

**MINUTES OF BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY NATIONAL
PARK AUTHORITY HELD AT VIRTUAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, 20TH
JANUARY, 2022**

PRESENT:

Powys

Cllr Ratcliffe (Chair), Cllr M Jones, Cllr E Roderick and Cllr McNicholas

Monmouthshire

Carmarthenshire

Cllr A James

Merthyr Tydfil

Cllr Jeremy Davies

Rhondda Cynon Taff

Cllr G Thomas

Torfaen

Blaenau Gwent

Cllr J Hill

Members appointed by the Welsh Government

Canon Aled Edwards (Deputy Chair), Liz Davis and Mr Julian Stedman

In Attendance

Angharad HawkesCatherine Mealing-Jones, Chief Executive
Marc Ronan, Solicitor & Monitoring Officer
Julia Gruffydd, Democratic Services Manager

Apologies

Cllr Williams, Cllr S Evans, Coppock, J Marsden and S Holden

1/22 Correspondence

The Chair thanked members and officers for attending at short notice, and noted apologies.

2/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3/22 Public Speaking

There were no requests to speak.

4/22 Budget Requirements of Corporate Joint Committee Strategic Planning Functions

Members considered recommendations to give delegation to the National Park Authority representatives on the three Corporate Joint Committees to agree the Authority's contribution to the strategic planning function. Their attention was drawn to the third recommendation at the end of the report which was omitted from the summary at the start and which highlighted the need to press for National Park Authority involvement in the audit and scrutiny arrangements.

The Authority's representatives on each of the CJs gave positive feedback on their first meetings. The CEO confirmed that to date that there would not be planning strategy to reflect on for some time which would give the Authority time to publish its National Park Management Plan (Future Beacons). It was noted that sustainable transport, while not a responsibility of the Authority, did have relevance for some of its projects, and it was hoped that the Authority could be involved in any future discussions.

RESOLVED:

- a) **That the three Brecon Beacons members may agree any CJC estimate of the amount which it will spend in the exercise of its strategic planning functions and proportion payable by the National Park Authority which results in an amount up to and including the following maximum levels reflecting broadly, the magnitude of influence the CJC will have over Strategic Development Planning across the National Park: £8,000. Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee £1,000. South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee £1,000. South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee.**
- b) **Where there is an urgent need to adapt our position, that Members delegate responsibility for agreeing the governance and financial arrangements for the CJC to the Chair and Chief Executive(in consultation with the**

other CJC Members) in order to enable all three Brecon Beacons Members to participate in the CJCs.

- c) That Members agree that the NPA CJC Members and officers continue to press for NPA involvement in the Audit and Scrutiny arrangements.**

The Chair took the opportunity to thank Tracy Nettleton, Head of Planning, for her many years of service with the Authority and wished her well in her new job. This was echoed by the Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee.

Signed as a correct record
Chairman of the National Park Authority