.6101/BJT)

This report proposed revisions to the Local Development Framework timetable including an updated Action Plan with an indicative timeframe and schedule of key events:

RESOLVED:

1. That the actions and indicative timeframe for the preparation of the Authority's Local Development Documents be welcomed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Plans Review Task Team to agree the final Annual Monitoring Report and the Local Development Scheme to be forwarded to the Government Office for the East Midlands for approval.

90/07 8.2 WORKING WITH PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES STRATEGY: LOCAL RESIDENTS' ACTION PLAN (A1973/LB)

Professor J Herbert declared a personal interest in this item as a Board member of Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

This report requested the meeting to approve the Local Residents' Action Plan as a delivery mechanism for working with people living in the Peak District National Park.

RESOLVED:

1. That the analysis and key issues related to local residents' activities undertaken by the Authority and partners in Annex 2 to the report be noted.
2. That the Initial Local Residents Action Plan under the Working with People and Communities Strategy in Annex 1 to the report be approved with amendments reflecting Members' views, including developing a clear policy on dealing with and reporting back to residents on issues raised.
3. That core Authority resources be used to fund specific outcomes in partnerships with Rural Community Councils and other partners rather than duplicating the core grants to such bodies paid by principal local authorities and local government which do not meet the Authority's and National Park Management Plan outcomes.
4. That detailed proposals for other specific Service or resource allocation be considered through normal budget planning and decision-making processes.

- 5. That monitoring of progress against outcomes and outputs be reviewed by Audit and Performance Committee yearly.**

91/07 8.3 SHEFFIELD CITY REGION (A.93276/JBD)

The Meeting considered proposals to strengthen the governance arrangements in the Sheffield City Region in line with similar reports going to all other partner Councils and bodies.

Mr N Bajaria declared a personal interest as the Authority's representative on the Sheffield City Region Forum.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Authority continues to engage strategically with South Yorkshire and East Midlands Authorities through the Sheffield City Region in line with paragraphs 12-14 of the report, as one means of exerting influence over regional and sub-regional policy.**
- 2. That the Chair of the Authority and Chief Executive exert influence on the Sheffield City Region to secure a more sustainable model of economic development, particularly as this relates to the achievement of National Park Management Plan outcomes.**

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.15pm

Chair: Mr N Bajaria

Present: Mrs A Ashe, Miss P Beswick, Clr D Barker, Clr Mrs J Bevan, Mr C Carr, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr A Favell, Mr J C Fearn, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Mr A D Hams, Prof J Herbert, Clr A Marchington, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Mr R Priestley, Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Mr L Rix, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr Mrs J Twigg, Clr B J Wilson.

OPERATIONS

92/07 9.1 POLICY AND STRATEGY TO MANAGE RECREATIONAL VEHICULAR USE OF UNSURFACED HIGHWAYS AND ADDRESS OFF ROAD USE IN THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK (ROW(VEH)A7622/RP)

It was reported that some Members had received letters of representation from the Ramblers Association and the Council for National Parks.

The following declarations of personal interests were made by Members:

Mrs A Ashe as a member of the Council for National Parks.

Professor J Herbert as a deputy member of the Council for National Parks.

Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Clr Mrs J Twigg and Clr Mrs B J Wilson as members of Derbyshire County Council.

Mr C Carr as a member of Tissington Parish Council.

Mr C Fearn as a member of Heathylee Parish Council

Mr R Priestley as a farmer involved in footpaths.

This report requested approval for the policy and strategy to manage recreational vehicular use of unsurfaced highways and illegal off-road use in the Peak District National Park, following consultation and review of a proposed policy to make Traffic Regulation Orders.

A summary of additional consultations comments received since the publication of the report was tabled at the meeting.

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

Mr N Bennett - Peak and Derbyshire Vehicle Users Group (PDVUG).

Mr R Kelly - Ramblers Association.

Mr D Giles – Peak Rights of Way Initiative (PROW).

Mr C Furness – Bradwell Parish Council.

The meeting debated the proposals at length. Amendments to the recommendations to implement the policy on a trial basis for a period of one year and to bring a list of priority cases to the Services Committee in March 2008 were agreed.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the Peak District National Park Authority strategy to manage recreational vehicular use of unsurfaced highways and off-road use in the Peak District National Park as set out in Annex A of the report be approved on a trial basis to be review in one year.**
2. **That the policy and procedure on making Traffic Regulation Orders as set out in Annex B of the report be approved.**
3. **That the implementation of the actions proposed in Annexes A and B of the report will be evaluated and finalised in consultation with Chair of Services Committee and Director of Operations and this will be combined with a report to members on the scrutiny review of recreation management.**
4. **That following the application of the relevant provisions of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to the National Park Authority, the Director of Operations be delegated authority to authorise the making of experimental, temporary or permanent Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 together with the Head of Law. In the case of unresolved objections to a proposed Order, a report would be made to the Services Committee.**
5. **That following the review of actions, any resourcing issues will be taken to a future Committee meeting, as appropriate, and in context of the Authority priorities and budget planning and setting process.**
6. **That a list of priority cases for which Traffic Regulation Orders can be used be taken to the Services Committee for consideration in March 2008**

CORPORATE RESOURCES

93/07 **10.1 2008/09 BUDGET PLANNING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW POSTS (A137/RMM)**

The following declarations of personal interests were made by Members:

Mr A D Hams and Mr C Pennell as Board members of Natural England.

