
MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 7 July 2023 at 10.00 am
Venue:	Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Mr K Smith
Present:	Mr J W Berresford, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr J Charters, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Greaves, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Ms A Harling, Cllr A Hart, Cllr L Hartshorne, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Cllr K Richardson, Miss L Slack, Mr K Smith, Dr R Swetnam, Mr S Thompson, Cllr J Wharmby, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods
Apologies for absence:	Cllr M Beer, Cllr M Buckler, Cllr N Gourlay, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr A Nash and Cllr C O'Leary

55/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

56/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Mr James Berresford presided for the appointment of the Chair for 2023/4.

One Member, Mr Ken Smith had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of the Authority and had provided a written statement, circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

Following the vote Mr Ken Smith was appointed Chair of the Authority and took the Chair.

RESOLVED:

To appoint Mr Ken Smith as Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2024.

57/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

One Member, Mr James Berresford had expressed an interest in the role of Deputy Chair of the Authority and had provided a written statement, circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

RESOLVED:

To appoint Mr James Berresford as Deputy Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2024.

58/23 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

59/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had given notice to address the meeting under the Public Participation at Meetings Scheme.

60/23 REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL

The meeting considered the report of the Member Appointments Process Panel and considered each of the appointments set out in the recommendations of the report. In most cases the appointments were moved, seconded and approved in accordance with the expressions of interest in the report, any changes to the report are identified below.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee

Mr Ken Smith withdrew his interest so there was only one Member, Cllr Patrick Brady, who had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of Planning Committee. The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

Cllr Brady and Mr Smith withdrew their interest in the role of Deputy Chair of Planning Committee. Two other Members, Cllr Virginia Priestley and Cllr Mike Chaplin had expressed an interest and had provided written statements, circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. A motion to appoint one of the candidates was moved and seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr Virginia Priestley was appointed as Vice Chair of Planning Committee.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee

Cllr Charles Greaves withdrew his interest in the role of Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee so there was only one Member who had expressed an interest, Professor Janet Haddock Fraser. The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

Following the ballot, Cllr Charles Greaves was appointed Vice Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee

Planning Committee

It was noted that the Authority had previously agreed that the Membership of both Standing Committees should be set at 15 and the Local Authority positions on Planning Committee allocated according to the formula used in previous years. As previously agreed the size of Programmes and Resources Committee had been increased to 16 Members so that the Chair of the Authority could be appointed to both Committees and it was agreed to continue this for a further 12 months

Cllr J Wharmby and Cllr A Nash withdrew their expressions of interest in the Planning Committee. Therefore the vacancies on Planning Committee for Local Authority Members were appointed as follows:

Cheshire East: Cllr O'Leary

Derbyshire CC: Cllr Dermot Murphy

Derbyshire Dales DC: Cllr Matt Buckler

High Peak BC: Cllr Ian Huddleston

Staffordshire Moorlands DC/Staffordshire CC: Cllr Andrew Hart

Metropolitan Districts/NE Derbyshire DC: Cllr Lee Hartshorne, Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Mike Chaplin

Cllr Bill Hanley and Cllr Martin Beer were appointed to the vacant Secretary of State Member places.

Programmes and Resources Committee

Cllr Murphy and Cllr Buckler withdrew their interest.

Cllr Wharmby, Cllr Nash, Cllr Gourlay and Cllr Charters were appointed to the vacant Local Authority Member places.

Local Joint Committee

Cllr Andrew Gregory was appointed to the vacant Secretary of State Member place.

Appeals Panel

Cllr Becki Woods and Cllr Andrew Gregory withdrew, so the following were appointed to the vacant places: Cllr Charles Greaves, Cllr Charlotte Farrell, Mr James Berresford, Ms Annabel Harling.

Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee

Cllr Mike Chaplin withdrew.

Member Champions

Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming

A ballot was held to decide which of the two Members who had expressed an interest and had been proposed and seconded (Cllr Farrell and Cllr Priestly) would fill the role and Cllr Virginia Priestley was appointed.

The other Member Champion roles were appointed following a show of hands.

Cultural Heritage and Landscapes

Mr Ken Smith was appointed as the Member Champion for Cultural Heritage & Landscapes.

Engagement

Ms Yvonne Witter was appointed Member Champion for Engagement.

