

AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

- Meeting:** National Park Authority Meeting
- Date:** 8 February 2008
- Venue:** Aldern House, Baslow, Road, Bakewell.
- Chair:** Mr N Bajarria
- Present:** Mrs A Ashe, Miss P Beswick, Clr D Barker, Mr C Carr, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Mr A D Hams, Prof J Herbert, Clr A Marchington, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Mr R Priestley, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe Mr L Rix, Clr R Wilkinson, Clr B J Wilson.
- Apologies for absence:** Clr Mrs J Bevan, Clr T Bristowe, Clr A Favell, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Clr C McLaren, Clr J Muir, Clr Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr Mrs J Twigg.

CLR COLIN ROBINSON

The Chair reported on the recent death of Clr Colin Robinson a representative of North East Derbyshire District Council. Condolences have been sent to his family and the Authority was represented at his funeral. Members and staff stood in silence as a mark of respect.

1/08 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The recent constituent councils' meeting had been well attended. Opportunities for joint working on climate change were explored and a progress report will be prepared for next year's meeting.

The Chair thanked Members for their support in the joint partnership arrangements with the constituent councils.

Clr Mrs Gaddum intends to stand down as Deputy Chair of the Authority at the Annual general meeting.

ENPAA has had meetings recently with Ministers Jonathan Shaw and Yvette Cooper to discuss affordable housing in National Parks.

Interviews have been held for a Secretary of State appointed Member to fill the vacancy that will arise in April. It is expected that an appointment will be made within the next two weeks.

Members were reminded to give their feedback on the Members' e-zine.

2/08 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 December 2007 as amended below were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MINUTE 102/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second paragraph: Delete the sentence "The strategy included in principle support for improvements to the A628".

Fourth paragraph: Replace "Fearn" with "Fern".

3/08 MATTERS ARISING

MINUTE 104/07 MATTERS ARISING

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 discussion were being held with applicants on the planning conditions and the terms of the S.106 agreement. The aim was to complete these by the end of March so that the revocation process can then be completed.

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

A meeting had been held with Local Government East Midlands to discuss the Member Development Charter and a report will be brought to the Authority Meeting on 23rd March.

MINUTE 105/07 7.1 QUARRYING AT LONGSTONE EDGE (MIN 2382/JJL/DGB/GPR)

The Treasury Solicitor had confirmed that the High Court application will be defended. It was expected that the Planning Inspectorate will make a decision on the "nullity" issue on the Wagers Flat enforcement notice by the end of February. The outcome of the Backdale hearing would have a bearing on whether or not an application to the court for a declaration will be pursued.

The operations at the site were being closely monitored. A public meeting has been arranged at Calver Village Hall on 18th February.

MINUTE 112/07 12.2 INCORPORATION OF THE ENGLISH NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION (A956/JBD)

All the National Park Authorities had now signed the incorporation document which will take effect on the 31st March 2008

CORPORATE RESOURCES

4/08 8.1 PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE & TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (A.1327/PN)

The Chief Finance Officer reported on the required borrowing limits and prudential indicators, together with the Treasury Management Policy Statement.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Prudential Indicators and borrowing limits as described in the report, together with the policy on Minimum Revenue Provision in paragraph 19 of the report be adopted.**
- 2. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in Annex 1 of the report be approved.**

5/08 8.2 BUDGET 2008/09 (A137/PN)

The meeting considered a report on the final budget proposals for 2008/09.

It was clarified that first post listed in Annex 4 should be shown as a Climate Change Policy Officer.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the base budget for the 2008/09 financial year shown in Annex 1 and 2 of the report be approved.**
- 2. That the additional allocations proposed in Annex 3 of the report following the announcement of the 2008/09 settlement, be agreed for incorporation into the budget.**
- 3. That the staffing proposals identified in Annex 4 of the report – extensions to existing posts and proposed new posts - be approved.**

6/08 8.3 EMPLOYMENT POLICIES (A12/DU)

The Authority was requested to approve updated employment policies and one new policy on Secondment. The policies advise and guide managers and staff to the standards of performance in the employment relationship required by the Authority. It was appropriate therefore to update and refresh the policies periodically to ensure that they remain good practice and within the requirements of employment law.

Members suggested some text amendments which were noted by the Director of Corporate Resources & Head of HR & Performance for inclusion in the published versions.

RESOLVED:

1. That, noting that Unison has agreed the policies, the following employment policies as annexed to the report be approved;
Annex 1: Disciplinary Policy
Annex 2: Grievance Policy
Annex 3: Appeals Policy
Annex 4: Secondment Policy
Annex 5: Maternity Policy
And that the employment contracts of all relevant staff be amended.
2. That the new policies become effective on 1 May 2008 to allow for an appropriate launch to all staff and manager briefings.
3. That the constitution of the Appeals Sub Committee be changed to hear only appeals against dismissal where the employee elects to have their appeal heard by the Appeals Sub Committee.
4. That the constitution of the Local Joint Committee be amended to remove the requirement to hear grievances.

7/08 8.4 NATIONAL PARK PORTAL: PARTNERING AGREEMENT (IEG/RMM)

The meeting considered proposals for the current National Park Portal Partnering Agreement to be amended and extended for a further three year period with the Peak District National Park Authority accountable body responsibilities for the Portal being handed over to UK ANPA (UK Association of National Park Authorities).

The meeting recorded its appreciation to the Director of Corporate Resources for her contribution to the Portal Partnership.

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposal to extend the National Park Portal Partnering Agreement for a further three year period from 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011 be agreed, with the Peak District National Park Authority accountable body responsibilities being handed over to UK ANPA from 1 April 2008.
2. That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to seal the final revised and extended Partnering Agreement in consultation with the Head of Law.
3. That any balance of funds remaining in the National Park Portal specific reserve as at the 2007/08 year end, after payment of all outstanding invoices, be passed to UK ANPA by 30 June 2008.

8/08 8.5 ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES' WORKSHOP 2008 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (A.9560/EWJ)

This report requested the Authority to consider the appointment of Members to attend this year's Association of National Park Authorities' Workshop.

RESOLVED:

1. That Miss P Beswick and Cllr C McLaren or Cllr Mrs T Critchlow be appointed to attend the Association of National Park Authorities Workshop at Tewkesbury on 23rd-25th April 2008.
2. That attendance at the Workshop be an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.
3. That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to agree the attendance of substitute delegates if necessary.

9/08 8.6 STANDARDS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER (A.1148/EWJ)

This report requested the meeting to appoint an Independent Member to the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED

That, in pursuance of S53 Local Government Act 2000 and The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001, Robin Todd be appointed as an Independent Member of the Authority's Standards Committee for a period of four years expiring on 8 February 2012.

10/08 9. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the following Committees be received:

Planning Committee – 16th November & 14th December 2007

Services Committee 30th November 2007

11/08 10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item Nos.11 & 12 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".

12/08 11. EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Authority meeting held on 7th December 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13/08 12. SERVICES COMMITTEE EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the meetings of the Services Committee held on 30th November 2007 be received.

The Meeting closed at 12.15 pm