

**MINUTES OF BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY NATIONAL
PARK AUTHORITY HELD AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 9TH AUGUST,
2021**

PRESENT:

Powys

Cllr G Ratcliffe (Chair), Cllr E Roderick, Cllr S McNicholas, Cllr I McIntosh and Cllr J Williams

Monmouthshire

Cllr A Webb

Carmarthenshire

Cllr A James

Rhondda Cynon Taff

Cllr G Thomas

Torfaen

Cllr S Evans

Blaenau Gwent

Cllr J Hill

Members appointed by the Welsh Government

Mr Christopher Coppock, Mr James Marsden, Liz Davis (Deputy Chair), Canon Aled Edwards, Sue Holden and Mr Julian Stedman

In Attendance

Catherine Mealing-Jones, Chief Executive
Marc Ronan, Monitoring Officer

Apologies

Cllr M Jones and Cllr J Amos

117/21 Correspondence

The Chair opened the meeting and noted apologies.

118/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

119/21 Minutes

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the following minutes and authorise the Chair to sign them as a correct record:

a) National Park Authority – 21st June 2021;

b) National Park Authority – 5th July 2021.

2. To receive the following minutes: Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 7th May 2021

120/21 Public Speaking

There were no requests to speak.

121/21 Chairman's Announcements

Members were informed that the Chair and Deputy Chair had met with NRW, Local Authorities and Sir David Henshaw to discuss Phosphate levels in the rivers, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting would be shared with all Members once they are received.

122/21 Chief Executive's Announcements

The CEO updated members on a number of current workstreams.

123/21 A470 and Pont ar Daf

Members were asked to agree the National Park Authority's position on the National Trust plan to implement the parking plan as per their planning permission that was granted in 2017.

It was explained that since the planning permission was granted in 2017, it is no longer in line with National Park Management Plan policy aspirations or with the latest

recommendations as outlined in the recent Gridsquare 2021 feasibility report. Officers now believe there is an opportunity to work with the National Trust and other partners to reflect the current context in the scheme plan and delivery.

Members agreed that the proposals are admirable but questioned how the plan would be enforced and if National Trust is in agreement.

The Visitor Management Officer explained that there would need to be a combination of traffic orders and the blocking of verge parking. He also said that National Trust is keen to work with the National Park Authority and other partners such as Powys County Council and Dyfed Powys Police.

A Member commented that the suggested contribution of £10,000 is derisory and should be 30-50% cost of the Project Manager role.

RESOLVED:

1. National Trust are asked to adjust their current plans to implement the 2017 car parking scheme (in full) in favour of a scheme which better reflects shared aspirations and the changed context.

2. Partners are asked to come together to finance a project manager, with a contribution from BBNPA, amount to be decided by CEO and SLT. The role of the project manager will be to use the detail of the NT scheme and the Gridsquare recommendations to develop a solution agreed by all partners.

3. The BBNPA CEO will convene partners to form the partnership, agree the terms of reference and governance arrangements and finalise the funding of the project manager.

4. The project manager will develop a 2022 sustainable transport solution between Brecon and Merthyr as a matter of urgency.

5. Should NT insist on commencement of the scheme BBNPA advocate the development of section A of the car park only, until such time that a sustainable transport solution can be integrated into the larger plan.

124/21 Changes to Standing Orders

The Deputy Chair of the Authority proposed to remove item 8 from the agenda to allow further reflection and discussion at the September Governance and Member Development Working Group.

RESOLVED: The Chair withdrew the item from the agenda.

125/21 Senior Leadership Proposals

The CEO presented the Senior Leadership proposals and thanked the Transition Director, Stephanie Evans and Mark Evans, for supporting the process.

It was moved that the discussion on item 9 would be held in an exempt session.

RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 12 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.

RESOLVED: To approve the Chief Executive proceeding with the recruitment of two Directors and one Programme Manager.

126/21 Member Reports

There were no Member reports.

127/21 Gifts & Hospitality

No declarations were made.

128/21 Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Signed as a correct record
Chairman of the National Park Authority