

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Friday 10 April 2015

Present: Mr S Barker, Mr G Gribble, Mr P Harper (Chairman), Mr P Hitchins, Mr M Jeffery, Mr D Lloyd, Dr I Mortimer, Miss D Moyse, Mr J Nutley, Ms N Oakley, Mr M Retallick (Deputy Chairman), Mr P Sanders, Mr J Shears, Mr P Vogel, Mr D Webber.

Apologies: Mr K Ball, Mr J Hockridge, Mr J Kidner, Mr J McInnes

3066 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record:

3067 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.


3068 Chairman's Report

- The Parish Councils' Planning Workshop, held on 11 March 2015, had been well attended;
- The Chairman and the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) had both visited the CTCRM at Lympstone where they were given a tour of the camp discussed the implications for Dartmoor of troops returning from Germany;
- The Chairman had attended a careers evening, organised by the University of Exeter in order to encourage students to remain in the South West;
- The Chairman has applied to become a Director of National Parks Partnership – the Limited Company being set up by the UK's National Parks to develop commercial income generation involving sponsorship;
- The Chairman, Chief Executive (National Park Officer), senior members of staff and a number of Members visited Hemerdon mine (Drakelands) on Thursday 2 April 2015;
- Mr Retallick had 'stood in' for the Chairman at the event welcoming the return of Kevin Carr, the young man who had broken three records, including the world record for the fastest run around the world. Mr Carr completed his 16,300 mile run in 621 days, beating the record by one day. Mr Retallick reported that there had been a good attendance, by both staff and the general public, at the finishing line at Haytor.

Mr Vogel asked that his thanks to Richard Drysdale and his staff be recorded; he was most impressed with the work that had been undertaken by staff and volunteers within the Visitor Centres.

3069 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

None.

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3070 Public Participation

None.

3071 Governance Changes

Members received the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (NPA/15/012).

Members approved the deletion of the posts of Director of Communications and Business Support and Director of Planning in March 2015. This has necessitated a review of the Authority's core governance documents to ensure appropriate levels of delegation, accountability, business continuity and resilience, resulting in the recommendations as set out in the report. These have been drawn up in consultation with the Head of Business Support and checked with the Section 151 Officer, Devon County Council.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services added that the Government has recently announced that changes to Standing Orders would be required in respect of the process to be followed for the dismissal of Chief Executives. A report will be taken to Authority in June 2015 regarding this.


Mr Sanders proposed the recommendation, which was seconded by Mr Gribble.

RESOLVED: Members agreed changes to Financial Regulations, Procurement Procedures, Anti-Fraud and Corruption policy and Confidential Reporting policy as set out in the report, to take effect from the end of the meeting.

3072 Tree Preservation Orders and Section 211 Notifications (works to trees in Conservation Areas) Determined under delegated powers

Members received the report of the Trees and Landscape Officer (NPA/15/013).

RESOLVED: Members noted the content of the report.

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Date 01/05/15