Thriving and Sustainable Communities

Cllr Patrick Brady, Ms Annabelle Harling and Cllr Virginia Priestley withdrew. Cllr Andy Nash had expressed an interest and so was appointed Member Champion for Thriving and Sustainable Communities.

Climate Change

Cllr Charlotte Farrell was appointed Climate Change Member Champion.

Business and Economy

Cllr Patrick Brady withdrew, so Cllr Andrew Gregory was appointed Member Champion for Business and Economy.

Member Learning and Development

Cllr Becki Woods was appointed to the role of Member Champion for Member Learning & Development.

Budget Monitoring Meeting

Cllr Virginia Priestley withdrew her name from the list of Members. Following a show of hands the Panel was appointed as Chair of Authority, Chair and Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee with three other Members – Ms Annabel Harling, Ms Yvonne Witter and Cllr Andy Nash

Due Diligence Panel

Cllr Jean Wharmby withdrew so Mr James Beresford and Ms Annabel Harling were appointed as Member and Deputy respectively following a show of hands.

Local Plan Review member Steering Group

Ms Witter requested that meetings of the group take place on days when there was also a committee meeting, to enable her to attend. Membership of the Steering Group was confirmed as the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee, Chair of the Authority and the appointed Member Champions (except for Member Learning and Development) and proposed, seconded and appointed by a show of hands.

Member Appointments Process Panel

Cllr Virginia Priestley withdrew and Ms Lydia Slack expressed an interest in the vacant role of Reserve Secretary of State Member. The appointments were proposed, seconded and appointed by a show of hands.

Appointments to Outside Bodies - all agreed by a show of hands

The following vacancies were filled:

Campaign for National Parks - Prof Janet Haddock Fraser as Member and Cllr Virginia Priestley and Cllr Andrew Hart as Deputies.

East Midlands Councils - Mr James Berresford as Member and Cllr Patrick Brady as Deputy.

Europarc - Mr Andy Nash.

Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee - Mr Ken Smith.

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - Cllr Ken Richardson as Member, Cllr Mike Chaplin as Deputy.

Peak District National Park Foundation – Cllr Andrew Gregory, Ms Lydia Slack and Mr James Berresford as Members, Cllr Virginia Priestley and Cllr Dermot Murphy as Reserves.

National Parks England - Mr Ken Smith

National Parks Partnership LLP- Annual Meeting - Mr Ken Smith

Derwent Valley Rural Community Rail Partnership - Cllr Andrew Gregory as Member and Mr James Berresford as Deputy.

Hope Valley & High Peak Community Rail Partnership - Cllr Becki Woods as Member and Cllr Andrew Gregory as Deputy.

Moors for the Future Partnership Group - Cllr Virginia Priestley as Chair and Professor Janet Haddock Fraser as Deputy, Cllr Andy Nash as Reserve.

Peak District Partnership - Cllr Patrick Brady as Chair. It was agreed to carry the vacancy for Deputy.

Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership – Cllr Andrew Hart as Member and Cllr Gill Heath as Deputy.

Land Managers Forum - Cllr Virginia Priestley as Chair, Professor Janet Haddock Fraser as Deputy and Cllr Patrick Brady and Ms Annabel Harling as Members.

Peak District Local Access Forum - Cllr Ian Huddleston as Member and Cllr Andy Nash as Deputy.

Peak District Local Nature Partnership - Cllr Charlotte Farrell as Member and Dr Ruth Swetnam as Deputy.

Stanage Forum Steering Group - Two Members had expressed an interest: Cllr Charlotte Farrell and Mr Ken Smith. Following a ballot, Cllr Charlotte Farrell was elected as Member.

Members offered their congratulations to the Moors for the Future Partnership who had been given an award by the CIEEM (Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management) in recognition of the positive impact on the environment made by the planning of 600 acres of sphagnum moss in the Upper Derwent Valley.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To confirm the Authority's previous decision to set the size of the two Standing Committees to 15, with 8 Local Authority Members and 7 Secretary**

of State Members and allocate Local Authority places on Planning Committee as set out in Section B (i) of Appendix 1 with an additional place on the Programmes and Resources Committee to accommodate the Chair of the Authority if required.

