

2018 Reports Received from Outside Body Appointed Representatives

Cllr Chris Furness:

Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership

I have represented the Authority on this Partnership for 6 years and have attended 3 of the 4 meetings over the past 12 months, together with either Tim Nicholson or David Marsden. I also represent DDDC on the Hope Valley and High Peak CRP, which is helpful in comparing progress.

Other Partners represented are DCC, DDDC, Ambergate DC, East Midlands Trains, Network Rail, Parish Councils and Station Friends Groups. PDNPA is a senior partner, so I also attended the management group meetings which follow.

The Partnership is managed by a part time officer, funded by contributions from the senior partners, (mostly East Midlands Trains and DCC). It is responsible for publicising the line to promote usage for commuting and tourism. Grants are made available for station improvements and for projects initiated by 'Friends of Station' Groups.

Passenger numbers have more than doubled over the past 10 years, due to increased train frequency and publicity. Several national awards have been received.

There is some talk of re-instating the main line from Buxton to Derby via Matlock, but that would greatly impact the Monsal Trail and PDNPA would need to take a position on this if it seems likely to progress.

Mr Zahid Hamid:

Peak District National Park Youth Forum Group

This has not met in 2017/18 due to the restructure at the Authority and the appointment of new staff. The plans are to try to reenergize this Forum but not clear when.

Should we keep this appointment on the list?

Stanage Forum Steering Group

This group has met several times in the last year and organised a well-attended 'lively' Stanage Forum AGM in September 2017. I think the Group is functioning and has taken note of the staffing changes at the Authority. It is also, with support from the Authority, setting up a specific small vehicle to drive the archeology work at North Lees.

I would like to continue the role here as I try to cement long term relationships.

Mr Robert Helliwell:

Land Managers Forum Report to Authority AGM 2018

The Land Managers Forum (LMF) normally meets once a year usually in response to some item of importance to the farming industry.

This year, and no doubt for several years to come, the big issue has been BREXIT which will have a major impact on the Peak District's biggest industry.

- Brexit will mean a move away from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the EU.
- Exports to the EU could be hit by export tariffs unless a Trade Deal is agreed that covers agricultural produce – in the Peak District this will have a major impact on sheep and beef but could also affect milk products.
- A new National Policy will be needed to replace CAP.
- A new Environmental Land Management Scheme will need to be developed in line with the government's 25 year Environmental Plan.
- Basic Payments will end.

Members of the LMF have been involved in the following groups:

The Minister produced the Command Paper "Health and Harmony" which a sub group of the LMF met 4 times and submitted a response to form the basis of the response from the PDNPA.

A project covering the White Peak has been put together and this could form the basis of a pilot scheme for a new Land Management Scheme. This is currently with DEFRA. The White Peak Project is to be/was launched on Thursday 5th July 2018

Some members of the LMF have been involved a Moorland Management Group which has recently been established in order to find a consensus on sustainable moorland management. Met twice.

Hope Valley Rail Users Group

This group meets quarterly at venues close to the rail links across the north of the Peak District. The PDNPA is a financial contributor to the User Group through DCC and as a result the member who represents the Authority is normally elected as vice chair.

The purpose of the group is to discuss with Northern Rail any issues that arise from use of the Sheffield to Manchester, Buxton to Manchester and Glossop to Manchester lines – all of which are a great asset to the National Park. The main issues are detailed below with many minor issues also discussed.

- Timetabling – there have been issues, but we have seen hourly trains introduced on the HV line.
- Standards of service – getting tickets has been a problem on trains; ticket machines should be at all stations in the near future.
- Use of stations - "Friends" groups have been established for the various stations on the HV and Buxton lines. These local groups look after the stations and help to make

them more acceptable for users. (Buxton for example is currently installing a Japanese Garden). Grant funding is available from the group for items such as benches, planters and notice boards.

- Parking at stations – Northern Rail are introducing parking charges in the station car parks which is having a knock-on effect on local parking around the stations.