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## Peak District Local Access Forum

**On: Thursday 6 June 2019**

**At: Longshaw**

### Agenda

Start: 10.00 am

1	Apologies	
2	Minutes from the last meeting, 14 March 2019	
3	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peak District Charity and Mend our Mountains</li><li>• Monsal Trail and Interest in reopening a railway</li><li>• Spirit of Kinder Event</li></ul>	Sarah Slowther Charlotte Gilbert Roly Smith
4	Access Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peak District NPA property disposals</li></ul>	Sue Smith, Bob Berzins, John Thompson
5	Derbyshire Derwent Catchment Partnership (presentation)	Scott McKenzie / Ben Seal
6	National Trust Active Outdoor Provider Scheme (AOPS) (Presentation)	Katherine Clark
7	Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Derbyshire - Update Report (including Sub Group meetings)	Gill Milward
8	National Park Management Plan Delivery Updates	John Thompson Bob Berzins
9	Green Lanes Warden Initiative	Sgt James Shirley Derbyshire Police
10	Members' feedback including:  Regional Chairs meeting on 25 <sup>th</sup> March and Natural England – Notes and updates Pennine Bridleway	Bob Berzins  Charlotte Gilbert
11	Any Other Business	
12	Date and venue of next meeting  19th September and 5th December 2019 at Aldern House	

Close: 1pm

Lunch: 1pm

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\*Background papers available

# Peak District Local Access Forum

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2019 in the Board Room at Aldern House, Bakewell.

### Members Present:

Bob Berzins  
Richard Entwistle  
Clare Griffin  
Andrew Murley  
Paul Richardson  
Jon Stewart

John Thompson (Chair)

Joe Dalton  
Charlotte Gilbert  
Jez Kenyon  
Geoff Nickolds  
Roly Smith  
Ally Turner

### Others Present:

Mike Rhodes, (PDNPA) (Secretary)  
Gill Millward, (DCC)  
Rich Pett, (PDNPA)

Sue Smith, (PDNPA)  
Richard Taylor, (DCC)  
Karen Harrison, (Minutes)

## 1. APOLOGIES & WELCOME

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jason Atkin, Louise Hawson, Adge Last, Dan Richmond-Watson, Sue Weatherley and Edwina Edwards.

The Chair welcomed Adrian Barraclough, Director of Commercial Development and Engagement for the Peak District National Park Authority to the meeting and invited him to say a few words by way of introduction. Adrian did this and was thanked by John for the background information which he provided for the benefit of LAF members. Adrian kindly confirmed that he will attend future meetings where his input is required for particular items following liaison in advance with him and colleagues as appropriate.

## 2. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING OF 6TH DECEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 December 2018 were approved as a correct record.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

### MEND OUR MOUNTAINS CAMPAIGN

Mike Rhodes provided an update from Sarah Slowther (report circulated in advance) on the fundraising activities that had taken place since the last meeting of the Forum in December. It was noted that the Mend our Mountains Campaign ends at the end of March and that there was still help needed in reaching the target.

**Cut Gate** - had almost reached its £70,000 target and work was expected to start possibly in October, after the bird breeding season.

**Great Ridge** - was still some way off its target of £140,000, which was slightly disappointing, although it was accepted that it was an ambitious target. Despite that, work is due to start in

September and depending on the final amount secured, may only complete 900m of the path. Tenders are expected in soon, so will then have a better idea of what the final costs of the work will be, but it may be necessary to prioritise what work is carried out.

**Peak District National Park Foundation** – The Charity Commission approved the charity's registration in February. The Peak District National Park Foundation is now an officially registered charity - number 1182136. There are 7 Trustees in place of which 3 were appointed by the Authority and work has begun on agreeing the fund raising priorities, as well as the development of a website.

**Building a Foundation for our National Park with £70k for 70** - The Peak District National Park Foundation will focus on growing support and raising funds for the Peak District for everyone to enjoy forever. There are big ambitions - to see more land managed for wildlife; more rare habitats protected and more people able to enjoy the UK's original National Park.

2019 is the 70th anniversary of the legislation which led to the creation of National Parks. The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 followed decades of campaigning and, to mark this important milestone, The Foundation's 1<sup>st</sup> year campaign is **£70k for 70**. Fundraising from a variety of sources – trust, foundations, corporate support and individuals to raise £70,000 for a range of high impact projects that care for the spectacular landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Peak District National Park and enable more people to enjoy our National Park. More details will be available on the new website which is being developed at the moment and will include details of how to donate. The holding page should be up and running in the next few weeks.

**AGREED: That the report be received with thanks to Sarah Slowther and Mike Rhodes.**

#### **NATIONAL PARKS REVIEW – LAF SUBMISSION**

John Thompson reported that the LAF response for the Review had been submitted to DEFRA and thanked Roly (editing) and Mike Rhodes (putting the LAF comments into the questionnaire). He had spoken to Defra to ascertain what the next stage of the process was and they had reported that all the submissions were now with the Panel and a full report would be published in Autumn 2019.

#### **4. MONSAL TRAIL AND INTEREST IN OPENING A RAILWAY**

Brian Taylor, Head of Policy and Communities, PDNPA was welcomed to the Forum to give a presentation on the emerging proposal to re-instate the Monsal Trail as a railway.

The Monsal Trail currently provides a safe, family friendly route through the Park and helps to promote the understanding of its special qualities, as well as providing health benefits. It also helps to provide a positive contribution to the local economy. Since 2011 there has been a huge investment, through the Pedal Peak Project, in opening the trail and the Victorian tunnels. The Monsal Trail is an entry point for a lot of people coming into the National Park and a vital tourist/recreational resource could be lost - its annual usage is around 300,000 visitors.

Two main groups, Peak Rail and the Manchester and East Midlands Rail Action Partnership are interested in re-opening the line again, not just from a heritage point of view, but to enhance the railways generally. The Transport for the North Group has ambitions for the next decade which include upgrading trunk roads and the re-instatement of the Monsal Trail as a railway line.

Brian reported that the National Park Authority was represented on the Transport for the North Group, which helps them to exert influence and to stress the importance of the Trail, so the Group is fully aware of the Authority's position. Derbyshire County Council is not currently

involved in the Transport for the North Group and Richard Taylor will liaise with colleagues over this, as Brian and LAF members felt it would be helpful.

The County Council did engage Consultants some time ago to undertake a feasibility study which found the proposal was not viable, as it was felt that the line would not be wide enough to cater for multiple user groups alongside a live railway.

Brian advised that a report about the latest proposal to reinstate the Monsal Trail as a railway would be going to a future National Park Authority/Committee Meeting, possibly in May.

Charlotte Gilbert asked whether the Monsal Trail had a Public Right of Way (PRoW) status. Mike Rhodes confirmed that it was a concessionary route only, but that could be changed if the National Park Authority decided to dedicate it as a public bridleway. This would then give the Trail a certain amount of protection, although the Authority would like to retain a degree of flexibility, especially regarding the maintenance of the tunnels which may need to be closed to the public when work is carried out. A developer would have to provide an alternative route if the trail was a PRoW, but dedication may not be possible in this case because of the issue with the tunnels.

Concern was expressed that there were strong forces behind the proposal from rail enthusiasts and engineering companies, and that some groups were more vocal than others. It is therefore necessary to look at gathering evidence and data to support the importance of keeping the route as a trail and work with the Policy Group in gathering that information. The Trails Steering Group might be the best avenue to do this and Charlotte Gilbert will follow this up with Chris Bray and Emma Stone. Adrian Barraclough encouraged input from LAF members on usage and importance of the Monsal Trail which Charlotte will kindly co-ordinate.

Richard Taylor had brought along a copy of a research report produced by the Campaign for Better Transport – “The Case for Expanding the Rail Network” whose aims are to bridge the gap in the current approach to re-openings and to seek a national strategic approach to identifying those lines and stations whose reinstatement could bring the most benefits - the 12 miles between Matlock and Buxton was listed in the report. Gill Millward will arrange for copies to be available for LAF Members. Members supported the Local Plan policy approach Brian reported and noted approval is hoped for soon.

**AGREED: That the presentation and responses to questions arising from Brian Taylor's verbal report be received and welcomed.**

**ACTION:**

**Brian Taylor to advise if a LAF Member could speak at a future Authority/Committee Meeting.**

**Richard Taylor to talk to colleagues about DCC being represented on the Transport for the North Group.**

**Gill Millward to arrange for copies of the research report produced by the Campaign for Better Transport – “The Case for Expanding the Rail Network” to be made available to LAF Members.**

**Charlotte Gilbert to speak to Chris Bray and Emma Stone re Trails Steering Group and gathering evidence and how best to do this.**

## **5. RIGHTS OF WAY REPORTS**

### **NATIONAL PARK SURVEY RESULTS FOR 2018**

Mike Rhodes introduced his report on the "Ease of Use" Survey which had been carried out in 2018 by National Park staff and volunteer rangers. Every two years, a sample survey of 5% of the Rights of Way network in the National Park is carried out to assess its condition. The results for the 2018 survey showed an 81% pass rate, which was down compared to previous surveys.

