
MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 1 February 2019 at 10.00 am
Venue:	The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr A McCloy
Present:	Mr P Ancell, Mrs P Anderson, Mr J W Berresford, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr H Laws, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs L C Roberts, Mr K Smith and Cllr B Woods
Apologies for absence:	Cllr D Chapman, Cllr J Atkin, Cllr A Hart, Cllr J Macrae, Cllr R Walker and Cllr F J Walton.

1/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive reported that following approval by Members of the Corporate Strategy 2019-2024 at the last Authority Meeting in December 2018, a link was now available on the homepage of the National Park Website to both the full and summary versions of the Corporate Strategy. The link will be emailed to all Members so that it can be accessed directly, and we will be discussing how we communicate this with all our partners on our future plans.

The Chair reported that he would be producing an E-Bulletin shortly to Members to update them on meetings he had attended recently, but wanted to bring to the attention of Members the following:

- A meeting with Hardyal Dhindsa, Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner to discuss rural and wildlife crime, including birds of prey persecution.
- National Park Management Plan Events Management Workshop, which looked at organised events, how they are co-ordinated and managed, and the impact the events had on local communities.
- 2 members of The Oglesby Charitable Trust, who are based in Manchester covering the North West of England, were taken onto the Great Ridge to thank them for their generous donation of £40,000 towards the BMC Mend Our Mountains Campaign.

2/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER 2018

The minutes of the last Authority Meeting held on 7 December 2018 were approved as a correct record.

3/19 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to report.

4/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public to make representations to the Authority.

5/19 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Members Declaration of Interest.

6/19 BUDGET 2019/20 (A137/PN)

The Authority were asked to approve the 2019/20 Budget. It was noted that the budget had been prepared in accordance with the approach to investing in delivery of the Authority's Corporate Strategy presented to Members on 7th December 2018, and workshops during the year.

It was noted that the 2019/20 financial year was the final year of the 4 year current spending review period, and it showed the inflation protection announced by the Chancellor in his Statement of 2015, which was then set out in the settlement letter from DEFRA in 2016. This showed an increase in the National Park Grant in 2018/19 of £113,272.

In discussing the report Members sought and received assurances on the reserve position.

Cllr Jim Perkins left the room at 10:23 and returned at 10:27

Members thanked the Head of Finance for a clear budget report and for making it self-explanatory.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the base budget for the 2019/20 financial year shown in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report.**
- 2. To note the financial position of the Authority in the period up to March 2020 as explained in paragraph 11 of the report.**

7/19 UPDATE ON WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS THE UK NATIONAL PARKS (SF)

The Chief Executive introduced the report and updated Members on what progress had been achieved working collectively together at the England and UK National Park level over the past year, and on some of the future plans.

The application for the National Parks Charity Foundation was now with the Charity Commission.

The Head of Programme for the Discover England's National Parks Project, informed Members of "The English National Park Experience Collection" which would give visitors the opportunity to experience first-hand these living landscapes.

There are currently 75 brand new accessible and bookable experiences across the National Parks, with 10 of them being here in the Peak District working with a wide range of businesses. An official booklet showing all of the experiences that are available has been published and an official launch took place at Haddon Hall on the 31st January. The collection will be available this year. Some of the experiences include:-

- A behind the scenes tour of Haddon Hall.
- Blue John Stone Experience at Treak Cliff Cavern, where you can mine your own piece of blue john and make it into a piece of jewellery.
- Planting sphagnum moss with the Moors for the Future Team.
- Climbing through history at Stanage Edge
- Retro bike hire tour and tea at Tissington Hall
- Aviation History, discovering some of the aircraft wrecks in the Peak District.
- Story of Eyam – Plague Village Tour
- Forest in a bottle experience, foraging botanicals and flavours from the area of Macclesfield Forest to flavour gins.
- Walks/Cycle Hire with a Ranger

A "Discover the UK National Parks" Booklet was distributed to all Members and a video, which showed the experiences that are available throughout the National Park Network, was then shown to the meeting. The Chief Executive informed Members that the video could be shared as well.

Cllr Jim Perkins left the meeting at 10.53 during discussion of this item.

Members congratulated National Parks England and all for the working together across the 15 UK National Parks. The motion to approve the recommendation was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am