Mrs S Prince as she was employed on the BESST Project.

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

This report sought support for the work so far in preparing for a balanced budget in 2008/09 and for establishing new posts in priority areas of work following agreement in principle by the Authority in July

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposals for achieving a balanced budget in 2008-09 at a 2% or 0% settlement as detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report be discussed, alongside the issues identified in paragraphs 8 - 12 of the report, and supported in principle.
2. That a further budget report on progress on realising proposals, depending on the actual settlement and work with the Chair and Vice Chair of Services Committee, be made to the December Authority meeting.
3. That the following posts be established from 1 December 2007 so that recruitment and appointments can be made in this calendar year as previously supported by the Authority:
 - a) Senior Planner/Policy Planner scale I (full time, permanent post) (this will be a shared post between Planning Services and Policy, Research and Partnerships Service).
 - b) Minerals/Senior Minerals Planner scale I/J (full time, permanent post).
 - c) Senior Legal Officer (conveyancing) scale I (18.5 hours per week, permanent post).
 - d) Increase hours from 30 to 37 and review of grade through job evaluation of existing Senior Legal Assistant (currently at scale G).
4. That the remainder of the 2007/08 budget contingency be allocated to unavoidable expenditure on:
 - a) Advertising cost for planning applications.
 - b) Water charges and ongoing requirement to implement legionella action plan at Aldern House.
5. That the budget allocation detailed in paragraph 11 of the report, representing the National Park Authority's contribution and match funding towards the submission of applications related to the INSPIRE project, be approved.

94/07 10.2 MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES AND TASK TEAMS (A111/RMM)

This report asked Members: to review and consider proposals for Member Representative roles for priority areas of the Authority's work and to make appointments to the Roles agreed and to review and support the continuation of some Task Teams.

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposals for continuation or cessation of Member Representative Roles as summarised in Annex 1 of the report be approved.
2. That the following Member Representative roles and appointments be agreed for one year to be reviewed at the Authority meeting in October 2008:

T-Gov (Transformational Government Ms P Coleman
renaming previous Implementing Electronic
Government role)

Asset Management Mr L Rix

Working with People and Communities Clr A Marchington

Sport & Recreation Mr G D Nickolds

Affordable Housing Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe

Historic Environment Miss P Beswick

Climate Change Mrs A Ashe

3. That the proposals for continuation or cessation of current Task Teams as summarised in Annex 1 of the report be approved.
4. That the membership of the Plans Review Task Team, the Losehill Hall Business Strategy Management Group and the Budget Monitoring Group as set out in Annex 2 of the report be approved.
5. That the Member Representative and Task Team roles be approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.

10.3 ADOPTION OF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT (A.1118/EWJ)

See Minute 88/07

95/07 10.4 REVIEW OF MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT (A111/RMM)

In introducing the report the Director of Corporate Resources amended paragraph 5c of the report to include reference to the Audit & Performance Committee resolution 28/07 on 20th July 2007- "That Audit & Performance Committee recommends to the Authority it is compulsory for all Members of the Authority to receive planning training and that the Director of Resources include this recommendation in the report to the Authority on Member Training and Development in October.

The meeting considered proposals for improvements following a review of Member training and development.

In considering the report the meeting supported the Audit & Performance Committee recommendation for compulsory planning training for all Members and no voting for Planning Committee Members until training had been received (to be introduced when appropriate training is in place).

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposals in Annex 1 of the report be approved as a step in improving the approach to Member training and development.
2. That further consideration, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, be given to the Authority signing up to the Member Development Charter through Local Government East Midlands.
3. That an action plan be drawn up so that a prioritised approach can be taken to implementing the proposals outlined in the Annex to the report.

96/07 10.5 MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE ANNUAL RETURN (A.111/EWJ)

The annual return of Members' attendance at Authority and Committee meetings for 2006/07 was considered.

RESOLVED

That the annual return of Members' attendance for 2006/07 be noted.

97/07 10.6 DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS – AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS (A.111/EWJ)

This report proposed a general delegation of powers to enable the Chief Executive to amend the Officer Delegation Scheme at any time to accommodate any changes to the designation of the authorised officers and their deputies that arise out of any review of the staffing structures or services. It was confirmed that this wasn't making changes to the extent of delegation from committees to officers.

RESOLVED:

That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to amend the designation of the authorised officers and deputies as shown in Standing Orders Part 7 Delegation of Powers to Officers.

98/07 12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 13 & 14 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 3 "Information relating to the financial affairs of the Authority" and Paragraph 5 "Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings".

99/07 13. EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meetings held on 6th July and 7 September 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Summary

100/07 14. QUARRYING AT LONGSTONE EDGE (MIN.2382/JJL)

The meeting considered a report and a supplementary report on the current financial and legal matters arising from quarrying issues at Longstone Edge.

The decision of the Meeting is recorded in the PART B Exempt Minutes relating to this item.

The meeting then re-opened to the Public

101/07 11. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the following Committees be received:

Planning Committee – 15th June, 13th July & 17th August 2007

Services Committee – 8 June 2007 & 6th July 2007

Audit & Performance Committee 20th July 2007

The Meeting closed at 5.20pm