Mike Rhodes explained that a right of way would fail the survey test if one of the following applied at some point along the path:

- a) A roadside signpost or waymark was not in place or did not show the correct status or the alignment was not visible.
- b) A missing bridge, stile, gate, steps where immediate repair or replacement was required.
- c) Any wall, fence, hedge, building, body of water, quarry, signage or beast or person obstructing or deterring the use of the path.

The LAF expressed some concern about the lower pass rate from the survey and considered that it was vital to ensure the Rights of Way in the National Park are well maintained.

**AGREED: That the report be received.**

#### **ACTION:**

**Consider ways of getting additional resources for PROW work with encouragement from the LAF.**

**Raise this as an item at the Joint ROWIP Sub Group Meeting – dates to be agreed by Gill.**

### **DERBYSHIRE CC ROWIP UPDATE**

Gill Millward circulated her report and invited comments and questions on the content. In discussing the report the following issues were highlighted:-

- Path condition surveys continued in 2018 and although the overall figure of 61.7% was slightly up from the previous year, it fell short of the 72.5% target. The methodology used in the condition surveys was exactly the same as for the National Park.
- Surface improvements are due to commence on Hurstclough Lane, near Bamford in July 2019 and expected to run for 6-7 weeks. Work should be starting on trial sections of Chapel Gate before the end of March with the aim of stabilising the ground. If this proves to be successful, work to improve drainage on top of the moor is expected to get underway in August 2019. Advice was being sought on how to proceed with the repairs to Bamford Clough, including options for dealing with the electricity cable and how to do the work due to the steep gradient. John Thompson asked that the Parish Council be kept informed of what was happening as they had previously enquired via the LAF.

- Following on from the annual condition survey carried out last summer on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail, work was now underway to improve the drainage and surfacing of a 30m section of the route which was prone to flooding at Haydale near Wheston.
- An application to the European Regional Development Fund to complete the missing sections of the Pennine Bridleway around Glossop had unfortunately been unsuccessful. Officers have offered to meet with Natural England and the National Pennine Trails Partnership Manager to discuss options for moving the project forward.
- Funding bids have been submitted for prioritised rights of way and multi-user Greenway/Key Cycle Network connectivity schemes from within the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme for 2019/20. These are due to be considered by Cabinet in April and Gill will report the outcome to the June LAF meeting.
- Charlotte Gilbert and Rick Jillings from DCC Countryside Service attended a meeting in December to discuss the review of the 2013/17 PDNPA Trails Management Plan.
- Gill Millward will be emailing a selection of dates round to the Joint RoWIP Sub Group members to arrange a meeting in April, possibly the 5<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the review of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. If April dates not suitable, then she will look at other dates.
- As part of the latest review of Derbyshire's Countryside Service, several LAF members attended a workshop at County Hall on 6 March, along with representatives of other organisations/ user groups. This was to discuss the services which the Countryside Service provides and how those could be improved. There was a further workshop in Derby on the 15<sup>th</sup> March if any member of the LAF wishes to attend. John thanked Richard Taylor and County Council colleagues for the invites.
- Groundwork Creswell has continued to deliver a range of work on the network of paths and trails across the county and a new group of volunteers has been working on the Matlock to Rowsley section of the White Peak Loop. In the third quarter of 2018/19 volunteers have contributed 413 days, estimated to be worth around £86,000.

John Thompson thanked Gill for her report.

**AGREED: To note the progress report for delivering Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.**

**ACTION:**

**Gill Millward to request that Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council is kept informed on the proposed work at Bamford Clough.**

**Gill Millward to email possible dates for the Joint ROWIP Sub Group meeting to discuss the review of Rights of Way issues and ease of use survey results.**

## **6. ACCESS REPORTS**

### **DRAFT LAF ANNUAL REPORT**

The draft LAF Annual Report was tabled at the meeting. In discussing the report, Sue highlighted the following items that had happened since the last annual report:-

**Fundraising:** The Forum and Access Sub-Group have advised and received updates on access improvements and their funding including via the Access Fund. The Forum, through other groups, has also contributed to the Mend our Mountains Campaign.

**Miles without Stiles:** Forum members attended the launch of the National Park's first 20 Miles without Stiles easy access routes and also visited Parsley Hay Visitor Centre to experience the range of inclusive cycles there.

**Derbyshire ROWIP:** The County Council continues to provide the LAF with regular updates on delivering the RoWIP, with the DADLAF and Peak District LAF working together to progress its ten year review.

**National Park Management Plan:** The work to review the NPMP and the delivery of outcomes for areas of impact, continued during 2018.

**Green Lanes:** The Forum was updated on the Authority's action plans for the year ahead and received the first Green Lanes Annual Report. The Forum was also consulted on two TRO's in 2018.

The Chair thanked Sue for her report and asked for it to be circulated to all LAF members for comments as requested by 5th April. He thanked all officers for their work and advice to the Forum.

**AGREED: That the draft report be received.**

## **LONG TERM RESTRICTIONS AND REVIEWS**

### **SILENCE MINE**

Sue Smith introduced her report and updated members on the current status of the open access land exclusion at Silence and Old Grove Mines, an area of land where there have been collapses and where the public rights of way and a highway have been closed on public safety grounds.

An independent geotechnical assessment has been sought to assess the future stability of the site and to draw up a scheme for remediation. It was proposed to extend the duration of the direction to 30 April 2020, or such earlier time when the issues have been satisfactorily resolved.

**AGREED: That LAF agrees to the proposal to extend the duration of the direction to 30 April 2020 if required.**

## **ACCESS FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

Sue Smith tabled her report. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report since the Access Fund was launched in 2014. The Access Fund helps to build on the legacy of access in the National Park, with those who care for this special place for the inspiration and enjoyment of all. Donations to the Access Fund are ring-fenced and used for access improvements throughout the National Park including new and replacement access points, new and improved paths and access, signage and promotion of access.

Although last year was relatively quiet, Terry Howard, former LAF member had raised £1500 for the Access Fund from the sale of the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers Handbook. Sue Weatherley, on behalf of the Derbyshire Dales Ramblers Group, had also donated to the fund. A letter of thanks, together with a certificate would be sent to her, as she was not present at the LAF meeting today.

The Chair thanked Sue for her report and asked LAF members to continue to look for opportunities to raise funds/donations for the Access Fund.



**AGREED: That the LAF continues to look at opportunities for raising funds/donations for the Access Fund.**

## **7. ACCESSIBILITY ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

Sue Smith tabled her report and informed the LAF of the availability of Access Guides for the National Park Visitor Centres. These easy to read guides, for disabled people and families with pushchairs, will be coming soon for the new centres which are being opened at Millers Dale and Hulme End.

Sue was also delighted to present to the LAF the new Miles without Stiles handbook which has had excellent press coverage in the Sheffield Telegraph. The handbook, dedicated to Tom Scotford and Sean Prendergast, contains 20 easy accessible routes. All proceeds from the sale of the book will go back into the Access Fund.

The LAF thanked Sue Smith, Roly Smith, Alastair Harvey and others for their contributions to Miles without Stiles. The work that has been done behind the scenes cannot be underestimated.

**AGREED: That the report be received, noted and publicised.**

## **8. GREEN LANES UPDATE**

Sue Smith introduced her report and provided an update on progress regarding green lanes in the National Park.

Anne Robinson, Friends of the Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England then spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme to urge the LAF to request that the PDNPA make its TRO on Wetton as soon as possible and for consideration of the reasons for the delay.

John Thompson thanked Anne for her presentation to the LAF.

Sue Smith reported that she was working with Staffordshire County Council on progressing matters relating to the Wetton TRO. Staffordshire County Council has requested that the National Park Authority does not progress with the proposed TRO at this current time until the issue of the Section 56 notice of repairs is resolved and pending a meeting with PDNPA officers on the 10 April.

Sue reported that the TRO routes are monitored by loggers. These show when usage takes place and this information can be passed to the Police.

**AGREED: That the LAF would like to record its thanks to Richard Pett and colleagues for what they are doing within limited resources and to thank Sue Smith for her report.**

**ACTION: The LAF recommends that the National Park Authority proceeds with a TRO at the appropriate time.**

## **9. NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN (NPMP) DELIVERY**

John Thompson referred to his report and updated LAF Members on the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Meeting which he had attended on the 16 January 2019.

