Events Notification System 1ˢᵗ May 2019

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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.

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?