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MINUTES

Meeting: National Park Authority

Date: Friday 26 May 2017 at 10.00 am

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

Chair: Cllr Mrs L C Roberts

Present: Mrs P Anderson, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr J Atkin, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr A Law, Cllr H Laws, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr J Macrae, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs J A Twigg, Cllr F J Walton and Cllr R Woods

Apologies for absence: Mr P Ancell, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Ms S McGuire, Cllr C McLaren and Cllr Mrs N Turner.

21/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that, following the recent County Council elections, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr J Atkin and Cllr R Woods had been appointed by Derbyshire County Council to replace Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Cllr D Greenhalgh and Cllr D Williams and that, following the resignation of Cllr N Gibson, Sheffield City Council had appointed Cllr A Law to replace him.

On behalf of the Authority the Chair expressed her thanks to the former Members and welcomed the new Members to their first meeting. She also confirmed that the interviews for two new Secretary of State appointments had taken place and the names of appointable candidates sent to the Secretary of State. Unfortunately, due to the Parliamentary Elections to be held on 8 June 2017, the appointments had been delayed and were unlikely to be confirmed until after the Authority's Annual Meeting on 7 July 2017.

David Hickman the new Director of Corporate Strategy and Development was welcomed to his first meeting of the Authority following his appointment.

22/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 17 MARCH 2017 AND 7 APRIL 2017

The minutes of the meetings of the National Park Authority held on 17 March 2017 and 7 April 2017 were approved as a correct record.

23/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24/17 PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE - EARLY PUBLIC CONSULTATION (EF)

Members considered a report seeking approval to commence a public consultation on the eight cross cutting areas of impact and eight special qualities which had been identified as the focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018 to 2023. A copy of the proposed public consultation document was appended to the report.

It was noted that, as it was required to update its Management Plan every five years, the Authority had used a collaborative approach to work with partners and stakeholders in identifying the areas of focus identified in the consultation document.

In introducing the report the Head of Strategy and Performance clarified that a grey line on page 23 of the draft consultation document should contain the text "The National Park Management Plan."

The Chair then invited the Chair of the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group, Dianne Jeffrey, to provide background information on the report and consultation document.

Members made comments about the format, layout and content of the consultation document. The Chief Executive agreed to consider the issues raised and reflect on whether they should be incorporated into the consultation document.

Taking into account the proposal for a six week consultation period it was suggested that the Peak Park Parishes Forum should be asked to alert Parish Councils and Parish Meetings to the date on which the consultation document would be published.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the consultation document provided at Appendix 1 to be used to undertake a public consultation on the issues identified as the focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23.**
- 2. To authorise the Chief Executive to approve any changes needed in the consultation document following discussions at the meeting.**
- 3. To thank partners for all their work and contributions to date on developing the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23.**

Mrs F Beatty and Mr Z Hamid arrived at 10:20am and Cllr C Furness arrived at 11.10am during discussion on this item.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.20am to 11.25am following consideration of this item. Dianne Jeffrey left the meeting during the adjournment.

25/17 REAPPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN ADVISORY GROUP INDEPENDENT CHAIR (A6121/EF)

Members considered a recommendation that Dianne Jeffrey be reappointed as the Independent Chair of the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group.

RESOLVED:

To reappoint Dianne Jeffrey as Chair of the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group for the duration of the next National Park Management Plan 2018-23.

Cllr J Perkins left the meeting at 11.30am following consideration of this item.

26/17 PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2017/18 (A197/HW)

Members considered a report seeking approval of the overall structure, content and focus of the 2017/18 Performance and Business Plan, prior to bringing together all sections of the Plan for publication by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2017.

The 2017/18 Performance and Business Plan provided a report on the Authority's performance over the past 12 months against the 2016/17 transition year plan and success measures. The report also set out the priority focus for the second year of the 2016-2019 Corporate Strategy and how performance would be monitored and measured.

The Officer Recommendation was moved and seconded, subject to an amendment to priority action 13 under Directional Shift 4 in Appendix 4 so it would read "We will have consulted local people and approved short and long term plans for Millers Dale." Following assurances from Officers that consultation with residents would take place the mover and seconder withdrew their motion.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the priority focus for the 2017/18 Performance and Business Plan as reflected in the proposed Priority Actions in Appendix 4.**
- 2. To approve the overall structure and content of the 2017/18 Performance and Business Plan as described in the table at paragraph 9 and accompanying Appendices.**
- 3. To delegate completion of details to the Chief Executive, to allow publication by the statutory deadline of 30 June.**

27/17 STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP - PROPOSALS TO REPLACE THE ADVISORY GROUP WITH A MEETING INVOLVING ALL MEMBERS (JS)

Following a Strategic Advisory Group discussion on the 2016 Member Survey, the Authority considered proposals to change the way Members engage with strategic development by replacing the existing Strategic Advisory Group with a new forum in which all Members could participate.

Members were asked to confirm this new approach to help inform preparations for the Annual Meeting.

During the discussion Members agreed that the working title of the forum should be "Members' Forum" and discussed the proposed terms of reference set out in Appendix 1. It was agreed that paragraph 6 should be deleted and the terms of engagement be discussed at the first Part 2 meeting of the Forum.

RESOLVED:

1. To confirm that, with effect from the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Strategic Advisory Group be removed from part 4 of Standing Orders and replaced with an all Member discussion forum with the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 with the deletion of paragraph 6.
2. To name the discussion forum as the "Members' Forum".

28/17 MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES (JS)

In anticipation of the 2017 Annual Meeting in July Members considered a report seeking views on the scope and number of Member Representatives to be appointed.

At the 2016 Annual Meeting appointments were made to Member Representative roles, to support the themes of the National Park Management Plan (NPMP) and with additional scrutiny roles to support Asset Management, Planning Enforcement and Member Learning and Development. In making these appointments the Chair and Deputy Chair were asked to look at the options for rationalising and redefining the roles for the 2017 Annual meeting.

Following discussions with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, Members were asked to consider proposals to retain the three scrutiny roles and align the remaining eight Member Representative Roles with the National Parks 8-point plan published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

In the appendix to the report suggestions were made about the areas each role would cover and who the lead officer may be. It was noted that the Leadership Team may make changes to the lead officers as the roles developed and priorities were identified.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve proposals to align our Member Representative Roles with the National Parks' 8-point plan published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
2. To confirm that at the Annual Meeting on 7 July 2017 appointments be made to the following Member Representative roles:
 - Connecting Young People with nature
 - Thriving natural environments
 - Rural Economy
 - Farming and Food
 - Everyone's National Parks – Tourism and Participation
 - Landscape and Heritage
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Communities
 - Asset Management
 - Member Learning and Development
 - Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Mrs G Heath and Mr R Helliwell left at 12.25pm during consideration of this item.

29/17 MEMBERSHIP OF THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL (JS)

In anticipation of the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Member Appointment Process Panel Members had been contacted to establish whether any of them intend to be nominated for any of the 6 positions that receive a Special Responsibility Allowance. As one or more of the existing Members had indicated that they intended to express an interest in relevant positions, the Authority were asked to reconsider appointments to the Panel before the Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED:

To appoint Cllr J Atkin, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr C Carr and Cllr J Perkins as Members of the Appointment Process Panel.

The meeting ended at 12.50 pm

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