

**MINUTES OF BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY NATIONAL  
PARK AUTHORITY HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM, PLAS Y FFYNNON,  
CAMBRIAN WAY, BRECON LD3 7HP ON FRIDAY, 28TH JUNE, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

**Powys**

Cllr Ratcliffe (Deputy Chair), Cllr M Jones, Cllr Phil Pritchard, Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Cllr E Durrant, Cllr E Roderick and Cllr McIntosh

**Monmouthshire**

Cllr A Webb and Cllr M Feakins

**Carmarthenshire**

Cllr Madge

**Merthyr Tydfil**

**Rhondda Cynon Taff**

Cllr G Thomas

**Torfaen**

**Blaenau Gwent**

**Members appointed by the Welsh Government**

Mr Edward Evans (Chair), Mr Ian Rowat, Mr James Marsden, Ms Deborah Perkin, Mr Julian Stedman, Mr Christopher Coppock and Mrs Sue Holden

**In Attendance**

Angharad HawkesSean O'Connor, Monitoring Officer  
Stephen Gray, Delivery Director  
Mr Julian Atkins, Chief Executive  
Mrs Julia Gruffydd, Democratic Services Manager  
Mr Paul Funnell, IT and Systems Manager

## **Apologies**

Cllr McNicholas, Cllr A James, Cllr J Hill and Grenville Ham

### **72/19 Correspondence**

The Chair announced that the Minister had approved his reappointment as a Welsh Government appointed member, together with Ian Rowat, for up to two years or until the legislation was approved to reduce the size of the Authority to 18 members. He said that it was a privilege and a pleasure to have served as Chair for the last year and he highlighted the challenges that the Authority had faced in terms of staff structure and changes to governance. He felt that the good joint working between members and officers was not a common occurrence and should be maximised. Members regretted that he did not intend to stand again for Chair but he stressed he was pleased to have been Chair but felt that it would not be appropriate to continue given his short reappointment. He would consider other positions in order to provide some continuity for the Authority.

The Chair reminded members of the nomination and voting procedures for the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

### **73/19 Election of Chair of the Authority**

**RESOLVED: That Cllr G Ratcliffe be elected Chair of the Authority until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.**

Cllr Ratcliffe thanked Mr Evans for all his work and looked forward to his new life in managing the Authority. He then took the Chair.

### **74/19 Election of Deputy Chair of the Authority**

**RESOLVED: That Mr E Evans be elected Deputy Chair of the Authority until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.**

### **75/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **76/19 Public Speaking**

There were no requests to speak.

## **77/19 Appointment of Members to Committees**

Members then reviewed and approved the following appointments.

### **a Appointment of Members to the Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the following members be appointed to the Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: Cllr Emily Durrant, Cllr M Jones, Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Cllr S McNicholas, Cllr Iain McIntosh, Cllr P Pritchard, Cllr G Ratcliffe, Cllr E Roderick, Cllr A James, Cllr M Feakins, Cllr J Hill, Cllr S Evans, Cllr M Colbran, Cllr G Thomas, Mr C Coppock, Mr E Evans, Mr G Ham, Mr J Marsden, Ms D Perkin, Mr I Rowat, Mr J Stedman

### **b Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee**

The meeting then paused to convene the Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee in order to elect the Chair and Deputy Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee. Minutes of this meeting were recorded.

On reconvening the Annual General Meeting members noted that Mr JStedman had been re-elected as Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee and Cllr E Roderick re-elected as Deputy Chair.

### **c Appointment of Members to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the following members be appointed to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Cllr Iain McIntosh, Cllr A James, Cllr K Madge, Cllr A Webb, Cllr G Thomas, Cllr S Holden, Mr J Marsden, Mr I Rowat

### **d Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

The meeting then paused to allow the Audit and Scrutiny Committee to elect their Chair and Deputy Chair. Separate minutes were recorded for this meeting.

On reconvening the Annual General Meeting it was noted that Cllr A Webb had been re-elected as Chair of Authority and Mr I Rowat as Deputy Chair.

The Annual General Meeting then reconvened.

e **Appointment of Members to the Standards Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the following members be appointed to the Standards Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: Cllr A Webb, Cllr A James and Ms D Perkin.

f **Appointment of Members to the Appointments Committee**

**RESOLVED:** That the following members be appointed to the Appointment Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, Chair and Deputy Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee and the Chair and Deputy Chair of Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

g **Appointment of Members to the Sustainable Development Fund Committee and Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**

The Chair of the SDF Committee advised that the number of Powys members on this committee had caused some problems with quoracy when there was a clash with the Powys diary. She also asked that the Governance and Member Development Working Group review the terms of reference in relation to the Authority electing a Chair of the committee which was inconsistent with other committees.

She referred to her annual report which available on the members' extranet in the library.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the following members be appointed to the Sustainable Development Fund Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: Cllr A James, Cllr I McIntosh, Cllr M Jones, Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Ms D Perkin, Mr Coppock.
- b) That Ms D Perkin be elected Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.
- c) That Cllr K Laurie-Parry be elected Deputy Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.
- d) That the Governance and Member Development Working Group be asked to review the terms of reference of the SDF Committee in relation to the election of Chair and Deputy Chair.

## h **Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy Forum**

It was noted that all members sit on the Policy Forum.

### **RESOLVED:**

- a) **That Mr J Marsden be elected Chair of the Policy Forum until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority;**
- b) **That Cllr G Thomas be elected Deputy Chair of the Policy Forum until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.**

The outgoing Chair, Cllr E Durrant, congratulated the new Chair and thanked members and officers for their support during her year as Chair.

## **78/19 Meithrin Mynydd Terms of Reference**

Member considered revised draft terms of reference for this group to reflect the challenges ahead. The draft terms would be discussed with the graziers and brought back to the Authority for final approval.

**RESOLVED: That the Meithrin Mynydd terms of reference be agreed in draft for further consultation with the Graziers**

## **79/19 Establishment of Waterfalls Task and Finish Group**

The Delivery Director reminded members of their request to establish a task and finish group to work with officers on an integrated approach to issues in the Waterfalls Area.

**RESOLVED: That the following members be appointed to the Waterfalls Task and Finish Group until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority or until the work had been completed: Cllr G Thomas, Cllr E Roderick, Cllr S McNicholas, Mr C Coppock, Mr E Evans and Mr J Marsden.**

## **80/19 Appointment of Members to Advisory and Working Groups**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the following members be appointed to the **Governance and Member Development Working Group** until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: **Cllr G Ratcliffe, Cllr J Hill, Cllr E Roderick, Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Mr C Coppock, Mrs S Holden and Mr E Evans;**
- b) That the following members be appointed to the **Affordable Housing Working Group** until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority: **Cllr M Jones, Cllr K Laurie-Parry, Cllr M Feakins, Cllr A James, Mr J Stedman and Mr C Coppock;**

### **81/19 Annual Reports from Member Champions**

The Chair advised that the report from the Landscape and Biodiversity Champion was on the agenda and those from the Heritage Champion and Resilient Communities Champion had been made available via the Modern.gov library. These members presented their reports.

Verbal reports were given by the Equality and Diversity Champion, Welsh Language Champion and Sustainable Economic Development Champion.

Members suggested that some help for non-Welsh speaking members in pronouncing place names would be useful and this would be considered further by the Governance and Member Development Working Group when they met on 5 July.

### **82/19 Appointment of Member Champions**

Members noted the additional champion role of Volunteers which had been agreed, with a role description.

**RESOLVED: That the following Member Champions be appointed:**

- a) **Equality and Diversity: Cllr E Durrant (Ms D Perkin as Shadow Champion)**
- b) **Welsh Language: Cllr E Roderick (Cllr S McNicholas Shadow Champion)**
- c) **Landscape and Biodiversity: Mr J Marsden (Mrs S Holden as Shadow Champion)**
- d) **Heritage: Mr J Stedman (Cllr J Hill as Shadow Champion)**
- e) **Resilient Communities: Mr C Coppock (Cllr K Laurie-Parry as Shadow Champion)**

- f) **Sustainable Economic Development: Cllr I McIntosh (Mr G Ham as Shadow Champion)**
- g) **Volunteers: Mr I Rowat (Cllr G Ratcliffe as Shadow Champion)**

Cllr K Madge and Cllr M Colbran left the meeting.

### 83/19 Representation on Outside Bodies

**RESOLVED: That the following members be appointed to outside bodies until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority:**

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| a) <b>National Parks UK</b>  | Cllr G Ratcliffe (Chair of the Authority),<br>Mr E Evans (Deputy Chair to substitute) |
| b) <b>National Parks Wales</b>                                     | Cllr G Ratcliffe and<br>Mr E Evans (Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority)          |
| c) <b>Welsh Local Government Association</b>                       | Cllr G Ratcliffe (Chair)  |
| d) <b>Member Sponsor for Research Prospectus</b>                   | Mr J Marsden  |
| e) <b>Regional Strategic Planning Groups South East South West</b> | Cllr M Feakins<br>Cllr G Thomas<br>Cllr M Feakins                                     |
| f) <b>Regional Technical Statement Member Forum</b>                |   |
| g) <b>Alliance of Welsh National Parks</b>                         | Cllr G Ratcliffe (Chair of the Authority)   |
| h) <b>Brecknock Access Group</b>                                   | Cllr E Roderick   |
| i) <b>Blaenavon World Heritage Site Partnership Board</b>          | Cllr S Evans  |
| j) <b>Monmouthshire &amp; Brecon Canal Steering Group</b>          | Mr J Stedman  |
| k) <b>Powys Public Service Board</b>                               | Cllr A Webb<br>Mr I Rowat (1 <sup>st</sup> )  |

**Scrutiny  
Committee**

reserve)  
Cllr M Feakins (2<sup>nd</sup>  
reserve)  
Ms D Perkin

**I) Biodiversity  
Information  
Service**

**84/19 Any Other Business**

The Chair reminded members of the additional Authority meeting on 30 July 2019, time to be confirmed, and of the Governance and Member Development Working Group meeting on 5 July 2019 at 10.00am.

He thanked members and officers and asked all members to congregate outside the main entrance for a photograph.

Signed as a correct record  
Chairman of the National Park Authority