The purpose of the group is to:-

- Act as a champion for the NPMP.
- Provide strategic focus and help develop a long term view of the National Park.
- Provide a forum for the on-going review of implementation of the Plan.
- Help to drive implementation of the Plan by advocating the importance of National Park outcomes.
- Provide independent specialist advice and recommendations to the PDNPA and any relevant delivery partner to help improve actions for delivery.
- Provide view points from a range of sectors that potentially impact on the National Park.

The Group is made up of members from the Local Nature Partnership, Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Visit Peak District, Local Access Forum, National Trust, Derbyshire County Council, Peak Park Parishes Forum, Peak Partners for Rural Action, Business Peak District, Farmers & Land Managers Forum, National Park Authority, Friends of the Peak District, Rural District Councils and Sheffield City Council. The group has the ability to co-opt other people to join the group to fill gaps in representation of the group or to reflect significant projects or developments.

**Some of the key points from the meeting were:-**

- Geoff Nickolds to attend the Climate Change Workshop in the Autumn.
- Bob advised that the Events workshop was well attended by LAF Members in various capacities and there was scope for the LAF to contribute to some actions. There was some discussion on what constituted an “organised event” and the Countryside Code was to be reviewed, which Sarah Wilks was leading on.
- NPMP Delivery Plan will go to the next Advisory Group Meeting in April and then onto the Authority Meeting in May.
- Suggest Wildlife Trusts be represented through Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on the Advisory Group.

**AGREED: That the report be received.**

## **10. MEMBERS' FEEDBACK**

### **Campaign for National Parks**

On Friday 22 March 2018, the Campaign for National Parks, the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) and others are holding an event at Losehill Hall Youth Hostel to celebrate 70 years since the 1949 Act of Parliament was passed, which established the family of National Parks in England and Wales. There will be a number of speakers representing the Campaign to Protect Rural England, YHA and MOSAIC followed by a walk on Mam Tor and Hollins Cross.

### **Spirit of Kinder Day**

Roly reminded members of the forthcoming **Spirit of Kinder Day** event which is to be held on Saturday 27 April in the Winnats Pass, Castleton to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 – the legislation which set up our National Parks.

There will be a number of guest speakers, including:-

- Lord David Blunkett
- Sue Hayman, MP

- Lynn Robinson, President of the British Mountaineering Council
- Ruth George, MP
- Izzy Stewart, Woodcraft Folk

The Director General of the National Trust and Jarvis Cocker are also expected to attend. Music will be provided by the Clarion Band, led by Mike Rimmington and there will be free guided walks led by the National Trust and Peak District Volunteers. The event is free and people are being advised to walk into the event or use public transport as parking is limited.

### **National Lottery Heritage Fund**

Geoff Nickolds gave a brief update to the Forum on the proposed changes to the Heritage Fund and the new Strategic Funding Framework for 2019-24. He had also previously circulated the Framework document by email to LAF Members, which explained the changes in more detail.

### **DADLAF**

John Thompson attended a meeting of the DADLAF on 7 December and had circulated notes from that meeting to Peak District LAF members prior to this meeting.

### **East Midlands Regional LAF Chairs Meeting**

Bob Berzins will be representing the Peak District LAF at the next meeting on 26 March, as John Thompson is unable to attend.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Roly Smith shared a short documentary with LAF members over lunch. This was produced by WellRed Films and told the story of the Kinder Mass Trespass in 1932 when hundreds of ramblers walked on to private land on Kinder Scout, near Hayfield in Derbyshire, to assert their "right to roam". Benny Rothman, was one of 5 men that was arrested and imprisoned for their actions, but it is because of this that people have access to places like Kinder Scout, where they can all enjoy the freedom of the hills.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would be taking place on **6 June 2019 at Longshaw.**

Meeting ended - 1.10 pm

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## **Peak District Local Access Forum**

**Date: June 2019**

**Item: 3**

**Title: Fundraising update**

**Author: Sarah Slowther, Fundraising Development Manager**

### **Mend Our Mountains**

**Cut Gate** Moors for the Future recently secured some additional European funding and has reached its £70k target. Work will start later this year after bird breeding season, possibly October.

**Great Ridge** – We've secured around £100k for the Great Ridge. Moors for the Future are working on the tender documents and land owner consultation, work will start in the Autumn.

### **Peak District National Park Foundation**

The Peak District National Park Foundation is a registered charity, set up to grow support and raise funds to care for the Peak District National Park for everyone to enjoy forever. We want our National Park to be in a better condition for future generations to continue to enjoy and champion.

[www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk](http://www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk)

#### **The Foundation's first campaign is £70k for 70**

2019 is the 70th anniversary of the campaigning and Act of parliament which led to the Peak District becoming the UK's first National Park and we're passionate about keeping the spirit of access and enjoyment of our National Parks going into the future.

The Foundation is working to raise £70k to celebrate 70 years of National Parks

The £70k will be raised from trusts and foundation, corporate support and individual giving. It will support existing management plan priorities.

1. Restore damaged moorland
2. Caring for important cultural heritage
3. Help people access the National Park
4. Protect habitats

Trustees have agreed a range of projects that will benefit from the £70k this includes Miles Without Stiles and the Fundraising team are working with Sue on a project to fund benches on Miles Without Stiles routes, as part of £70kfor70.

Lorna Fisher our Engagement Manager cycled over 1,600 miles from the Cairngorms via all 15 UK National Parks finishing in the Broads raising over £2,000 for the Foundation. There's

still time to sponsor her follow the link on the Foundation's webpage  
[www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk](http://www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk)

We've also launched Visitor Giving in Authority Visitor Centre and Cycle Hire Centres in support of £70kfor70 campaign. Customers are asked if they want to make a 70p donation at the till. We've raised over £600 in the first 6 weeks and are looking to roll this out to other businesses in the Park.

The LAFs support in making £70k for 70 campaign a success would be appreciated. Like and share our social media posts (twitter @pdnp\_foundation Instagram @peakdistrictfoundation), tell your friends, take on a fundraising challenge or donate! For more information email Sarah Slowther or Claire Barlow @peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk

Please [sign up](#) for OurPeak to find out more.

### **Recommendation**

That the report be noted.

**NPA MEETING 24TH MAY, 2019  
LOCAL PLAN ADOPTION ITEM - NO 9  
MONSAL TRAIL AND INTEREST IN OPENING A RAILWAY**

**Good morning Chair and Members - My name is Charlotte Gilbert.**

**I am speaking as a Co-Vice Chair of the Peak District Local Access Forum which has 22 volunteer members drawn from a range of interests. The Forum is a statutory advisor to this Authority and Derbyshire County Council on the improvement of public access for the purpose of open-air recreation and enjoyment. I am also the LAF representative on the Authority's Trails Management Plan Advisory Group and am a horse rider, being Chair of Peak Horsepower.**

**At the last meeting of the Local Access Forum on 14th March we were pleased to welcome Brian Taylor, Head of Policy and Communities, to make a presentation on the emerging proposal to re-instate the Monsal Trail as a railway.**

**The Forum supports the National Park Management Plan and policies related to Rights of Way proposed for adoption by the Authority today as part 2 of the Local Plan. Having looked at the Transport Chapter with LAF colleagues and developments affecting public rights of way, we note that in summary policy DMT4 may permit a new railway where it represents a sustainable transport approach where the overall benefits stack up.**

**“DMT 4E states that: Any heavy rail, light rail or guided bus development that impinges on existing footpaths, bridleways or major trails must comply with the policy approaches in policy DMT5A, ensuring equally good alternatives and maintaining their continuity.”**

**This is helpful in relation to protecting trails, but we ask Authority members to consider adding a further layer of protection by designating the Monsal Trail a bridleway like the Tissington and High Peak Trails.**

**The Monsal Trail provides a safe family friendly route through the National Park, and helps to promote the understanding of its special qualities as well as providing health benefits. It is also a very popular route for cycling, horse riding, and walking and is ideal for less able users. As well as providing a positive contribution to the local economy. Since 2011 there has been a huge**

investment, through the Pedal Peak District Project in opening the trail and the Victorian tunnels.

The Monsal Trail is an entry point for a lot of people coming into the National Park and its annual usage figure is around 300,000 and it was voted the best National Trail by Sustrans. The Authority has been a pioneer in establishing and improving this Trail, and must retain this vital resource with its exceptional opportunities for enjoyment in this very Special Place.

