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### **MINUTES**

Meeting: National Park Authority

Date: Friday 2 October 2015 at 10.00 am

Venue: The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Cllr Mrs L C Roberts

Present: Mr P Ancell, Mrs P Anderson, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr D Birkinshaw,

Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs N Hawkins, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr H Laws, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Ms S Leckie, Cllr A McCloy, Ms S McGuire,

Cllr C McLaren, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs J A Twigg, Cllr F J Walton,

Cllr G Weatherall and Cllr D Williams

Apologies for absence: Clir A R Favell, Clir D Greenhalgh, Clir J Macrae, Clir S Marshall-Clarke,

Mrs E Sayer and Cllr Mrs N Turner.

## 109/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Mrs K Potter expressed her thanks and appreciation to all Members and staff involved in raising £343 for McMillan Cancer Support.

The Chair announced that copies of the photograph of the Authority taken following the Annual Meeting were available from Cllr G Weatherall for £1.50 each. On behalf of Members the Chair thanked Cllr Weatherall for organising the photograph.

### 110/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2015

The minutes of the Authority held on 3 July 2015 were approved as a correct record.

# 111/15 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 8

It was noted that Cllr Mrs K Potter had circulated an email to all Members setting out her views on the proposals relating to Minerals.

Item 10

Mr R Helliwell, personal interest as a member of the Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership.

It was noted that Cllr D Chapman and Cllr C Furness had been contacted by Cllr Mrs Jean Monks regarding the Hope Valley Rail Proposals.

It was noted that Mr P Ancell had received a telephone call from Mr R Dickson regarding the Hope Valley Rail Proposals.

It was noted that Ms S McGuire as a resident of the Hope Valley had attended two public events arranged by Network Rail on earlier proposals and one on the current proposals. She had also received an email from Network Rail asking for feedback on the proposals. It was also noted that although she had received a phone call from an affected landowner who had brought her attention to the current proposals she had not expressed a view..

## 112/15 NOTICE OF MOTION - APPOINTMENT PRINCIPLES (JS)

At the meeting of the Authority held on 5 June 2015 Cllr P Brady moved a motion, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Twigg. As the motion included proposals to amend part 1 of the Authority's Standing Orders, consideration of the motion was adjourned to the AGM held on 3 July 2015. At that meeting the Authority made a decision on most of Part A of the motion but deferred further consideration of the elements relating to the "Democratic Principles" and established a small Member working group to look at the proposed principles and report back with proposals. The group met on 18 August 2015 to discuss the issues raised by officers and produced a modified set of principles to be brought back to a meeting of the Authority.

The Authority were asked to consider the remaining elements of the Notice of Motion by considering the revised "Appointment Principles" and the outstanding proposal to amend Part 1 of the Authority's Standing Orders to make reference to the principles.

The following amendment to the original motion was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried:

- 1. In part A replace the words "Democratic Principles" with "Appointment Principles" and substitute "appropriate officer" for "Chief Executive"
- 2. In part B replace "appendix 2" with "appendix 1".

Following a discussion on the amended motion the substantive motion was put to the vote and lost.

# 113/15 AGREEING THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (BJT)

The Planning Policy Manager, Brian Taylor, introduced a report asking the Authority to approve the draft Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) as the second part of the Local Development Plan for the National Park. In introducing the report Brian clarified the methodology used to carry out the review of exiling policies and highlighted significant changes in the following areas:

- Definitions of Heritage Assets
- Farm Buildings
- Affordable Housing
- Sub-Division of Properties
- Rural Business Expansion
- Minerals Sites

As an update to the report Members were advised that the reference to "Bakewell: Land adjoining the Cintride Factory" was to be removed from policy DME3 but the site would remain within the development boundary for Bakewell. Recommendation 3 in the report was amended to add the words "including any minor changes to Policies" before ", appendices and policies map"

The Director of Planning, John Scott, assured Members that the officer delegation would be limited to minor changes so significant amendments would be brought back to Members for determination. During the discussion it was suggested that the Member Representative for Economy should be included in meetings of the Member working group.

A number of comments and suggestions for minor amendments were put forward by Members. The Director of Planning confirmed that all the suggested changes would be looked at following the meeting and where appropriate incorporated.

The amended officer recommendation was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To approve the draft Development Management Policies (DPD);
- 2. To confirm that the document will form the basis of the formal Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats regulations;
- 3. To delegate authority to the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee, to complete the editing process, including any minor changes to policies, appendices and policy maps;
- 4. To confirm that these documents will form the basis of on-going consultation with communities and partners up to and including the statutory consultation and submission stages;
- 5. To confirm that from this stage some limited weight may be attached to the emerging DPD as a material planning consideration as an agreed statement of the Authority's intended position on development management policy;
- 6. To appoint CIIr C Furness to the membership of the working group as Member Representative for Economy.

Cllr Mrs K Potter asked that her vote against the policies relating to minerals be recorded.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.10pm to 12.20pm following consideration of this item.

## 114/15 REVIEW OF CHARGING FOR PRE-APPLICATION PLANNING ADVICE (JRS)

The Director of Planning, John Scott presented a report setting out performance of the scheme for charging for pre-application advice first introduced on 1 April 2014. The report updated Members on how the scheme operated, identified the additional income generated and outlined proposals to extend the approach to other areas.

Subject to minor amendments the officer recommendation was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To continue the pre-application charging schemes for development and to delegate authority to the Director of Planning to make any future changes to the scheme and inflationary increases in charges in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning Committee subject to any significant changes being the subject of a report to Planning Committee.
- 2. To extend the principle of charging for advice to other areas of the Authority's work, in accordance with Standing Orders.
- 3. To continue to review the operation of the advice charging scheme through an annual report to a meeting of the Planning Committee.

# 115/15 HOPE VALLEY CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROPOSED FORMAL RESPONSE PROCESS (EF)

The Transport and Climate Change Policy Manager, Emily Fox presented a report alerting the Authority to the submission of a Transport and Works Act Order for the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme by Network Rail. As the Authority had until the 6 November to respond to the proposals the report suggested that the Director of Planning to be given delegated authority to respond on the Authority's behalf.

It was noted that since the report had been published Network Rail had provided reasons for carrying out significant development in the National Park and confirmed that Members attending the strategic finance workshop on 23 October would have a further opportunity to engage in preparing the response.

The officer recommendation was moved, seconded put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To note that the Transport and Works Act Order for the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme has been submitted to the Secretary of State, and that a formal consultation on the Orders has begun.
- 2. To delegate authority to the Director of Planning to prepare and submit the Authority's response to the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme Transport and Works Act Order following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority.

# 116/15 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT (RC)

The officer recommendation was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. To approve the Member learning and development events programme for January to December 2016 at Appendix 2.

2. To continue to record Member learning and development activities in terms of hours and include personal learning and development by Members outside of events organised by the Authority, with the target of 20 hours per Member in every 12 months.

## 117/15 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

#### **RESOLVED:**

To exclude the public be from the meeting during consideration of the following item to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A)(4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 4: "Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority".

#### 118/15 EXEMPT MINUTES OF AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2015

The exempt minutes of the Authority held on 3 July 2015 were approved as a correct record.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm