

**AGENDA ITEM No. 3**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** National Park Authority Meeting

**Date:** 4 February 2011

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

**Chair:** Mr N Bajaria

**Present:** Mr P Ancell, Clr T Bagshaw, Miss P Beswick, Clr Mrs J Bevan, Mr C Carr, Mr R Clarke, Ms P Coleman, Clr A Favell, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Clr Mrs N Hawkins, Clr Mrs C G Heath, Prof J Herbert, Ms S Leckie, Mr G Nickolds, Mrs K M Potter, Clr R Priestley, Clr G Purdy, Mr B Rayner, Clr Mrs M Stockdale, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs D Ward, Clr Mrs J Wharmby, Clr Mrs D Wilde, Clr D Woodhead.

Apologies for absence: Clr Mrs B Beeley, Mr C Pennell, Mrs L C Roberts.

**2/11 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting congratulated Sarah Foster Planner Manager for winning the national RTPPI Young Planner of the Year award.

The Chair reported on a recent meeting with the Minister Richard Benyon MP about the review of the governance of National Park Authorities. The government's response was expected in late March.

Members were reminded about the Constituent Council Conference to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the designation of the National Park will be celebrated at the Moorland Discovery Centre Longshaw on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The public consultation on the National Park Management Plan will be launched on that date.

**3/11 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE & CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

**4/11 7.1 BUDGET 2011/12 (A.137/PN)**

This report presented the final budget proposals for 2011/12, based on the original outline budget approved by the Authority in February 2009 as part of the three year financial plan, but modified subsequently by grant settlement announcements and resource allocation decisions approved by the Authority on 25 June 2010 and 17th December 2010.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the base budget for the 2011/12 financial year shown in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report be approved.
2. That the financial position of the Authority in respect of planning for the following 2012-13 to 2014-15 financial years be noted.
3. That the Chief Finance Officer and his team be thanked for their work on the budget preparation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**5/11 8.1 PEAK DISTRICT BUSINESS LEADERS GROUP AND LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS (A96249/JBD)**

This report updated members on the Government's new arrangements for economic development, the closure of the Regional Development Agencies, creation of Local Enterprise Partnerships and the establishment of the Peak District Business Leaders Group. Thanks were expressed to the Chair Narendra Bajaria and Jim Dixon Chief Executive for their hard work in making progress on the partnership.

**RESOLVED**

1. The Chair of the Authority writes to the Chairs of the 4 Regional Development Agencies covering the Peak District thanking them for their support to our work.
2. That the establishment of the Peak District Business Leaders Group and the support the Authority will provide to it be noted.
3. That the Authority and its partners prepare a bid to the Regional Growth fund to support the development of a sustainable Peak District rural business community.
4. That the Chief Executive report back to members on the responses received from the Local Enterprise Partnerships.

**6/11 8.2 INTERPRETATION FRAMEWORK PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (A.697/EM)**

The meeting considered the adoption of an interpretation framework for the National Park Authority that provided clear guidance on the delivery and direction of the Authority's contribution to interpretation within the National Park. It also provided a support system for organisations and community groups interested in developing local interpretation projects.

**RESOLVED**

**That the interpretation framework at Appendix One of the report be approved**

**7/11 8.3 ROAD SIGNS AND SIMILAR INFRASTRUCTURE (A845/ED)**

This report outlined the Authority's policy on road signs and other similar transport infrastructure, and briefed Members on work undertaken on road signs and similar infrastructure. Furthermore, it sought approval for a framework for officers to share certain case work decisions with Members.



The following members declared personal interests in this item:

Clr G Purdy	Derbyshire County Council member
Clr Mrs M Stockdale	Derbyshire County Council member
Clr Mrs J A Twigg	Derbyshire County Council member
Clr Mrs J Wharmby	Derbyshire County Council member
Clr Mrs C G Heath	Staffordshire County Council member

Anne Robinson of the Friends of the Peak District and CPRE South Yorkshire addressed the meeting under the Public Participation Scheme.

It was reported that an agreement on highway signs has now been reached with Staffordshire County Council. The Chief Executive agreed to include in the policy references to improving communications with local council members on the Authority.

## RESOLVED

1. **That the work already carried out by officers on road signs and other similar infrastructure be supported.**
2. **That the proposed framework for involving Members in decisions concerning road sign and similar infrastructure case work be approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 12.50pm and reconvened at 1.20 pm.

Chair: Mr N Bajaria

Present: Mr P Ancell, Clr T Bagshaw, Miss P Beswick, Clr Mrs J Bevan, Ms P Coleman, Clr A Favell, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Clr Mrs C G Heath, Prof J Herbert, Ms S Leckie, Mr G Nickolds, Mrs K M Potter, Clr R Priestley, Clr G Purdy, Mr B Rayner, Clr Mrs M Stockdale, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs D Ward, Clr Mrs J Wharmby.

## DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

### 8/11 10.1 CONSIDERATION OF FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT DWELLING, HIGH MEADOWS, OVER LANE, BASLOW (NPP/DDD/0810/0838/JK)

This planning application was considered by the Planning Committee on the 14th January 2011, and it was minded to approve the application subject to conditions. The development proposal is contrary to policies in the Local Plan and, therefore, under standing orders relating to "decisions contrary to the Authority's policies", the Authority meeting has to make a final determination, based on whether it agrees there are grounds to relax the policies in this case.

Clr Mrs J A Twigg declared a personal interest in this item as her sister and brother in law lived in a nearby property.

The following made representations to the meeting under the Public Participation Scheme:

Mr M C Games resident of Curbar and objector to the relaxation of the replacement dwellings policy.

Mr A Sanei agent for the applicant.

Following a debate the meeting agreed to approve the application with an additional condition removing permitted development rights.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the application be APPROVED, subject to the Head of the Planning Service in consultation with the Chair of the Authority considering any further representations within the statutory consultation period to decide if there is the need to report back to a future meeting of the Authority and subject to the following conditions:-**

- 1, 3 year time limit**
- 2. Adopt amended plans**
- 3. Highway requirements**
- 4. Submit and agree full details of environmental management measures**
- 5. Implement Ecological requirements**
- 6. Spoil removal**
- 7. Landscape implementation**
- 8. Detailed design matters**
- 9. Withdraw permitted development rights**

Mrs K Potter requested that her vote against the above resolution be recorded.

## **CORPORATE RESOURCES**

### **9/11 9.1 PROPOSALS FOR NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (EWJ/A.111)**

This report proposed changes to Standing Orders to amend the functions of the Authority meeting and the delegation of functions to a new Audit Resources & Performance Committee to replace the current Audit & Performance Committee and the Services Committee. The Director of Corporate Resources gave an update on the report about to the date for the approval of the final accounts.

## **RESOLVED**

- 1. That the Standing Orders Part 4 “Delegation to Committees, Sub-Committees and Advisory Groups” be amended as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and the current delegation to the Audit and Performance Committee and Services Committee be deleted with effect from 1 April 2011.**
- 2. That the Audit and Performance Committee and Services Committee be disestablished with effect from 1 April 2011.**
- 3. That an Audit Resources and Performance Committee be established from 1 April 2011.**
- 4. That the current Members of the Audit and Performance Committee and Services Committee be appointed to the Audit Resources and Performance Committee until the Annual meeting in July 2011.**

5. That the Director of Corporate Resources be delegated authority to agree any other minor changes to Standing Orders as a consequence of the above resolutions.

#### 10/11 9.2 APPOINTMENTS PROCESS PANEL (A.111)

This report considered the recommendations of the Governance Review Task Team to establish a panel of members to administer a process designed to facilitate the appointments to the various positions considered at the Annual Meeting.

The report proposed three additional principles that should be applied when making appointments. The meeting did not agree the first principle. The meeting also did not support the proposal to establish an appointments panel.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the status quo remain for the elections of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees as set out in paragraphs 1.4 and 1.37 of Standing Orders Part 1.
2. That we should strive to achieve a similar balance across Member Representatives and outside body appointments if possible although it is recognised this may not always be achievable and the main aim is to appoint members who have demonstrated interest and potential.
3. That newly appointed members will not be considered for a Chair or Deputy/Vice Chair position in their first year of office.
4. That an Appointments Process Panel be not established.

#### 11/11 9.3 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER (MO/RMM)

This report proposed that the statutory role of Monitoring Officer currently undertaken by the Director of Corporate Resources be transferred to the Head of Law post as a special responsibility from 1 June 2011. Amendments to the Monitoring Officer Protocol were also proposed.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the role of Monitoring Officer be transferred to be undertaken by the Head of Law from 1 June 2011 or from a date when a new Head of Law is appointed.
2. That a special responsibility allowance be paid in recognition of carrying out this additional contractual role as described in paragraph 8 of the report.
3. That the Monitoring Officer Protocol be amended at the appropriate time as follows:  
Paragraph 2.1 Delete: "Head of Law"  
Paragraph 2.5 (a) Replace: "be a full member of" with "attend"  
Insert: "as appropriate" after "Resources Management Team"

- 4. That the Authority's records its appreciation to Ruth Marchington for the work she has carried out in her role as Monitoring Officer.**

**12/11 EXEMPT MINUTES**

The exempt minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The meeting finished at 3.10 pm.