

AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

<u>Meeting:</u>	National Park Authority Meeting
<u>Date:</u>	27 May 2011
<u>Venue:</u>	Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire
<u>Chair:</u>	Clr A Favell
<u>Present:</u>	Clr T Bagshaw, Clr Mrs B Beeley, Miss P Beswick, Mr C Carr, Clr D Chapman Clr G Claff, Mr R Clarke, Clr Mrs N Hawkins, Prof J Herbert, Ms S Leckie, Mr G Nickolds, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, Clr G Purdy, Mr B Rayner, Mrs L C Roberts, Clr Mrs J A Twigg.
Apologies for absence:	Mr P Ancell, Ms P Coleman, Clr Mrs C G Heath, Clr R Priestley, Clr Mrs M Stockdale, Clr Mrs J Wharmby, Clr Mrs D Wilde.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Clr Godfrey Claff, High Peak Borough Council and Clr David Chapman, Derbyshire Dales District Council both of whom had recently been appointed to the Authority.

He thanked retiring Members Clr Jacque Bevan, Clr Tracy Critchlow and Clr Hilda Gaddum for their services to the Authority.

He congratulated all those involved in the successful outcome of the Pedal Peak District Project; the Department of Transport; Cycling England, Derbyshire County Council, the Authority's staff and in particular Rhonda Pursglove the Project Manager.

26/11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 March 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

27/11 7.1 PEAK DISTRICT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2011-2020 (A.5562/JC)

This report requested approval for the core elements of the draft Peak District Biodiversity Action Plan 2011-2020, setting out the aims, principles, objectives, priorities, targets and actions for wildlife conservation in the Peak District.

Members made suggestions for amendments to the Set of Principles which will be taken into consideration for inclusion in the final draft document.

RESOLVED

1. That the core elements of the Biodiversity Action Plan as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, amended as suggested by Members, be approved with future changes to these made through normal business procedures and in consultation with the member representative for biodiversity where appropriate.
2. That future reporting on implementation of the Plan through the National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Report be approved.
3. That Members pursue focus on biodiversity action and promote the Peak District Biodiversity Action Plan through their wider networks.

28/11 7.2 PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2011/12 (A.197/WA)

This report asks Members to approve the draft Performance and Business Plan 2011/12, as a reflection of the Authority's achievements over the past twelve months and the focus of activity for the year ahead, prior to publication of the Plan by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2011.

RESOLVED

That the draft Performance and Business Plan 2011/12, be approved subject to approval of the risk register, performance indicators and performance management section by the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee, and with the completion of details delegated to the Chief Executive, for publication by 30 June 2011

CORPORATE RESOURCES

29/11 8.1 GOVERNANCE REVIEW: RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING PROPOSALS (A.11/RMM)

This report asks Members to consider the recommended responses to the outstanding proposals from the local governance review. The recommendations were made following a steer from the Strategic Advisory Group.

RESOLVED

That the responses to the governance review outstanding proposals in paragraphs 9-13 of the report be agreed as follows:

- a) all Members to be allocated to one committee either Planning or Audit Resources and Performance (ARP).
- b) all Members to be allocated to one committee either Planning or ARP and current constitution of Planning Committee remains the same with places allocated to councils (see appendix 1 of the report).
- c) site visits to be held normally on the day before Planning Committee.

d) involvement by Members in outside bodies to be reviewed at the end of 2011 as we consider the implications for working with partners of the new National Park Management Plan (NPMP) and in conjunction with a review of the NPMP Member Representative roles.

e) participation of Members in formal committees and in essential training/briefing events to be reported against each member as 'number of attendances possible' and 'actual number of attendances'. Use of individual percentages to be discontinued.

30/11 8.2 PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING MEMBERS' ENGAGEMENT AND VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY (A.11/RMM)

This report makes recommendations for increasing Members' engagement and visibility in the community. The recommendations are based on the steer from the Strategic Advisory Group. It was suggested that there should be an evaluation and review of the proposed pilot of the Parish Forums/Panel meetings.

RESOLVED

1. That the suggestions for improvements sought through increasing the engagement and visibility of Members in the community as given at paragraph 8 of the report be approved.
2. That the proposals for providing greater opportunities for members' engagement in the community as outlined in paragraph 9 of the report be approved.

31/11 8.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS – SCHEME OF OPERATIONS (A.111/JJL)

The meeting considered a report to amend the Public Participation Scheme.

Officers proposed an additional amendment by adding a revised introductory paragraph to the Scheme.

A motion to approve the proposed amendments to Clause (A) of the Scheme with the omission of the last sentence was moved seconded and carried.

RESOLVED

1. That the introductory paragraph to the Public Participation Scheme of Operation be amended to state:
The aim of the scheme is to better ensure that the views of the public are known to the Authority and its Committees and Sub-Committees when making its decisions. At any meeting of the Authority its Committees and Sub Committees people are welcome to make representations, ask a question, make a statement and present deputations or petitions. The procedures are set out below for guidance but please note that the Chair of the meeting shall have discretion to vary the procedures (as indicated in the detailed paragraphs below) if necessary for the effective running of the meeting.
2. That Clause A (v) of the Scheme be amended to state:
Where there is more than one person wishing to make similar representations, they will be advised that the Chair has the discretion to intervene if they make statements which are repetitive of other statements. Therefore they may wish to endorse the points made by other speakers but

they should avoid repeating them.

- 3. That Clause A (ix) be deleted.**

32/11 8.4 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2011/2012 (A.11/EWJ)

The meeting considered a Calendar of Meetings up to October 2012.

The date for the Strategic Finance Workshop was corrected to 4 November 2011 and the date for Site Visits corrected to 8 December 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2011/2012 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and amended as above be approved.

33/11 8.5 TRANSFER-IN OF PENSION (A.12/DU0)

Derbyshire County Council, the Authority's Local Government Pension Scheme Administrator, require an employer decision on Transfer-in of pension. It was proposed that the Authority cease transfer-in of all pension except those from other local authorities and employers in the Public Sector Transfer Club where reciprocal arrangements operate i.e. Teachers, NHS, Civil Service, Police, Fire service schemes.

RESOLVED

That with immediate effect, the transfer-in of pension will be restricted to transfer within the first year of service and to pension from other local authority employers and employers in the Public Sector Transfer Club.

The meeting finished at 12.45 pm.