
MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority Meeting
Date:	3 October 2014 at 10.00am
Venue:	Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire
Chair:	Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Present:	Mr P Ancell, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr C Carr, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr G Claff, Cllr Mrs H Gaddum, Cllr D Greenhalgh, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr P Harrison, Cllr Mrs N Hawkins, Cllr H Laws, Cllr A McCloy, Ms S McGuire, Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Mr G Nickolds, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Ms E Sayer (from 10.20am), Cllr Mrs J Twigg and Cllr D Williams
Apologies for absence:	Cllr A Alexander, Cllr P Brady, Cllr A Favell, Cllr C Furness and Cllr Mrs G Heath.

PART A

41/14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair and the Chief Executive had attended the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire's funeral on the previous day. The meeting held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Chair reported that she had attended a Mosaic celebration event on the previous Saturday. The Chair explained the background of the Mosaic group and how it encouraged Black Minority Ethnic groups to enjoy the National Parks. The event was to celebrate community Champions and that Peak District Mosaic group had now decided to gain independent status as a charitable organisation. Neil Moulden, Chief Executive Officer of Derbyshire Dales CVS was assisting the group of trustees with the transition. The Authority will also continue to support and help the group as much as it can. At the event certificates and badges were presented to long standing Champions, including Authority Member Zahid Hamid who had worked tirelessly with the national Mosaic project. The Hindu Samaj cultural group of Sheffield presented a lovely picture to Authority Rangers and to the Chair as mementos of the 'Elephant in the Park – Storytelling guided walk'. The group had worked with Rangers to organise the walk for the past 3 years.

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The minutes of the meetings held on 4 July and 8 September were approved as correct records.

43/14 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7

- Cllr D Greenhalgh, personal interest as a member of the Peak District Local Access Forum and as Chair of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
- Cllr A McCloy, personal interest as he co-wrote a cycling website
- It was noted that all Members had received an email from Cllr P Brady

Item 8

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- Cllr Mrs K Potter, personal interest as a member of CPRE

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44/14 7. WIDER PEAK DISTRICT CYCLE STRATEGY (EF)

The Assistant Director, Policy and Partnerships, introduced the Chair of the Strategic Cycling Group, Matt Easter, who was present at the meeting. It was noted that Mr Easter was also the Regional Director of Sustrans. Mr Easter introduced the strategy explaining how it had developed and what the strategy would enable. He emphasised the need to move ahead by delivering the strategy action plan.

The Transport and Climate Change Policy Manager then explained more of the background to the strategy, the involvement of partners and reporting to Members. She emphasised that delivery of the action plan would mainly be by Highway Authorities. It was noted that a further report regarding the recreation hubs would be made to Members in the near future.

The recommendation as printed in the report was moved and seconded. However some Members were concerned that different expectations needed to be addressed and consultation should take place on proposals in the action plan. Officers stated that consultation would be done by the partners responsible for implementing the actions; the concerns raised by Members would be passed on to the local advisory group. Cllr Mrs Gaddum was concerned that she had not been contacted by officers regarding the situation at Cheshire East, it was agreed that officers would now discuss the issue with her. Concern was also expressed about the use of the word 'final' in recommendation 1 with regard to both the strategy and the action plan.

Therefore it was agreed to amend recommendation 1 by splitting it into 2 parts and amending the wording relating to the action plan to state 'The Authority approves the Wider Peak District Cycle Action Plan, at Annex 2 of the report, subject to further consultation and engagement with local communities on specific schemes by the lead bodies'.

Concern had also been expressed about health and safety issues regarding tracks being used by a variety of different users and that these had not been addressed adequately in the strategy or action plan. Therefore it was agreed that officers would report Members' concerns regarding health and safety back to the Wider Peak District Cycle Steering Group.

The amended recommendation 1 together with recommendations 2 and 3 as printed in the report were then voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

1. a.) **The Authority approves the Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy, at Annex 1 of the report, as the final strategy**
b.) **The Authority approves the Wider Peak District Cycle Action Plan, at Annex 2 of the report, subject to further consultation and engagement with local communities on specific schemes by the lead bodies.**
2. **The Authority asks the Wider Peak District Cycle Steering Group to oversee, update and report on progress on the Action Plan, with periodic update reports to be taken to Members at appropriate times.**
3. **The Authority thanks partners for all their work to date on the strategy.**

The meeting adjourned at 11.05am for a short comfort break and reconvened at 11.10am.

45/14 8. CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK (EF)

The Transport and Climate Change Policy Manager introduced the report which gave a general update on policy and actions related to climate change in the Peak District National Park. The report was prompted by the first part of a motion presented to the Authority meeting in May this year by Cllr A McCloy.

