

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Friday 14 June 2019

Present: K Ball, S Barker, A Cooper, G Gribble, P Harper, G Hill, J McInnes, S Morgan, D Moyse, J Nutley, N Oakley, C Pannell, R Parkinson, M Renders, P Sanders, P Smerdon, P Vogel, D Webber; P Woods

Apologies: No Apologies

3449 Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 10 May 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3450 Declarations of Interest

None

3451 Chair's Report

The Chair congratulated all of those involved with Team Dartmoor Day, adding that positive feedback had been received from all workshops.

The Chair requested that the minutes record the Authority's gratitude to Maurice Retallick for over 20 years of service to the National Park. A lot of his work, regarding the farming community, went unseen. He was an excellent ambassador for the National Park, the work of the Authority and local communities.

3452 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

None.

3453 Public Participation

None.

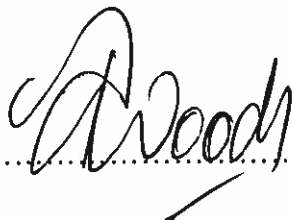
3454 Dartmoor Public Arts Initiative – More Moor Otters

Members received the report of the Marketing and Fundraising Officer (NPA/19/017).

Members were reminded that they had agreed, at the meeting held on 10 May 2019, to support the development of the public arts trail for 2020, together with the allocation of £120,000 from reserve balances.

The Steering Group met on 16 May 2019; two options were agreed regarding the model for the otter: the original design from the 2017 project and a new otter and pup, similar in style to the original but sheltering a pup. Sketch designs were displayed to Members for their consideration.

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The estimated cost difference between the two models would be in the region of £3,800 (additional cost for the otter plus pup).

A Member cautioned against using the same design for a second project, citing previous experience for similar projects – sponsors and visitors alike returned for the second time as different models were used for each project.

Members discussed the proposal, some of the observations/comments were as follows:

- A frequently asked question "*when are you doing Moor Otters again?*";
- From the point of view as a Primary School teacher, the last Otter trail was fantastic;
- Having volunteered with the Outreach Vehicle at various events, the otter and pup would continue the story;
- Next year is the 200th anniversary of the Templar Way – would it be possible to celebrate this with a model at the end of the Templar Way at Teignmouth?
- With regard to the otter and pup model, it would be advisable to check with artists whether it could be decorated as well as the single otters were in 2017;
- Suggested marketing opportunities – the positive story of the otters returning to Dartmoor;
- Mayflower 400 celebrations take place in 2020; they could be included in some way.

In response to a Member's query, the Marketing and Fundraising Officer advised that artists would be invited to submit a design for consideration; rules/conditions would also be provided on-line.

The Chief Executive suggested that in view of the query regarding ease of decoration, any proposal put forward by Members could be 'agreement in principle' with delegated authority to the Chair and Steering Group once a response has been received.

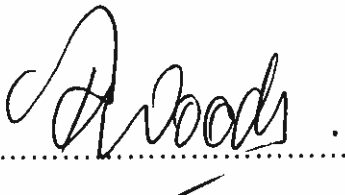
Mr Barker proposed, in principle, that the otter and pup model be used for the 2020 More Moor Otters public arts initiative, subject to a positive response with regard to ease of decoration, with final authority delegated to the Chair and Steering Group, which was seconded by Mr Gribble.

RESOLVED: Members AGREED the otter and pup design for the public arts trail 2020, subject to a positive response with regard to ease of decoration, with final authority delegated to the Chair and Steering Group.

3455 Connecting Dartmoor and Exmoor

Members received the report of the Communities Officer (NPA/19/018).

The Business Survey which was undertaken in 2014 highlighted concerns regarding the lack of digital connectivity in rural areas. Prior to 2013 broadband provision on Dartmoor was very limited with some areas receiving less than 2mbps; superfast broadband speed is now 30mbps.

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Connecting Devon and Somerset, run by the County Councils and provided through BT Openreach was Phase 1 of the project. 70% connectivity was gained but it became apparent very quickly that the very rural communities would struggle.

2015 saw the 'Connecting Dartmoor & Exmoor' programme secure an additional £4.2m of investment for the two moors. Airband Community Internet was contracted to deliver 30mbps to 4,794 premises, which was substantially completed in June 2018, with 15,900 (92%) of premises on Dartmoor receiving Superfast coverage. This leaves 1,300 premises with no access. The aim is to connect these remaining premises by 2020.

With regard to the consideration of the provision of 5G, a Member requested that a briefing note be provided to all Members regarding the theory of 5G across the Moor.

Members noted the considerable contribution made by the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP) to the project.

RESOLVED: Members:

- (i) NOTED the content of the report; and
- (ii) Requested a briefing note regarding the theory of 5G provision across Dartmoor, to include information regarding the voucher schemes, community schemes and mobile coverage in general.

3456 Tree Preservation Orders and Section 211 Notifications (Works to Trees in Conservation Areas)

Members received the report of the Trees and Landscape Officer (NPA/19/019).

RESOLVED: Members NOTED the content of the report.

3457 Any Other Business

Parish Links – The Deputy Chairman advised that he would report back to the next Authority meeting, following the changes to membership of the Authority.

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