

AGENDA ITEM No. 5

MINUTES

<u>Meeting:</u>	National Park Authority Meeting
<u>Date:</u>	22 May 2009
<u>Venue:</u>	Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire
<u>Chair:</u>	Mr N Bajaria
<u>Present:</u>	Mrs A Ashe, Clr T Bagshaw, Miss P Beswick, Dr R Clarke, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr A Favell, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Prof J Herbert, Clr C McLaren, Clr J Muir, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K Potter, Clr C J Pearson, Mr R Priestley, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Mrs L C Roberts, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs D Ward, Clr Mrs D Wilde, Clr Mrs B J Wilson.
<u>Apologies for absence:</u>	Clr Mrs J Bevan, Mr C Carr, Clr A Marchington.

28/09 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Clr Christopher Pearson who had been appointed to the Authority by High Peak Borough Council. He also welcomed Dr Roger Clarke to his first Authority meeting. Professor John Herbert was congratulated on being re-appointed as Chair of Sheldon Parish Meeting. Clr Hilda Gaddum was congratulated for being nominated for the Cheshire Woman of the Year award although she had not been successful.

He reported that Sue Prince, a Secretary of State appointed member, had resigned from the Authority. He expressed sadness that she had resigned. She had for many years been a strong pioneer for the rural economy and had made a major contribution to the sustainable farming and local businesses work of the Authority. She will be continuing her role as a member of the West Midlands Regional Development Agency and as a Commissioner for the Commission for Rural Communities.

A commemorative walk for Sir Martin Doughty will be held in the Peak District on 11 October. This will be supported by the Authority's staff.

The new South Downs National Park had been agreed by the Government and the Authority will be hosting a visit by Charles Anson the Chair of the South Downs Joint Committee. Ruth Marchington has been asked to serve on an advisory committee to the interim Chief Executive.

29/09 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 March 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30/09 MATTERS ARISING

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7/09 8.2 UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN (A6604/JBD)

The Authority's bid for funding from Defra for a programme of capital works in the National Park had not been successful. An opportunity may arise to make a bid to a DCLG "Future Jobs Fund" in partnership with local authorities.

8/09 5.1 REPRESENTATION ON EAST MIDLANDS LEADER'S BOARD (A971/JBD)

It was reported that the Government expected National Park Authorities to be involved in the Leader Boards and that discussion with key regional bodies were still progressing.

16/09 7.1 BACKDALE LONGSTONE EDGE (MIN.2382/JJL)

A petition for leave to appeal had been lodged in the House of Lords. A decision was expected at the end of June.

20/09 10.2 SHEFFIELD CITY REGION PILOT STATUS (A93276/JBD)

The proposal for a pilot City Region had not been accepted by the government.

21/09 10.3 CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1949 (A945261/JF)

A ministerial visit to the National Park is being arranged for 24 July.

STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT

31/09 7.1 THE MINERALS STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (A.65/RJB)

This report requested approval for the adoption of the Minerals Strategic Action Plan which seeks

- 1) to implement the minerals policies of the National Park Management Plan (NPMP)2006-11
- 2) to take a proactive approach to Development Plan policies
- 3) to secure consensus on the priorities for action and use of resources

Mr R Priestley declared a personal interest in this item as a former employee of the Hope Valley Cement Works.

The Head of Planning summarised a representation that had been received from the Friends of the Peak District (CPRE).

An amendment was made to paragraph 3.9 of Appendix 1 to state Corporate Outcome B and not National Park Management Plan Outcome B.

In considering the Action Plan members suggested amendments to the text for inclusion in the final version.

Concern was expressed that paragraph 3.20, bullet point 3, and Action 14 were ambiguous and open to misinterpretation.

A Motion to remove Action 14 (pages 33 & 34) from the Plan was moved and seconded. On being put to the vote this Motion was LOST.

Officers proposed that paragraph 3.20 bullet point 3 of the Appendix and Action 14 be withdrawn from the Plan so that they can be re-drafted and brought to the next Authority meeting for final approval.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Minerals Strategic Action Plan be agreed except paragraph 3.20 bullet point 3 and all Action 14 which is withdrawn to be brought back to the next meeting of the Authority for further consideration.**
- 2. That the Head of Planning amends the plan to take into account Members' views and suggestions and finalises the plan in consultation with the Chair of the Authority.**

32/09 8.1 NATIONAL PARK SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN (A85631/TN)

The meeting considered a report on the National Park Revised Draft Sustainable Transport Action Plan. This Action Plan will provide a focus for the delivery of sustainable transport within the National Park by stakeholders and the Authority. The report requested delegated authority from the Authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Member Representative for Traffic, Travel and Accessibility for approving the Final Action Plan.

Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe declared a personal interest in this item as a member of Derbyshire County Council.

In considering the draft Members expressed varying views about the style and length of the document, some of the priorities and action proposed and felt that the document should be revised to be clearer and have a sharper focus.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That delegation be given to the Chief Executive to finalise the draft National Park Sustainable Transport Plan in consultation with the Chair, the Member Representative and other appropriate Members.**
- 2. That the process for monitoring the Action Plan through the National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Reporting to the Audit and Performance Committee be noted.**

The meeting adjourned at 12.45pm and reconvened at 1.15pm.

Chair: Mr N Bajaria

Present: Mrs A Ashe, Clr T Bagshaw, Miss P Beswick, Dr R Clarke, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr A Favell, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Prof J Herbert, Clr J Muir, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K Potter, Clr C J Pearson, Mr R Priestley, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Mrs L C Roberts, Clr Mrs D Ward, Clr Mrs B J Wilson.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

33/09 9.1 PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2009 - 10 (A197/WA)

The meeting was requested to approve the contents of the draft Performance and Business Plan 2009 – 10.

RESOLVED:

- 1. The draft Performance and Business Plan 2009 – 10 be approved, with the completion of details delegated to the Chief Executive, for publication by 30 June 2009.**
- 2. That all the staff involved in the preparation of the draft plan be thanked for their contribution.**

34/09 9.2 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (A. 1101/RMM)

The meeting was requested to approve the Code of Corporate Governance.

It was agreed that reference should be made to Parish Council meetings and the Constituent Councils meeting as evidence under Core Principle 2c.

RESOLVED:

That the Code of Corporate Governance at Appendix 1 to the report be approved

35/09 9.3 NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE 2009: APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES (A.1118/EWJ)

The meeting considered the appointment of the Authority's delegates to attend the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) National Parks Conference to be held in Llandudno in September 2009.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Chair of the Authority and four other Members attend the ANPA National Parks Conference on 23-25 September 2009 with attendance as an approved duty.**
- 2. That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to agree the final list of delegates in accordance with the criteria set out in the report and substitute delegates if necessary.**

36/09 10. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

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

Planning Committee 13 February & 13 March 2009

Audit & Performance Committee 23 January & 6 March 2009

37/09 11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No 12 & 13 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” and Paragraph 5 “Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings”.

PART B Exempt Information

38/09 12. EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the meetings held on 27 March 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

39/09 13.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE EXTERNAL APPOINTMENT (A.12002/DU)

The meeting was requested to approve the Chief Executive taking up a voluntary unpaid external appointment.

RESOLVED:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to take up the external appointment, as detailed in the report, with immediate effect for a period up to 4 years.

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm.