

National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes

10:00 – 12:00 Wednesday 10th 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 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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