

AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

<u>Meeting:</u>	Special National Park Authority Meeting
<u>Date:</u>	10 September 2010 at 10.00am
<u>Venue:</u>	Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire
<u>Chair:</u>	Clr A Favell
<u>Present:</u>	Mr P Ancell, Clr T Bagshaw, Clr Mrs B Beeley, Miss P Beswick, Clr Mrs J Bevan, Mr C Carr, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Clr Mrs C G Heath, Prof J Herbert, Ms S Leckie, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Mr R Priestley, Clr G Purdy, Mr B Rayner, Mrs L C Roberts, Clr Mrs M Stockdale Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs D Ward, Clr Mrs D Wilde (arrived late), Clr D Woodhead.
Apologies for absence:	Mr N Bajaria, Dr R Clarke, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs N Hawkins and Clr Mrs J Wharmby

56/10 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed back Mr R Priestley following his recent illness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

57/10 FUTURE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (A.1977/JBD)

The Chair stated that each recommendation would be considered individually. An amended version of paragraph 12 of the report had been tabled for Members to consider.

Clr Mrs Gaddum reported that she had received correspondence from Kate Ashbrook and had forwarded it to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive reported that 4 representations had been received from Anne Robinson a local resident, Kate Ashbrook for The Open Spaces Society, Hope with Aston Parish Council and Friends of the Peak District. Copies of these representations were tabled for Members to consider. He also reported that comments on the report had also been received by email from Authority Member Dr R Clarke, as he was unable to attend the meeting.

The following Members declared personal interests:

- Clr Mrs J Bevan regarding bullet point 10 of the amended paragraph 12 as her husband is a volunteer ranger
- Mr C Pennell and Mrs K Potter as members of CPRE.

The following Member declared a prejudicial interest:

- Clr Mrs J Bevan regarding bullet point 11 of the amended paragraph 12 as her husband is a volunteer ranger and she stated that she would leave the room when this point was being discussed.

The Chief Executive introduced the report and emphasised that details of the Government's proposed cut would not be known until the Chancellor's statement was made on 20 October.

Members considered and discussed the rationale for the selection of priorities for funding and recommendation 1 of the report. Some Members were concerned that the Authority's agreed priorities had been set before how high the budget cuts would need to be was known and also that recommendation 1 did not reflect the Authority's statutory purposes.

It was agreed to amend recommendation 1 by adding the words 'Based on our statutory purposes and duty' to the start of the recommendation. The amended recommendation 1 was then voted on and carried.

Miss P Beswick abstained from the voting as she would prefer the priorities clause to be removed as she felt there was a need to review the priorities.

Members then considered the Mission for the Authority as set out in paragraph 11 of the report and recommendation 2 of the report. The majority of Members were unhappy with the wording of the Mission and also felt that it was not a Mission but more a statement or strategy of the Authority's future approach to changes.

A motion that the Authority's Mission to 2015 set out in paragraph 11 not be adopted was moved and seconded. This was then voted on and carried.

11.25am the meeting adjourned for a short comfort break and re-convened at 11.30am.

Members considered and discussed the tabled, amended version of paragraph 12 of the report and recommendation 3. It was noted that some issues included in paragraph 12 would be the subject of more detailed reports at the Authority meeting on 24 September.

Each bullet point was considered in turn and Cllr Mrs J Bevan left the room when bullet point 11 was discussed due to her prejudicial interest and then returned for the remainder of the discussions. The bullet points were either agreed or amended and agreed as follows:

Bullet point 1 – amended to include reference to partnerships and cultural heritage after a motion was carried to delete the first part of bullet point 5 and add cultural heritage to bullet point 1

Bullet point 2 – amended to include reference to enforcement

Bullet point 3 – amended to include reference to enforcement

Bullet point 4 – agreed as printed

Bullet point 5 – amended by deletion of the words 'expect to reduce our cultural heritage work by 10-20% ensuring that our statutory work is protected' and cultural heritage moved to Bullet point 1

Bullet point 6 – agreed as printed

Bullet point 7 – amended to state 'Reduce substantially the net cost of providing Environmental Learning and outreach work currently provided by Losehill Hall and look to ways of reducing the net costs of Losehill Hall to nil including through partnerships and/or disposal – details to be considered at the Authority meeting on 24 September 2010.'

Bullet points 8, 9 – agreed as printed

Bullet point 10 amended by deleting the words: ‘particular areas of the National Park’

Bullet point 11 – Cllr Mrs J Bevan left the room due to her declaration of a prejudicial interest in this item made at the start of the meeting. Bullet point amended to add ‘rationalise the way that all of our volunteers are compensated

Bullet points 12, 13, 14 and 15 – agreed as printed.

Cllr T Bagshaw left the meeting at 12.49pm.

Recommendation 3 was then amended by deletion of the words ‘paragraphs 14 and 15’ and the addition of ‘paragraph 12 as amended in the Authority meeting’. This was then moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

1. **Based on our statutory purposes and duty, the Authority’s priorities and those of the Government, the overall rationale for agreeing to funding priorities be accepted.**
2. **The Authority’s Mission to 2015 at paragraph 11 not be adopted.**
3. **The general strategy for how the Authority will change to achieve its outcomes by 2015 at paragraph 12 in the report, as amended in the Authority meeting, be adopted.**

The meeting ended at 1.15pm.