We gather that two main groups, Peak Rail and the Manchester and East Midlands Rail Partnership are interested in re-opening the line again, not just from a heritage point of view, but to enhance the railways generally, and the Transport for the North Group have ambitions for the next decade which include:-

- Upgrading trunk roads
- Re-instatement of Monsal Trail as a railway

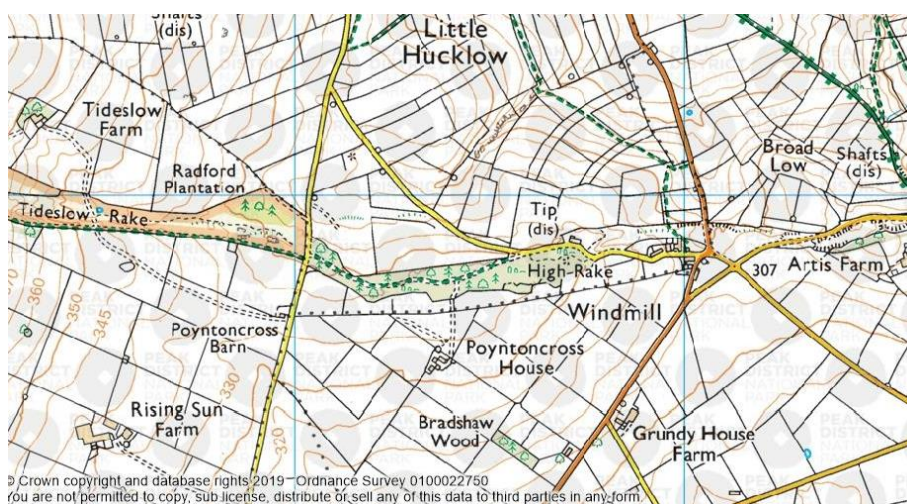
It is vital that the Authority clearly states at every opportunity the huge importance of and benefits arising from this Trail following the pioneering work done to establish and improve it since the railway closed in 1968. There is no suitable alternative to this Trail and it should be safeguarded and retained in the National interest as a major recreation asset. This view gained much support from members of the Local Access Forum Regional Chairs meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We urge the authority to work with Derbyshire County Council to give the Monsal Trail extra protection by designating it as a public bridleway.

Thank you.



# High Rake, Little Hucklow Access & Rights of Way May 2019



## The site

The land is a former lead rake comprising 13.07 ha on the outskirts of Windmill, near Great Hucklow. The land is hummocky and elevated and provides long distance views down Bradfield Dale to the north, Tideswell Rake to the west and Wardlow Hay to the south east. The site provides a continuation in terms of landscape, heritage and access to Tideswell Rake.



The central part of the site is in part a Scheduled Monument with building remains and interpretation panels. Railings secure the mine features and there is fencing along the access road to the farm. Access to the Scheduled Monument is via the public footpath and concession bridleway at the point where it leaves the farm track. A further gate is approx. 80m to the south

to provide access to the lower part of the site from the farm track. Woodlands lie along the southern border of this central area, adjacent to the public right of way. The remainder of the land is grassy hillocks and hollows and open in nature.



The easternmost part of the site is bounded by the road, farm track and neighbouring fields. The land adjacent to the road is unfenced. The small informal area for parking is not part of the land for sale. A lead rake cuts through the hillocks. Behind this are two areas of fenced woodland with a field gate leading in between these to an area of pasture.



The westernmost part of the site contains the public footpath and concession bridleway which is bounded to its north and south by fenced woodland.

#### Existing Public Access

The site is used by the public for:

- access across the site to connect with other public rights of way and minor roads on foot, by horse and on bike
- access to the historic High Rake Mine
- access to an accessible viewpoint
- access for quiet enjoyment

A route - marked as a path on maps - leads from the easternmost corner of the site skirting along the edge of the open-cut through the hillocks before dropping down to the parking area and the farm access track. The walked line of approx. 0.5 m in width does not have the designation of a formal public right of way and is not marked by signpost or waymarks but evidence of some defacto access exists. The route avoids the restricted visibility of the road.





A public footpath commences where the farm access track leaves the road and continues along it for 100m until the building remains are met. This route is signed at the roadside as a public footpath and concession bridleway. The public right of way and concession route then continue through a bridlegate to follow westwards along a well-defined level and surfaced track of approx. 1.5m in width to a further bridlegate and field gate.



Access and interpretation to and within the scheduled remains is provided by information panels and a gate leading from the farm access to the lower section. Access is freely available to the remains and the wider area including linking to a bench on and along the northern boundary of the hillocks before joining the path at the western gate.



The final section of the public footpath and concession bridleway runs westwards to the road. The path is approx. 1 m in width and shows little evidence of deviation. The fingerpost from the signpost is missing but waymarks show the status of the route as a public footpath and concession bridleway.

The woodlands are well-fenced and show no signs of public access.

### Options for Protection of Public Access

Statutory protection is provided for the public right of way (PRoW) under the Highways Act 1980. Derbyshire County Council have a duty to maintain the path and for signing it and can take enforcement action for an unauthorised diversion or stopping up of the right of way. The path walked on the ground has not been diverted and appears to follow the definitive line of the PRoW.

The National Park Authority has provided for concessionary access for cyclist and horse riders along the public footpath. Evidence is available to show that this is used and meets a need. A concession agreement with a potential purchaser for the concession bridleway will be required to ensure that this route remains available for use by bikes and horses. Alternatively, there is the option of dedicating as a public bridleway, if it was considered to be necessary.

There was also evidence that the path running through the hillocks to the east had been used on occasion by a horse rider. This section had not been promoted as a concession bridleway because use by horse riders and cyclists, and any improvements to the path required as a result of that, could impact on the valued interests of the hillocks. However, its use for access on foot should be protected as such together with any necessary signage. Any claim for higher rights on this section could be dealt with by the Highway Authority outside the disposal process.

Area access to allow exploration and interpretation of the mine remains takes place in the central part of the site. There is a case for dedicating this central part of the site as Access Land under s16 of Countryside and Right of Way Act 2000 (CRoW). This would protect the access in perpetuity, provide reduced occupiers liability, and for public awareness through its mapping. The process is straightforward and comes into effect, six months following dedication. The NPA could carry out the consultations to initiate the process. In the absence of dedication, an agreement for permissive area access should be drawn up with the purchaser.

Covenants can make reference to agreements or dedication, to access being available for the use of the public free from obstruction or interference at all times, to require that on site signage and interpretation is not taken down, for the maintenance of gates, and for replacement or new fencing with the prior approval of the National Park Authority.

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22nd April, 2019  
sent by email

Dear Adrian

**Property Disposals by the National Park Authority - Safeguarding and Enhancing Public Access**

I am writing following a meeting of the Local Access Forum's (LAF's) Access Sub Group on Thursday 18th April which Bob Berzins chaired and kindly briefed me about after we had exchanged information beforehand. The topic I am writing about is property disposals by the Authority to whom we are a statutory advisor on the improvement of public access for the purpose of open-air recreation and enjoyment.

I had received emails expressing concern about the planned High Rake disposal from the Hucklow Parish Council and Henry Folkard (who was a longstanding LAF member living locally), about the lack of dedication for access with tenders apparently being sought. Sue Smith kindly updated members and I was asked to write urgently on their behalf to request information and assurances at this site and in other disposals, especially where there is existing use and demand for access throughout sites. In addition to High Rake, Green Lane Pits (a site restored many years ago by the NPA near the very popular High Peak Trail), was identified and I guess there will be others. At High Rake, there has been freely available de facto access to the site for many years. Without open access there would not formally be access to the extensive archaeological legacy so carefully restored by Peak District Mines Historical Society which we believe continues to draw regular visits by interested members of the public. We have been advised by Henry Folkard that High Rake was gifted to the National Park for the enjoyment of the general public so he suggests it should surely be dedicated for open access under the CROW Act ahead of disposal. We welcomed previous dedication for access by the Authority of many of its woodlands in 2005 to safeguard valued opportunities. It was fitting the NPA used powers it had lobbied for as a leading advocate of the access legislation.

We would like to see such opportunities being realised by the authority ahead of future property disposals please. Access needs to be protected without ambiguity - dedication provides that clarity so that the amount of public access can continue or be enhanced. Dedication of open access is clearly best before tenders are accepted. That is so much easier and less time consuming than having to seek future agreement to dedication by new owners after sales arising for seeking tenders.

Can dedication be completed or required for High Rake and Green Lane Pits at this stage, and can we be advised in advance of planned future disposals so the LAF can comment and advise please?

Given Parish concerns in the case of High Rake, can I also ask if Parish Councils are, or will in future be, advised of proposed disposals given community use and interest?

Would it be possible to forward a list of future disposals being considered? We can then act quickly to let the NPA have our thoughts. The NPA website indicates that "We protect, manage, promote and improve access in the National Park by working closely with the National Park Rangers, Highway Authorities, landowners, communities and recreational user groups." The NPA does a great job in this respect, particularly through the Access and Recreation Service. We know and appreciate that officers views on the means and the timings for achieving this have been fed through by Sue Smith to the officers managing the disposal process.