Cllr McCloy appreciated the report and stated that it was clear the Authority was doing things in relation to climate change but that more could be done. He put forward the following 4 ideas for consideration which he stated tied in with the National Park Management Plan objective 4:

- Temporary resources for farmers – why are farms not acting? What are the barriers for them? The Authority needs to find out.
- The Learning & Development Team could review the Authority's climate change message. Need to make sure the message is taken to all.
- Do more to help communities move to the goal of a low carbon National Park. Could the Authority run its own Sustainable Development Fund funded by sponsorship/donations from businesses?
- Carbon budgeting – a carbon budget was done for the Authority's offices so the Authority's estates could now be considered eg Warslow.

Members debated the report and Cllr McCloy's 4 points. The Chair stated that any further suggestions on the issues should be sent to Cllr McCloy.

RESOLVED:

That Members note the report.

46/14 9. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER MOTION TO REVIEW CORE STRATEGY POLICY CC2 LOW CARBON AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (A.6101/BJT)

The Director of Planning and the Policy Planning Manager introduced the report of the officer assessment into the need for formal review of Core Strategy Policy CC2, following the motion by Cllr A McCloy presented to the Authority meeting in May this year. The report stated that there was no immediate need for a review.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Mr J Youatt

Most Members were supportive of the report and the recommendations as set out in the report were moved and seconded. An amendment to the motion that a review be carried out was proposed but as this would negate the motion on the table it was not seconded. The motion was then voted on and carried. Cllr Mrs K Potter requested that her vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes.

RESOLVED:

1. That there remains no immediate need to review policy CC2
2. That officers complete the professional design stage of the Supplementary Planning Document
3. That the additional words set out at paragraph 37 of the report are shared with key stakeholders and then inserted into the SPD prior to completion of the new design; and
4. That once agreed the new wording at paragraph 37 of the report is placed beside the Core Strategy on the website for the avoidance of doubt in understanding the intent of policy CC2.

47/14 10. DELEGATION TO OFFICERS: REVIEW OF MINERALS PLANNING PERMISSIONS (A651 / JB/DGB/JS/JEN)

Members considered a report to change the scheme of delegation in Part 7 of Standing Orders, which sets out the delegation of powers to officers, in relation to planning matters and specifically with regard to the process for the review of mineral planning permissions.

In response to Members' queries the Director of Planning clarified that the delegation referred to consideration of whether or not a review of a mineral planning permission was needed. If officers thought that a review of a mineral planning permission was needed then a report would be made to the Planning Committee.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved and seconded. This was then voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the revised statutory framework for reviews of minerals planning permissions.
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to serve written notice on owners of land or the operator, for submission of new conditions.
3. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to determine, in respect of periodic reviews of minerals planning permissions:-
 - a. whether or not the Authority will carry out a first, second or subsequent periodic review and to set the dates for that review,
 - b. whether it is expedient to treat as a single site for the purposes of the review, the aggregate of the land to which two or more mineral permissions relate,
 - c. requests for postponement of minerals reviews,
 - d. whether or not to extend the period for submission of a new Environmental Statement, and
 - e. reviews where no Environmental Statement is required (subject to consultation with the Heads of Law and Finance in cases it is proposed

to apply conditions which are different from those applied for and the effect of the new conditions, except insofar as they are restoration or aftercare conditions, is to restrict working rights in respect of the site)

48/14 11. POLICY ON WORKING WITH BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS, INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS ON SPONSORSHIP, PHILANTHROPY AND LEGACIES (JBD)

The Chief Executive introduced the report which outlined the rationale for the Authority to adopt a policy on receiving gifts in the form of sponsorship or partnerships with business and philanthropic gifts from individuals or communities with effective due diligence.

Members debated the report and the recommendations as set out in the report were moved and seconded, with Ms Emma Sayer proposed as the member of the Due Diligence Panel. Members commented that careful judgement would need to be made regarding possible partners, in particular it was noted that paragraph 5 of Appendix 2 would need careful consideration. The Chief Executive stated that these issues would be looked at by the Due Diligence Panel.

The motion was then voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. The policy on Working with Businesses, Organisations, Individuals and Groups of Individuals on Sponsorship, Philanthropy and Legacies in Appendix 1 of the report be adopted.**
- 2. Ms Emma Sayer is appointed as a Member to the Due Diligence Panel as at paragraph 3.4 of the policy and that attendance is an approved duty.**
- 3. Members note the National Parks UK Draft Sponsorship and Ethics Policy in Appendix 2 of the report.**
- 4. Endorse this Authority's aspirations that the UK programme of fundraising for national parks be developed over time to grow in scale and scope beyond its currently limited commercial sponsorship programme.**

49/14 12.1 MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT (A.111/RC)

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the proposed Member learning and development events programme for January to December 2015 at Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.**
- 2. That Member learning and development activities continue to be recorded 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.**

The meeting ended at 12.40pm.