2. To appoint Cllr Patrick Brady as Chair and Cllr Virginia Priestley as Vice Chair of Planning Committee and to appoint Professor Janet Haddock-Fraser as Chair and Cllr Charles Greaves as Vice Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2024.
3. To appoint the following Members to the Planning Committee and the Programmes and Resources Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2024

Planning Committee

Chair – Cllr P Brady
Vice Chair – Cllr V Priestley
Cllr C O’Leary
Cllr D Murphy
Cllr M Buckler
Cllr I Huddleston
Cllr A Hart
Cllr L Hartshorne
Cllr K Richardson
Cllr M Chaplin

Cllr K Potter
Miss L Slack
Mr K Smith
Cllr B Hanley
Cllr Martin Beer

Programmes and Resources

Chair Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Vice Chair – Cllr C Greaves

Cllr G Heath
Cllr B Woods
Cllr J Wharmby
Cllr A Nash
Cllr N Gourlay
Cllr J Charters
Mr J Berresford
Cllr A Gregory
Ms Annabelle Harling
Dr R Swetnam
Mr S Thompson
Ms Y Witter
Mr K Smith

4. To appoint the following Members Champions until the Annual Authority meeting in July 2024:

Natural Environment, Biodiversity & Farming	Cllr V Priestley
Cultural Heritage & Landscapes	Mr K Smith
Engagement	Ms Y Witter
Thriving & Sustainable Communities	Cllr A Nash
Climate Change	Cllr C Farrell
Business Economy	Cllr A Gregory
Member Learning & Development	Cllr B Woods

5. a) To appoint the following Members to Local Joint Committee until the Annual Authority meeting in July 2024:

Cllr M Chaplin	Cllr V Priestley
Cllr C Farrell	Cllr K Potter
Cllr A Gregory	Cllr K Richardson
Cllr I Huddleston	Mr K Smith
Cllr D Murphy	

b) To appoint the following Members to the Appeals Panel until the Annual Meeting in 2024:

Mr J Berresford	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Cllr P Brady	Ms A Harling
Cllr M Chaplin	Cllr A Hart
Cllr C Farrell	Cllr J Wharmby
Cllr C Greaves	

c) To appoint the following Members to the Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2024:

Cllr A Gregory	Cllr K Richardson
Cllr G Heath	Ms Y Witter
Cllr V Priestley	Cllr B Woods

d) To appoint the following Members to Budget Monitoring Meeting until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee	Prof J Haddock Fraser
Vice Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee	Cllr C Greaves
Chair of the Authority	Mr K Smith
Three Members	Ms A Harling Cllr A Nash Ms Y Witter

e) To appoint the following Members to the Due Diligence Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Mr J Berresford	Deputy: Ms A Harling
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f) To appoint the following Members to the Governance Review Working Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Mr J Berresford	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Cllr P Brady	Cllr K Richardson
Cllr M Chaplin	Mr K Smith
Cllr C Greaves	Cllr B Woods

g) To appoint the following Members to the Local Plan Review member Steering Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Chair of Planning Committee	Cllr P Brady
Vice Chair of Planning Committee	Cllr V Priestley
Chair of the Authority	Mr K Smith
Member Champions	Cllr V Priestley Mr K Smith Ms Y Witter

Cllr A Nash
Cllr C Farrell
Cllr A Gregory

h) To appoint the following Members to the Member Appointment Process Panel until the Annual Authority Meeting in July 2024:

Cllr K Richardson	Cllr A Gregory
Cllr B Woods	Ms Y Witter
Cllr J Wharmby (Reserve)	Miss L Slack (Reserve)

6. To appoint to the 17 Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes until the Annual Authority meeting in July 2024.

7. To confirm that all these appointments are approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances as set out in Schedule 2 of the Members' Allowance Scheme.

Appendix 1- Appointments to Outside Bodies

61/23 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2024 (KH)

The report was introduced by the Democratic Services Manager.

Members requested that the Planning Committee schedule be reviewed so that meetings in 2024 were spaced out regularly, and that at least one Member Workshop be scheduled to discuss the Local Plan Review. The recommendation was amended to reflect this.

The recommendation as set out in the report with the amendment to review the schedule of dates for Planning Committee was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried:

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2024 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report subject to a review of the scheduled dates of Planning Committee meetings.**

62/23 MEMBER ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT (JC)

Members noted that attendance had been higher during the pandemic when online meetings had been permitted. It was suggested that pressure should continue to be put on the government to introduce legislation permitting online meetings.

RESOLVED:

To note the annual return of the Members' attendance for 2022/23 at meetings of the Authority, Standing Committees and Essential Member Training as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The meeting ended at 11.22 am