The purpose of the letter is to support their work and ask pertinent questions about the best way forward now and in future. I have not involved Mike Rhodes or Sue in this letter, but am copying them, Emma and Chris in after liaison with Bob. I think this will be a good topic for update please at our June 13th LAF if you agree.

I look forward to your response to these points and views on the suggestions..

Yours sincerely

John  
John Thompson  
Peak District Local Access Forum

Copies To Officers within the Peak District NPA - Emma Stone, Chris Manby, Bill Robinson, Mike Rhodes and Sue Smith, and Gill Millward, Derbyshire County Council

Copies to LAF colleagues at 18th April Sub Group - Bob Berzins and Charlotte Gilbert as Vice Chairs, Sue Weatherley and Terry Howard.

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Date: 14 May 2019

Letter sent via e-mail

Dear John,

### Enquiry regarding PDNPA land sales

Thank you for your email and letter on behalf of the Local Access Forum (LAF) to myself on 7 May in reference to PDNPA land sales recently advertised. We value and appreciate our community partners engaging with us to ensure the continued conservation and enhancement of our landscapes whether big or small.

The concerns and risks you raise are well known to us and have been carefully assessed by a range of experts to ensure any risk of future degradation in changing ownership of these sites is very low. Many different groups and bodies have an interest in purchasing land managed by PDNPA. As you appreciate, we have to treat all interested parties equally and operate in an open, fair, transparent and accountable way which our Members ensure we do. For that reason, we will continue with our planned disposals process in accordance with PDNPA Audit Resources and Performance Committee decision (3/11/17).

We are nearing the end of this phase of disposals due for completion this financial year. For the next phase of disposals, as part of our Corporate Asset Management review Chris Manby is leading, I will initiate a learning review on the disposals process. This will allow interested parties such as the LAF to offer their views on future improvements to the process including sharing and communication of information in a timely manner.

There is one point of correction; Mr Folkards assertion that the land was gifted to PDNPA is wrong. It was purchased by the Peak Park Planning Board. Notes accompanying the deeds indicate that it was purchased to enable the restoration of mining tips.

To help inform you of the background and process I have included a supplementary note overleaf which I hope provides reassurance. I also attach a recent supplementary note on High Rake which demonstrates how our experts are working together to not only protect access but also the conserve the habitat. Our ecologists and land managers are evaluating the need for supplementary feeding and stock control to enable an appropriate grazing regime. All these factors will be built into legally binding agreements with the successful bidder.

Member of National Parks UK

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Chief Executive: Sarah Fowler

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I hope this allays concerns and fears raised by LAF members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Barraclough', written in a cursive style.

Adrian Barraclough    Director of Commercial Development and Engagement



## Supplementary Note - Minor Disposals (buildings, land and woodland)

### Background and Context.

- Historically PDNPA have purchased minor properties and woodland where there is clear opportunity to conserve and enhance.
- Once this has been achieved, they are sold on the open market with legally binding safeguards to protect the condition the asset is sold in.
- This strategy and approach has been highly successful since 2010.
- PDNPA has not been engaged in any dispute with a new owner concerning subsequent degradation.
- The Audit Resources and Performance Committee approved this approach (3 Nov 2017).
- PDNPA is drawing near to the end of the current phase of minor disposals in 2019/20.

### Existing Process

The process for the existing advertised minor disposals is as follows:

1. Compliant tenders received are assessed against a balanced scoring template.
2. The scoring template assesses the tenders received against several criteria. For all disposals this includes:
  - a. 40% Price
  - b. 45% Tenderers intentions towards conserving/enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife/cultural heritage & promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of any special qualities by the public
  - c. 10% Tenderers intentions towards the needs of agricultural, forestry, economic and social interests
  - d. 5% Tenderers intentions to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities
3. A final decision on disposal will be informed by the completed scoring template and made at a Resource Management Meeting (i.e. Chief Executive, all Directors and Head of Finance). It has further been agreed that any decision will be made in consultation with the Head of Law, the Corporate Property Officer and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit, Resources and Performance (ARP) Committee (Ref : ARP Minute No. 50/17).

To complete the scoring template expertise will be drawn from members of the Minor Property – Disposal Programme Working Group. The working group comprises officers from the following specialist teams:

- Landscape, Conservation and Archaeology
- Access and Rights of Way
- Visitor Experience /Engagement Management
- Natural Environment/Rural Economy
- Development Management
- Rural Property Surveyors
- Legal & Finance
- Communications

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## **Peak District Local Access Forum**

**Date:** Thursday 6 June 2019

**Item:** 7

**Title:** Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Update

**Author:** Gill Millward, Countryside Access Improvement Officer,  
Derbyshire County Council

### **Purpose of Report**

To present Forum members with an update on progress towards delivery of Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

### **Progress to June 2019**

Below is a summary of the main work in progress in relation to each of the five RoWIP aims:-

#### **Aim 1: Existing Public Rights of Way network**

- **Path condition surveys** to assess the ease of use of the network are still continuing, with results from May's survey currently being collated. The steady decline in the overall pass rate since 2013/14 was reversed slightly in 2018/19 when the result increased to 61.7% (up from 61.2% in 2017/18). The target for this year remains at 72.5% and we will continue to analyse why paths are failing the assessment
- **Surface improvements:** Repairs to Hurstclough Lane, near Bamford are still due to commence in July 2019 and expected to run for 6-7 weeks. Discussions are continuing with regard to the solution for Bamford Clough and further work on Chapel Gate
- **Route Management:** A report on the County Council's proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting mechanically propelled vehicles from using Stoney Middleton Byway Open to All Traffic No.15, known as Jacobs Ladder, is due to be presented to the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure

#### **Aim 2: Definitive Map and Statement**

- In terms of dealing with the **backlog of legal orders**, since the beginning of March 2019, an agreement has been brought into effect creating a 264m public bridleway between Mag Lane and Poulter Country Park, near Whaley Thorns, as part of the Archaeological Way
- The joint Peak District/DADLAF Sub Group, concerned with issues surrounding **Unrecorded Ways** and the 2026 cut-off date, met on 17 May 2019. The main purpose of the meeting was to consider the outcomes of the

meeting with the British Horse Society on 24 April, along with the next steps to be taken. The minutes of the meeting of the Unrecorded Ways Sub Group are attached to the end of this report.

### **Aim 3: An improved network**

- **Greenway/ Cycle Route Development and Maintenance in 2018/19:** A total of 9.25km of new Greenways/ Cycle Routes was achieved in 2018/19, exceeding the 8km target for the year and bringing the total length of the off-road network to 411km. In addition to this, maintenance projects have provided new surfaces/ drainage on parts of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail and High Peak Trail. The recent completion of repairs to Hopton tunnel and several sections of retaining wall, along with the installation of a temporary bridge to replace the one at Longcliffe damaged by a lorry strike back in April, enabled the High Peak Trail to be reopened just in time for the Spring Bank Holiday
- **Investment:** a total of £1,978,953 of Local Transport Plan (LTP3) funds have been allocated in 2019/20 to be spent directly on public rights of way or RoWIP related projects. This will enable further work to be carried out on several Key Cycle Network/ Greenway schemes, including Clowne Branch Line, Hipper Valley Phase 3, Little Eaton Branch Line, Avenue site in NE Derbyshire, White Peak Loop and the Archaeological Way in Bolsover. However, progress on these schemes will be very much dependent on the availability of Project Officer time. The LTP funding will also pay for repairs on sections of the Pennine Bridleway, Trans Pennine Trail, Five Pits Trail, Skegby Trail, Stockley Trail and Peak Forest Tramway, as well as accessibility improvements on the Trans Pennine Trail (between Inkersall and Staveley) and safety improvements for horse riders on the Batley Lane crossing of the Skegby Trail, near Pleasley
- **Other external funding:** The County Council has recently accepted two grant offers from the Pennine National Trails Partnership on behalf of Natural England (totalling £36,707) towards the costs of employing a Pennine Bridleway Maintenance Officer and for carrying out works on the Trail in 2019/20. We have also received confirmation of the grant award of £584,730 from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) towards the costs of delivering the Clowne Branch Line Greenway Project which is currently underway. All three grants will be supported with match funding from Derbyshire County Council
- **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):** A workshop was held at County Hall in West Bridgford, Nottingham on 18 April with partners and key stakeholders, including a representative from DADLAF, to provide an update on the on-going technical work to develop the LCWIP for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire (D2N2) area. The focus for the day was to discuss the emerging priority cycling schemes by theme (eg tourism, congestion) for each of the three sub-areas, as well as progress with the walking element of the LCWIP. The deadline for the draft Plan to be presented to the Department for Transport is November 2019

