
MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 24 May 2019 at 10.00 am
Venue:	The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr A McCloy
Present:	Cllr D Chapman, Cllr W Armitage, Cllr J Atkin, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs L C Roberts, Mr K Smith, Cllr R Walker and Cllr B Woods
Apologies for absence:	Mr P Ancell, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr C Carr, Cllr A Hart, Cllr I Huddleston, Mr J Macrae, Cllr C McLaren and Cllr J Perkins.

14/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that Cllrs Laws, Howe and Walton had left the Authority following the recent elections, and that a Certificate of Appreciation would be sent to them, as a token of thanks. Cllr Macrae would remain as an Authority Member until such time Cheshire East Council had nominated a replacement, which would be after the Authority AGM in July.

The Chair also welcomed Cllr Farrell, High Peak Borough Council and Cllr Armitage, North East Derbyshire District Council to their first meeting of the Authority as new Members and to Cllr Huddleston, High Peak Borough Council, who unfortunately couldn't attend the meeting today. Cllr Wharmby from Derbyshire County Council was also welcomed to the meeting as observer, as a replacement for Cllr Perkins following his resignation.

The Chair then presented Certificates of Appreciation to both Cllrs Favell and Roberts, and on behalf of the Authority thanked them both for their years of dedication, commitment and energy, and invited them both to say a few words as this was their last Authority Meeting.

The Chair informed Members that shortlisting had taken place for the 3 Secretary of State vacancies, and that 7 people would be interviewed in 3 weeks time and that the closing date for the Parish Nominations was the 28th May.

The Chair then went on to highlight the following meetings and events he had attended since the last Authority Meeting:

- Attended the 70th Anniversary of the 1949 Act, event held by the Campaign for National Parks at Losehill Hall
- Spoke at the Spirit of Kinder Event, marking the anniversary of the Kinder Mass Trespass
- Attended the opening of the Baslow Woodland Park
- Had a meeting with Derbyshire Police Rural Crime Team
- Attended the opening of Millers Dale Station
- Peak Park Parishes Forum Liaison Meeting

15/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 15 MARCH 2019

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on the 15 March 2019 were approved as a correct record.

16/19 URGENT ITEM - MILLERS DALE STATION GOODS SHED RESTORATION

Emma Stone, Head of Visitor Experience introduced the report which was to seek approval from Members to accept a grant offer of £321,169.63 from the RDPE to restore the goods shed at Millers Dale Station. The grant would cover the full costs of re-roofing and converting the goods shed into a interpretation space, in accordance with planning permission granted in December 2018.

Normally the grant, because of its value, would need Audit, Resource and Performance Committee approval to accept it, but because of the deadlines, the report has had to be brought before the Authority Meeting, to accept the offer of the funding, and to enter into any necessary contracts, as the Authority is looking to complete the works quite rapidly.

Members welcomed the report and thanked Emma on the tremendous piece of work.

The recommendation to approve the report was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED:

- **That the Authority grants approval to the Head of Visitor Experience Development to accept the grant offer of £321,169.63 and**
- **That authority to award contracts in connection with the proposed refurbishment be delegated to the Head of Visitor Experience Development in order to meet the agreed timescales and delivery.**

17/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present to make representations to the Authority under the Public Participation at Meetings Scheme.

18/19 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7

Cllr Potter declared a personal interest as a member of CPRE who were consulted on the National Park Management Plan.

Cllr Heath declared a personal interest as a member of CPRE who were consulted on the National Park Management Plan.

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19/19 MEMBER QUESTION

Under Standing order 1.20(2), Cllr Furness raised a question to Mr Hamid as Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance Committee (ARP).

“In view of the public controversy caused by the current advertisement of sale of minor properties, do you agree with me that an urgent review of minor properties disposals policy is now necessary?”.

Mr Hamid, Chair of Audit, Resources and Performance responded:-

“We have seven minor properties for sale and the tender submissions closed on the 17th May. This is the last tranche of minor property disposals approved by ARP in 2017. We have had 21 submissions from a mix of Parish Councils, local charity, private owners and companies, and each disposal as at least 2 bids. A cross departmental working group of officers is currently scoring the tender submissions, and these will go to Resource Management Meeting for a decision on the 17 June. As a learning organisation, and Chair of ARP, I do think that your point is valid and that it is about time that the Policy is reviewed”

20/19 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2018/19 (MM)

The Chair welcomed Dianne Jeffery, the Independent Chair of the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group to the meeting.

Matt Mardling the Senior Strategy Officer then introduced the covering report and explained to Members that The Environment Act requires the National Park Authorities to produce a Management Plan and update it every 5 years, so this report was to provide them with the monitoring information for the end of the first complete year of the new Management Plan, and identify those delivery areas that are either achieved, at risk of not being achieved and not achieved. Of the 26 delivery actions identified, 24 were achieved, 1 was at risk of not being achieved and 1 was action that was not achieved which related to monitoring of landscape which had proved challenging, but expected to be back on track by the end of the calendar year.

Following the workshop that was held to look at better events management, 5 additional actions will go into the Management Plan going forward, and they will be monitored by the Advisory Group.

Dianne Jeffrey then provided an update on the first year's delivery of the 2018-23 Peak District National Park Management Plan, and highlighted some of the difficult challenges facing the National Park.

She explained that the Advisory Group, which meets 3 times year, help to draw informed opinion and wide ranging interests to help steer and develop the combined work of partners to achieve the objectives. Good example of collaborative co-operative working of people working together with different interests towards same objectives. She then went onto give some examples of how they work.

- Preparing for a future climate – looking at which special qualities of the National Park are at greatest risk, through a climate change vulnerability assessment.
- Farming/land management
- Landscape Conservation
- National Park for everyone
- Encouraging enjoyment
- Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

Members then discussed and made comments on the report and plan.

