

**MINUTES OF BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY NATIONAL
PARK AUTHORITY HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM, PLAS Y FFYNNON,
CAMBRIAN WAY, BRECON LD3 7HP ON FRIDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2019**

PRESENT:

Powys

Cllr Ratcliffe (Deputy Chair), Cllr E Durrant, Cllr E Roderick and Cllr McNicholas

Monmouthshire

Cllr A Webb

Carmarthenshire

Cllr Madge

Merthyr Tydfil

Rhondda Cynon Taff

Torfaen

Cllr Ashley

Blaenau Gwent

Cllr J Hill

Members appointed by the Welsh Government

Mr Ian Rowat, Mr James Marsden, Ms Deborah Perkin, Mr Julian Stedman, Mr Christopher Coppock and Mrs Sue Holden

In Attendance

Angharad Hawkes
Mr Julian Atkins, Chief Executive
Elaine Standen, Finance Manager
Mrs Julia Gruffydd, Democratic Services Manager

Apologies

Mr E Evans, Cllr M Jones, Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Cllr McIntosh, Cllr M Feakins, Cllr A James, Cllr Rogers and Grenville Ham

24/19 Correspondence

In the absence of the Chair the Deputy Chair welcomed all to the meeting and explained for the benefit of those watching the webcast that the meeting would be recommended to go into confidential session. If that was approved then the webcast would be a short one.

Apologies for absence were noted.

25/19 Declarations of Interest

The Chair advised that any declarations of interest in respect of the exempt business on the agenda would be declared in exempt session but recorded in the minutes.

26/19 Public Speaking

There were no requests to speak.

27/19 Access to Information

RESOLVED:

- a) **To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 5 in accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.**
- b) **To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 6 in accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.**

28/19 Appointment of Independent Member of Standards Committee

The Deputy Chair thanked the Appointments Committee for shortlisting and interviewing candidates. The Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee reported that three candidates had been interviewed and the committee had unanimously

recommended a strong candidate for the role of independent member of Standards Committee.

RESOLVED: That Ms Pam Hibbert be appointed as an independent member of Standards Committee for an initial term of office from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022.

29/19 Appointment of Monitoring Officer

The Deputy Chair reminded members that a number of recruitment options had been taken over the last year in relation to the role of Monitoring Officer and he thanked Geldards for their support to the Authority for the last three months.

He reported that the Appointments Committee were unanimous in their recommendation of a candidate for the role given his experience and expertise.

RESOLVED: To appoint Sean O'Connor to the post of Monitoring Officer for a fixed term contract of two years, with a start date to be confirmed.

Signed as a correct record
Chairman of the National Park Authority