#### **Aim 4: Improve the promotion, understanding and use of the network**

- A programme of **countryside events** and festivals is underway at our destination sites across the county, with many aimed at encouraging people to get out and about and become more active. As well as promoting the County Council's countryside destinations and visitor centres, the brochure also contains information about volunteering opportunities, public transport and the network of Public Rights of Way and Greenways across the county for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy. Printed copies of the brochure are now available, with the downloadable version live on our website at: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countrysideevents](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countrysideevents)
- **The Derbyshire Cycling Plan:** Work is nearing completion with regard to the appraisal of all sections of the emerging Key Cycle Network (KCN) for the County. It is anticipated that a report will be presented to Cabinet over the summer in order to put in place a strategic network serving commuter travel, leisure and tourism needs, and to establish priorities for investment by identifying the most important routes to be developed or improved

#### **Aim 5: Greater community involvement**

- **Volunteer contribution:** volunteers working with the Countryside Service in 2018/19 have contributed 2,463 days to rights of way/access work, estimated to be worth around £512,423. These figures are down on previous years
- The Service Level Agreement/Accord with the **Peak District National Park Authority** continued in 2018/19 with £20k funding from Derbyshire County Council. National Park Rangers and volunteers carried out work on a number of routes, involving signposting/ waymarking, path furniture, drainage and vegetation clearance, bringing welcome improvements to the network
- The Service Level Agreement with **Groundwork Greater Nottingham** (formerly Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield) is being extended for a further 12 months. 365 volunteer days were delivered in 2018/19 and 23 new volunteers recruited. Dedicated groups of volunteers worked on rights of way in South Derbyshire and the High Peak, as well as on the Pennine Bridleway, Clowne Branch Line and White Peak Loop (with a new group being set up for the Matlock to Rowsley section), carrying out much needed maintenance and improvements. Action days with local residents in Little Eaton also delivered some very valuable rights of way and conservation tasks
- The Rights of Way team continues to operate its **minor maintenance scheme** with around 82 parish/town councils actively participating and bringing added value to the work of the County Council
- A press release/ guidance note is being produced on the issue of **Livestock and Rights of Way** in conjunction with the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum and National Farmers Union to provide people with advice about how to react when they encounter farm animals in fields or on open access land

#### **Ten Year Review of Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

Work is continuing towards the review of Derbyshire's Rights of Way

Improvement Plan. As part of the review process, the County Council is required to make a new assessment of the extent to which local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public, including those with a disability or limited mobility.

It is our intention to work closely with both Local Access Forums during the review process, mainly through the joint RoWIP Sub Group, so we can draw on members' invaluable knowledge and expertise. The LAFs' input will be used to inform any public/stakeholder consultation which is undertaken.

A joint RoWIP Sub Group meeting with members of both Local Access Forums was held on 26 April 2019 will also help to inform the new assessment. This focused on the current condition and extent of the local rights of way network. A verbal update will be provided at the LAF meetings in June and notes will be circulated in due course.

**Recommendations:**

- 1) That Forum Members note this progress report for delivering Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- 2) That Forum members note the minutes of the meeting of the Unrecorded Ways Sub-Group held on 17 May 2019 and endorse the action taken.

## **Joint DADLAF/ Peak District LAF Unrecorded Ways Sub Group Meeting held on Friday 17 May 2019 at 10.00am - Shand House, Darley Dale**

Sub Group's Aim - to explore what the LAFs can do to facilitate the registration of unrecorded rights of way based on historic (pre-1949) evidence. Raise public awareness and guide the work of others - bring interested parties together and encourage collaborative working, as well as identifying where assistance is needed, how it might be provided and managing people's expectations.

**1) Present:** DADLAF: Claire Brooks, Geof Cole, Ian Else, John Morrissey and Brian Nickolds. Peak District LAF: Charlotte Gilbert, DCC: Gill Millward, Others: KH, LH and BT

**2) Apologies:** RB, KB, FE and CM

### **3) Notes from Unrecorded Ways Meeting with the British Horse Society (BHS) - Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 10.00am - Shand House, Darley Dale**

Present: BHS: Will Steel (2026 Project Manager), DADLAF: Geof Cole, Claire Brooks and John Morrissey, Peak District LAF: Charlotte Gilbert, DCC: Gill Millward, Others: RB, KB, LH and FE.

BHS Project 2026: Will explained that with support from Sport England, matched by its own funding, the BHS is able to offer a £100 grant towards the costs involved in researching and submitting a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application. Certain criteria have to be met and further details can be found on the BHS website. There is a target to submit 2,700 applications based on historic evidence for at least bridleway status by March 2021, along with an aim to get as many documents on-line as possible using Cloud storage. These include Enclosure Awards, Tithe Maps, 1910 Finance Act records/ land valuation maps, Quarter Sessions, Public Path Orders/ Side Road Orders, railway and canal plans, turnpike trust records, handing over schedules, parish claims, original definitive maps etc. This will have the added benefit of protecting the documents by reducing the number of times they are handled. Increased accessibility to this information will also speed up the process of submitting DMMO applications. ***ACTION: GM and WS to meet and discuss with staff at Derbyshire Record Office***

This was a key part of the process for the Group and it was crucial to get claims accepted as valid applications by providing as much evidence as possible as soon as possible (will need to be sufficient to pass the basic "7 stars" evidence test). The BHS would be willing to arrange and fund the photographing of Derbyshire's 1910 Finance Act information which is kept at the National Archive in Kew. ***ACTION: WS to pursue this***

Other documents (parish claims, definitive maps, handing over schedules and public path orders) have already been scanned/digitised by DCC. Several people at the meeting were already carrying out a considerable amount of research and gathering lots of information. FE is systematically going through

Enclosure Awards and producing transcriptions. This was thought to be a good approach and the BHS already relies on local transcripts of Enclosure Awards. It was noted that the meaning of “private carriage road” was being challenged in Lincolnshire and it was pointed out that it is necessary to look at the wording of the Enclosure Act under which the Award is made.

One of the biggest challenges is how to make the research more coordinated and systematic across the county, as well as finding a way of linking up with other organisations, such as local history societies who may have expertise in interpreting old documents, but not necessarily about public rights of way themselves. It was suggested that there needs to be a way of dividing up the county so there is full geographical coverage. **ACTION: LH offered to look at this if GM can provide a list of Districts and Parishes in a simple excel spreadsheet.**

There also needs to be enough people to take on each of the areas - the BHS has found that there are lots of people willing to get involved, but quite often only for their own little patch. There would also need to be a clear remit on what people are being asked to do, along with some sort of mentoring system and vetting of applications (RB does this already for PNFS). Or could a small team of people working together in a co-ordinated way achieve this – if all the information was available on-line then there could be a trained up team set on to go through it all. **ACTION: CB agreed to draw up a structure of what could work and pull this together in a single document.**

It was pointed out that once all the details have been entered onto the Dobbin 2026 database, it automatically fills in the DMMO application form. The database is continually being improved and it was agreed that it would be useful to have a further training session which Will Steel offered to run in conjunction with DCC. **ACTION: WS & GM to organise for September 2019.**

There was also a need to share information between different user groups, for example, if horse riders find evidence for footpath or walkers find evidence for bridleway. Greater interaction can be encouraged via facebook, by messaging people in the private group (Derbyshire 2026) which currently has 40 members or the email discussion group. LH has left his contact details with the Derbyshire Record Office staff to pass on to anyone who is interested in getting involved in researching Lost Ways. **ACTION: GM to ask if the Group can put some information on a noticeboard at the Record Office.**

It was agreed that there needed to be an on-line library set up for Derbyshire providing a central reference point to store historic documents and other evidence, including photographs which people have taken of documents. Cloud storage would be good for this and BHS Derbyshire has offered to fund this (there is a one-off cost of £320 for life time storage on pCloud). Someone would also need to manage and catalogue the information. It would also make sense for people to photograph an entire document at the Record Office whilst they have it and make that available. **ACTION: WS agreed to organise**



***pCloud. CB and LH offered to help with the managing and cataloguing of information.***

It was mentioned that data storage in a cloud needs careful consideration and there is a recommendation in the Second Edition of the “Restoring the Record” book. It is crucial to have an accessible web presence eg Ramblers – Don’t Lose Your Way Project has provided a comprehensive on-line index. Also National Library of Scotland – old OS maps which can be overlain by aerial photographs. ***ACTION: LH offered to upload the google screenshots for everyone.***

There was some discussion about the difficulties in identifying landowners. Is an application considered to be “duly made” if landowners aren’t notified and would the Authority be willing to include it on its register of applications. The Institute of Public Rights of Way Officers is currently seeking Counsel’s opinion on this and it was felt important to also have DCC’s view in writing.

***ACTION: GM to raise with Legal Services***

It was pointed out that the requirement for an Authority to determine an application within 12 months was only triggered if landowners had been notified. The right of appeal will be lost post Deregulation Act.