The Chair on behalf of Members thanked Dianne Jeffrey and the National Park Management Plan Advisory team for their hard work, and was pleased to note that the Annual Event in Autumn would be focussing on climate change.

The recommendation to approve the report subject to additional actions regarding events management was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:-

- 1. To approve the National Park Management Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2018/19.**
- 2. To note the addition of actions relating to events management as part of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 delivery plan.**

21/19 PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2018/19 (A197/HW)

Holly Waterman, Senior Strategy Officer introduced the report.

Members were asked to consider a report on the Performance and Business Plan, which is published every year. It contains 2 main sections, the 1st looks at the Authority's Performance over the last 12 months, this is against the 3rd and final year of the Corporate Strategy 2016-2019 which has now finished, and the 2nd section contains our Corporate Risk Register for 2019/20, which is the first year of the new 2019/2024 Corporate Strategy. This had been discussed in detail at the last Audit, Resources and Performance Committee on the 17th May.

The Chair thanked Holly for her report and asked Members to note the High Risks in the report that were out of our control, 2 of which were dependant on external factors, and the uncertainty regarding Brexit, in particular the Moorlife 2020 European Funding for Moors for the Future work, and the impact on Farmers and Land Management in terms of drawing down of agri-environment payments and moving to the new ELMS system, both of which will be monitored very carefully.

Members welcomed the report and the Officer recommendation was moved and seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:-

- 1. To approve the performance review element of the Performance and Business Plan as described in the table at paragraph 9 and accompanying appendices.**
- 2. To approve the Corporate Risk Register for 2019/20.**
- 3. To delegate completion of details to the Chief Executive, to allow publication by the statutory deadline of the 30th June.**

Cllr Lewis joined the meeting at 11.15

The meeting was adjourned at 11.20 for a short break and reconvened at 11.30

22/19 ADOPTING THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DPD

The Head of Policy and Communities, Brian Taylor introduced the report, which was to report on the findings of the independent Inspector presiding over the Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DMDPD), and proposed that the documents and associated Policies Map, be adopted by the National Park Authority. The report also proposed a programme of new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) and the revised programme for their delivery, together with a revised standard S106 agreement to allow for a "Mortgagee in Possession" clause.

In introducing the report, an amendment to recommendation 5 was made to remove the word "may" after the words "locally needed affordable homes"

The following spoke under the Public Participation at Meetings Scheme:

- Charlotte Gilbert on behalf of the Local Access Forum to urge Members to designate the Monsal Trail to a bridleway as the High Peak and Tissington Trail to give it extra protection and safe guard it for future generations.

Cllr Potter read out a statement regarding railways and multi user trails. Chair asked that she circulate the papers to any Members that would be interested in reading it.

Members welcomed the new clause regarding S106 agreements and thanked the team for their work. A copy of the plan to be made available to all Members as soon as possible.

The report recommendations were moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:-

- 1. To adopt the Development Management Policies (DMDPD) and Policies Map to become part 2 of the adopted Local Plan for the National Park.**
- 2. To confirm that by adopting the DMDPD the 2001 saved Local Plan policies are replaced in their entirety.**

3. **To note the current status of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) as set out in paragraph 15 and confirm that the 2003 Affordable Housing SPD will be replaced by the DM Policies DPD.**
4. **To confirm the revised programme for delivery of the Supplementary Planning Documents as set out in paragraph 17; and**
5. **To amend the standard S106 agreement for locally needed affordable homes to allow for the insertion of a “Mortgagee in Possession” clause, on terms to be agreed by the Head of Law in consultation with the Director of Conservation and Planning.**

Cllr R Walker left the meeting at 11.55 during consideration of this item.

23/19 MEMBERSHIP OF THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL (JS)

The Democratic Services Manager, Jason Spencer introduced the report which was to confirm the membership of the Member Appointment Process Panel to oversee the process for making appointments to key positions at the Annual Meeting in July.

RESOLVED:-

1. **To appoint Cllr Woods, Cllr Carr, Cllr Macrae and Mr Ancell as Members of the Appointment Process Panel.**
2. **To confirm that the Panel will look at expressions of interest in the context of appointment principles set out in paragraph 6.**

Cllrs Heath and Atkin left the meeting at 12.15

24/19 REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW WORKING GROUP (JS)

The Chair in introducing the report thanked the Members and Officers that had participated in the review. Since it was established, the Working Group had met on a number of occasions in what has been a constructive and positive process.

The Members then considered each of the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Subject 1: The role and accountability of Members

That all Members should be encouraged to take an active interest in the entire National Park, not just to the specific area that is normally allocated to them. The map in Park Life linking Members to specific areas will be discontinued, but Member's photographs and contact details will remain.

The motion was voted and carried.

Subject 2: Committee Issues

That the existing template for meetings of the Authority be amended to help all Members engage in the work of the Authority, and that a new Park Management and Resources Committee be set up to replace the current Audit, Resources & Performance

Committee. Some Members felt that the word "Management" in the title wasn't appropriate, so further discussion was needed with the Working Group and in consultation with the Chair of ARP, to come up with a new title.

The motion was voted and carried.

Subject 3: Officer Delegation Scheme

That delegations to Officers will be considered in more detail by the Working Group before bringing proposals to the Authority.

The motion was voted and carried.

Subject 4: Member Representatives

A meeting has been planned in June before the AGM to look at the stated purpose of Member Representatives and their briefs. The Working Group will be considering in more detail the Member Representative Roles before bringing proposals to the Authority.

The motion was voted and carried.

RESOLVED:-

- 1. To approve the recommendations of the Working Group.**

The meeting ended at 1.05 pm