

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Friday 15 June 2018

Present: J Christophers; A Cooper; P Harper; S Hill; P Hitchins;
M Jeffery; J McInnes; D Moyse; N Oakley; C Pannell;
M Retallick; P Sanders; M Simpson; D Webber; P Woods

Apologies: K Ball; S Barker; W Cann; G Gribble

3364 Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 4 May 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3365 Declarations of Interest

None

3366 Chairman's Report

The Chairman had attended the celebratory event to mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Haytor Visitor Centre.

He thanked the members of staff who had organised the Team Dartmoor Day on Wednesday, 13 June. He thought it a super event, and was sure that all who were able to partake had enjoyed themselves, and that morale on the day was excellent for both staff and Members.

The Deputy Chairman, Mr Retallick, had attended a joint meeting with the event organisers group, community representatives and farmers to agree a draft events protocol going forward. He felt it was a very productive meeting with all sides able to put their case. The draft is to go before the Local Access Forum and the Authority later in the year.

The Chief Executive (NPO) was pleased to receive such positive feedback following the Team Dartmoor Day. He updated Members on the car park charges and that we had received positive and negative feedback on social media.

He was also able to enlighten Members as to who would be working with Julian Glover on the Government's review of Designated Landscapes (National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty). Members agreed that the Review should be a key topic for the Member Workshop on 14 September 2018.

Signed  Date 27.7.18

3367 Items requiring urgent attention

None

3368 Public Participation

None

3369 Appointments to the Dartmoor Commoners' Council

Members received the report of the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) (NPA/18/022)

The Dartmoor Commons Act 1985 established the Dartmoor Commoners' Council and laid down the arrangements for its future, including the appointment of members. The Commoners' Council comprises a minimum of 26 and a maximum of 28 members at any one time. The appointment of members (in terms of who may appoint, how many and to represent which interests) is prescribed by the Dartmoor Commons Act 1985. The Act provides for the Authority to appoint four persons to the Commoners' Council:

- 2 to represent the National Park Authority (one of whom shall be a person appointed by the Secretary of State);
- 2 people "appearing to represent the interests of owners (other than the Duchy of Cornwall and the Park Authority) of lands forming part of the commons."

The 2 landowner representatives agreed by the Authority are appointed for four year periods from the appointed day, and thereafter for periods of four years from 1 July which, in practice means the Authority has to appoint two persons to represent landowners on the Commoners' Council with effect from 1 July 2018 (a four year anniversary of the appoint day). Following consultation with the Dartmoor Common Owners' Association, who in turn consulted with their members, it was recommended that Mr Russell Ashford a landowner and commoner in the south quarter, and Mr Jonathan Aylett, a part-time land agent, be reappointed.

The proposal to confirm the appointment of two landowner representatives for a further four years from 1 July 2018 was put forward by Mr Retallick who said that both gentlemen had done an excellent job previously and would no doubt continue to do so. Mr Hitchins seconded the motion.

RESOLVED:

Members confirmed the appointment of two land owner representatives, as required by the Dartmoor Commons Act 1985 section 3(2d), namely Mr R Ashford and Mr J Aylett (as supported by the Dartmoor Common Owners' Association).

Signed  Date 27.7.18

**3370 Dartmoor's Naturally Healthy Project
November 2014 - January 2018 : Project Closure Report**

Members received the report of the Senior Learning and Outreach Officer (NPA/18/023).

The Dartmoor Naturally Healthy Project was a partnership between Devon County Council (DCC) Public Health & Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA). It ran from November 2014 to January 2018, the total project cost was £85,000 of which DCC Public Health provided £60K over three years. DNPA matched this with £25K over three years, and this was used to employ a part-time Naturally Healthy Project Officer and provide some working budget to facilitate visits to Dartmoor.

The benefits of National Parks for health and wellbeing are now well recognised. Recent events hosted by Public Health England included training to help implement the Mental Health Concordat and an opportunity to present the findings from the *Natural Healthy Dartmoor* project at the Public Health-England, South West Physical Activity network. These networks provided the Authority with opportunities to access help and support, for example, in our ambition to quantify return on investment, and have also helped us make 'the National Park offer' clearer to professionals who, otherwise, may not have considered protected landscapes as a health benefit resource.

The Naturally Healthy Project has delivered a range of tangible outcomes for people in the project areas. These include a greater sense of belonging and well-being. A succession plan was in place early in the project to ensure sustainability and learning from the project and provides a good platform for any future projects, should funding become available

Following discussions a Member requested whether it might be possible to have a precis of the summary report appended to NPA/18/023 as they felt it would prove a useful lobbying tool when trying to get the message of *Naturally Healthy* across to their local MPs.

RESOLVED: Members NOTED the content of the report.

**3371 Tree Preservation Orders & Section 211 Notifications
(Works to Trees in Conservation Areas) Determined Under
Delegated Powers**

Members received the report of the Trees and Landscape Officer (NPA/18/024)

RESOLVED: Members NOTED the content of the report

Signed  Date 27.7.18