**4) Next Steps:**

- It was recommended that this seemed to be the right time to form a small separate group (dividing the county up between them) to concentrate on the research and submission of DMMO applications, with the joint LAF Sub Group continuing to offer advice and support, as appropriate
- GM and WS had a very productive meeting with staff at the Record Office about making as much historical information available on-line as possible, including the parish claims and handing-over schedules. There was also a need to find out where the parish tribunals are kept. A poster/flyer can be displayed in the break out room if the Sub Group wants to put something together. It was confirmed that a Group photographic licence is due to increase to £100 per annum around May time, but that it was possible to add new members to the group. A copy of the 2nd Edition of Rights of Way: Restoring the Record by Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey is available at the Record Office
- A date of Monday 9 September 2019 has been set for the next training workshop which is to be held in the Record Office in Matlock between 10am and 4pm. It was noted that there was a limit on numbers of 15, but agreed that everyone who attended the workshop back in November 2018 should be invited. The morning will be devoted to learning how to use the Dobbin database and the afternoon spent looking at historic documents

- There was concern about the need to know what evidence is required for a valid DMMO application. It was agreed that a letter be sent on behalf of the Group to the Head of Legal Services at the County Council
- Claire Brooks will contact Will Steel to discuss the pCloud storage and file structure. Continue to work with WS to get information for the on-line library

**5) Date of Next Meeting:** To be arranged

## Events Notification System 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**Present:** Chris Bray PDNP, Bob Berzins LAF, Andy Farmer PDNP, Phil Smith DCC Sustainable Transport, Sadie Hobson NE, Darren Butler PDNP, Ted Talbot NT, Mike Rhodes PDNP, Katherine Clark NT Alistair Harvey Yorkshire Water, Sarah Wilks PDNP

**Apologies:** Kathryn Frazer UU

Following the workshop in January and the work of a National Park Management Plan sub group (confirmed by the Advisory Group) we are suggesting stopping the current system and replacing it with the below. This was supported at the meeting. **A notification that the current system will be replaced at the end of 2019 will be placed on the PDNP website.**

- Guidance for Event organisers – based on the size and or impact of the event – including an ask for donations as we currently do.
- A voluntary code of conduct for event organisers to ‘sign’ up to
- A self-serve/monitored calendar of events ( for those who have signed the code of conduct)
- Possible site guides for key locations

The meeting highlighted the successes and limitations of the current system and felt we had learnt a lot by trailing this.

### Successes

- Awareness of event organisers of the growing pressure of events in the area and need to work with landowners and other stakeholders
- A more co-ordinated approach to event management by partners
- Improved communications between all stakeholders

### Lessons learnt

- Need for improved clarity of role of all stakeholders
- Benefits of sharing information with other landowners
- Need for simple system
- Calendar of events useful to balance demand
- Very complex and resource heavy to meet demands of all stakeholders

The discussion then looked at what some of the elements above should include;

### Guidance

There is a lot out there and this should include links to this especially sector guidance such as British Cycling, Fell Runners etc.

This should include encouraging sustainable transport, encouraging, reducing single plastic use.

PDNP has some resource to support development of this work

The NT nearly have their guidance ready to share and have an advisory group to review this.

Action All to send links to good guidance they are aware of to Sarah

Sub group to advise on content and review PDNP website guidance – Katherine Clark NT Bob Berzins LAF Sarah Wilks PDNP and share with wider group by email.

## **Calendar**

It was agreed that once an event organiser had signed a code of conduct (to be developed by the above sub group) they would be able to add events to a published calendar.

Benefits to event organisers;

- Help them publicise and promote their event
- Kudos of following best practice as laid out by the group

Benefits to Group

- Establishes good communications with event organisers
- Clear guidance for event organisers to follow and for us to use as a bench mark
- Base line to monitor events from
- Route to encourage donations

Some questions were raised around the functionalities of such a calendar and these will be considered. Such as;

- would an event be on before or after it had all permissions
- would we be able to remove events if they were cancelled
- could the form for adding events also be used to gather information for landowners

PDNP will investigate possible formats for this calendar and plan to have it in place towards the end of 2019

## **Other Issues**

How do we monitor or evaluate the damage or increasing number of events and the success of any system to support responsible event management.

Suggested that this question is asked of the NPMPAG and they consider asking partners to support some sort of research into the issues. Possibly a desk based research project initially to see what is /has been done and analysis any gaps in knowledge. NE are carrying out some research on habitat degradation to establish a base line of habitat that could help.

How do we share best practice with the wider NP family?

# National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

**10:00 – 12:00 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Aldern House, Bakewell

### Meeting Objectives

- Agree the proposed new targets for improving events management
- Review the terms of reference and membership
- Be aware of the progress towards the climate change vulnerability assessment
- Update on progress towards the National Park Management delivery plan
- Consider ongoing promotional activities

### Attendees

Dianne Jeffrey (AG Chair); Sarah Fowler (NPA); Sue Quinlan (EA); Patrick Brady (Peak Park Parishes Forum); Sue Beckett (Peak Park Parishes Forum); Jon Stewart (National Trust); Nick Wood (Business Peak District / Chatsworth); Joe Dugdale (Rural Action Derbyshire); John Thompson (Local Access Forum); Richard Taylor (DCC); Les Sturch (Friends of the Peak District); Andrew Critchlow (NFU).

Matt Mardling; Jamie Davis (NPA).

### Apologies

James Marshall (Natural England).

### Notes of the Meeting

#### 1) Welcome and apologies

Dianne Jeffrey (DJ) welcomed all to the meeting. Patrick Brady (PB) is temporarily replacing Brian Long in representing the Peak Park Parishes Forum at AG, and will be attending until a permanent replacement is appointed.

#### 2) Announcements and minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and confirmed as being correct.

#### 3) Report on actions from previous meeting

MM updated all attendees on actions from previous meetings:

1. *Workshop outcomes to be reported to the working group for feeding back to AG in April. Key actions recommendations, and relevant partners used to update delivery plan actions* – Completed (on the agenda for further discussion)

2. *Information supporting 5.1 to be chased by MM - Completed*
3. *Column headings to be replicated at the top of every page, and dates to be included for the quarterly update columns in the NPMP action table – Completed*
4. *DJ to write to Sheffield City Council to encourage their attendance at AG - Sarah Fowler (SF) is drafting letter, not DJ, and will be sent out soon*
5. *All members of AG encouraged to report feedback from workshop – Completed*
6. *Terms of reference and membership list for AG to be recirculated when minutes sent out, and added to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion – Completed*
7. *Ideas for new AG supported promotion to be explored. Partners requested to supply ideas and content for videos for the next AG meeting – Completed (on the agenda for further discussion)*
8. *Proposal to be developed around an event or workshop based upon climate change and partnership working. Working group to develop this for the next AG meeting. All non-attendees to be consulted for their potential involvement in this working group, and MM to confirm date for working group to meet – Completed.*

DJ proposed getting views on this now, as the item is not on the agenda for discussion. Working Group has been established and has met twice. It is proving difficult to narrow the agenda, but a broad remit is in place. Joe Dugdale (JD) reported on working group discussions, where it was felt that to focus solely on a particular area would then reduce the topic to either (for example) agriculture or transport, and therefore ideas were being focussed around the future, and specifically the title “towards a zero-carbon Peak District”. Discussed that the first step should be a breakdown of what zero-carbon would actually look like, and what actions could individual stakeholders undertake now to take those first steps towards a zero-carbon future. Case studies could be looked at to identify the initial steps towards achieving this long-term goal, and it was pointed out that other climate change conferences and similar events have taken place in recent years, and it could be worth reflecting on lessons learned from these.

Andrew Critchlow (AC) mentioned that the NFU has a zero carbon target by 2040, and he may be able to get someone from NFU HQ to come and speak. SF pointed out that 2040 targets fit with some of the PDNPA’s other long-term targets. SF still feels there is value in involving and bringing in the cities (Manchester and Sheffield), and telling the story of the sequestration work carried out by MFFP, so these to be considered by the working group. Question was raised about how local communities will be involved and engaged, but the issue of community involvement is on the working group agenda for consideration. John Stewart (JS) suggested that the event could be filmed and broadcast.

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**Action:** Working group to continue to shape topic ideas and produce recommendations for AG to follow. Topic should be ambitious and able to attract interest from other partners and stakeholders

**Action:** Working group to report back to AG with more concrete suggestions around dates and timescales, potential venues and subject matter – ideas for venue to be developed within 6 weeks' time, and plans for other aspects to be in place for next AG meeting

**Action:** MM to let Andrew McCloy know he has been put forward as chair of working group

9. *A link to our landscape review response, and a link to our new corporate strategy, to be included with minutes when circulated* - Link to the landscape review sent out – Completed

10. *Pass on thanks to Sue Fletcher for her work on the White Peak pilot scheme* - Thanks passed on to Sue Fletcher - Completed

#### 4) Events Management Workshop outcomes – proposed new targets

1. Improve Pre Event Communication
2. Overhaul the events notification system to make it more effective and efficient
3. Develop Peak District specific best practice guidelines to aid event's organisers
4. Work with Natural England to improve the consents process
5. Seek evidence of the extent of community and environmental impact within the National Park.

MM circulated the new targets, and the group are happy to endorse these and their future monitoring and reporting. 1 to 3 have sponsoring partners and are all set, but they've still not been identified for 4 and 5. Regarding 4.3, event management best practice guidance is being produced and this is to be taken back to the steering group for consideration. SF said that it depends a lot on the onus being put on the event's organiser, and questioned how we work with county and district council events. RT pointed out that emergency planners need to be aware.

**Action:** Peak Park Parishes Forum to provide name of Brian Long's replacement to the events management steering group

**Action:** Events Management topic is to be kept on future agenda's as a standing item

**Action:** Events Management steering group to report back to AG on best practice guidance

Absence of Natural England discussed regarding 4.4. Group is still keen to work with them to ensure the consents process is efficient and effective, although national guidance has been published and this will have to be followed. PB suggested members could collect evidence themselves in support of 4.5, and the Parishes Forum could offer assistance with this target. AC raised concerns that the PDNPA's notification website page has either still not been updated despite requests, or if it has then any changes made are too minor. The steering group is to look into this and report back.

**Action:** Events Management steering group is to look into the PDNPA's notification website page and report back to AG

#### 5) Terms of Reference and membership

Terms have been circulated. John Thompson (JT) responded that the LAF happy with the terms, but would like the wildlife trusts to be considered for representation. SF has met with the wildlife trust's chief executives and is keen on improved communication. Discussion around this and DJ asked whether there was a gap in AG representation that the wildlife trusts could fill. SF is to write to

the chief execs and ask them to decide who collectively will represent the trusts at AG.

**Action:** SF to write to the chief executives of the Wildlife Trusts and ask them to decide who to represent the trusts at AG

Question of Derbyshire Dales' involvement was raised. SF pointed out that a balance needs to be struck regarding numbers of representatives, the real struggle is getting High Peak and Staffs Moorlands on board, and there is an already existing risk of being too Derbyshire-focussed. PB pointed out that Derbyshire Dales tend to be more involved and engaged, and could be considered if still no progress made with Staffs Moorlands & High Peak. JD also highlighted that the terms of reference want updating to reflect that 'Peak Partners for Rural Action' is now 'Rural Action Derbyshire'. JS pointed out that the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) has gone into a hiatus.

**Action:** AG terms of reference to be updated to reflect change of name of Rural Action Derbyshire

**Action:** LNP to be put in brackets for intention 3.1 due to its current hiatus

#### 6) Update on the climate change vulnerability assessment

MM updated all attendees on the progress of the climate change vulnerability assessment. Thanks to EF for work on this. SF pointed out that this topic was discussed at the last authority meeting, and MM is to circulate this detail to all AG members.

**Action:** MM to circulate vulnerability assessment update from last authority meeting to all AG members.

#### 7) Sponsoring partners reports on progress regarding milestones for 2018/19

MM requested comments and thoughts on progress summary, which he was thanked for producing. SQ suggested that the inclusion of images could help to improve engagement. MM drew attention to 3.1, Sue Fletcher unavailable to provide an update in person, but a brief written update was sent by John Scott, detailing that this is challenging but it is progressing. JS backed this up and reiterated that this is a hard challenge. Intention 3.1 and the meaning of 'landscape-scale' monitoring was clarified by SF, JS and NW. This is still a priority, and better progress is hoped for at the next quarter. JS asked if partners can inform others about what they are each individually monitoring, this could be of use.

**Action:** Partners encouraged to inform others about individual landscape monitoring efforts

**Action:** Update on intention 3.1 specifically to be provided at next AG meeting

SF mentioned intentions 6.1 and 6.3, and raised concerns that it's solely on PDNPA to report back, we're shouldering this but need partners to take more ownership of this process. Responses had come from John Scott and therefore represented authority involvement, all members felt it would be more appropriate and productive for the lead partners for each of these to be the ones to report back, principally the county councils. PB queried whether the reported actions for intention 6 actually addressed the intentions, and work to provide a definition of thriving communities to be looked into.

**Action:** SF to write to partners on behalf of all AG members, regarding their commitments and support



**Action:** Non-attendees to be asked to either send a written update, or send a delegate in their place, to future AG meetings.

**Action:** Dates to be added to the Q1-Q4 columns on the progress update table

**Action:** Future quarterly updates to be sought directly from sponsoring partners

**Action:** Definition of thriving communities to be looked into by PDNPA and reported back to AG

- 8) Feedback on how engagement is progressing and promotion
- 9) Partners to supply ideas and content for promotional videos

JS mentioned the time-lapse video produced as part of the weir removal project on the River Dove. JD encouraged people to do something like this or similar. Jo Dilley has produced a video on accessibility, and Chatsworth use many promo videos. Explore whether to include links to these on NPMP website, demonstrating the work of partners. JS suggested a 'selfie' accompanied by thoughts on particular topics. JD pointed to some of the negatives associated with the park e.g. fly tipping, and wondered if these factors could be covered. SQ suggested capturing park activities in a broad sense, and relating these to the NPMP, this could demonstrate what's happening and what's going on, including partner input. JT suggested the group could look to demonstrate the results of the events management workshop into a video. All are encouraged to look into this and feedback to the rest of the group.

**Action:** Explore inclusion of partner links or content on the NPMP website page

**Action:** All encouraged to look into content ideas and promotional videos and report back to the rest of AG.

#### 10) AOB

None.

#### 11) DONM

The next Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for 9 July. A doodle poll will be sent out to arrange future meeting dates.

**Action:** MM to send out doodle poll to AG members for the October, January, and April AG meetings.

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## Update item on Members Feedback for 6th June LAF

### Item No: 10

#### Natural England Report to Regional Chair's Meeting Bob attended on 26th March and follow up notes from Andrew Mackintosh to John T

**New Environmental Land Management Scheme (NELMS)** Last time I think I said that we were working with Defra to include public access options within the new scheme and I can say now that it is included and we are now working on the delivery details and we will share information as soon as we can. Sorry I still can't say more at this stage but this is definite progress from when I last updated you!

*To be honest, as I said in my last email, there really isn't anything else to share re: NELMS at the moment. Defra are still looking at the various measures and options and we continue to supply them with advice and data. As indicated the Recreational vehicle survey is yet to go out to authorities (via the ADEPT Rights of Way Managers group network) We will also share any new re: 2026/ Deregulation Act implementation if we hear anything from Defra.*

**Recreational vehicle use/management:** We are about to gather information/best practice from highways authorities in this area of rights of way management as part of actions agreed last year in the *Motoring Stakeholder Working Group* and in line with recommendations from the Lords NERC Act Select Committee. We are also liaising with Dft who are themselves looking at information and advice provision for TRO use within their area of interest i.e. surfaced roads/streets. The aim is to revise existing best practice and advice and highlight any problem areas, identify training needs etc.

**National Trails .** We have secured agreement from the Minister to funding (with a 5% saving) for 2019/20 in advance of NE having confirmation of its budget. The amount agreed includes maintenance support for new stretches of ECP. We are currently in the process of actually making the grant offers but then effort will inevitably focus on longer term funding. Two things to say about this. First we are obviously expiring how we can play into Comprehensive Spending Review discussions etc and secondly - the Trails are about to receive the independent consultants report they commissioned (paid for from HLF Resilience Fund). This will set out recommendations for how they organise themselves in future.

**Changes at Natural England.** *We have a new Chair (as of 23<sup>rd</sup> April) – Tony Juniper. As you can see below he has had a long career in conservation and sustainability work but we have yet to hear how he sees the recreation/access/people elements of NE's remit.*

*"This year will be my 35th working for the environment and sustainable development and I feel incredibly fortunate to have been able to contribute in so many different capacities – as a campaigner, policy advocate, researcher, writer,*

*broadcaster, lecturer and advisor to private sector companies. I've also been lucky to have held senior positions with several organisations, including the Wildlife Trusts, Friends of the Earth, the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit."*

*Our acting Chief Exec Marian Spain (ex Countryside Agency) certainly does 'get' access and recreation and we have had a couple of useful meetings with her so far and are optimistic that in her we have a sympathetic ear in this area.*

Please send my apologies for not attending on 6th June. I am more than happy to answer any specific queries arising from the meeting

Kind regards

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