



Peak District Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting

Thursday 30 October 2014 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Boardroom, Aldern House, Bakewell, DE45 1AE

Minutes

1. Introductions and Apologies

Present: Geoff Nickolds (chair), Jane Chapman, Penny Anderson, Zahid Hamid, Anne Robinson, Alison Pritchard, Mike Burke, Karen Shelley-Jones (minutes).

Apologies were received from Neil Moulden, Paul Roden and Peter Dewhurst.

2. Minutes of last meeting and action points; matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting in July were accepted as an accurate record. Most action points are covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. Update on DEFRA's mandate for LNPs and LNP evaluation – email and paper provided

The draft LNP evaluation report was circulated to the board, without comment. Kim Martin's email concerning LNP lead role on pollinator strategy was circulated to the board, it was largely felt that whilst supportive in principle, this was not a significant issue in the Peak District due to the lack of arable crops. Pollinators are of course important for wildflowers. Kim referred in her email to Defra's mandate for LNPs.

Lord De Mauley is meeting with representatives of LEPs and LNPs today to discuss collaborative working.

- **Jane to contact Kim Martin to seek further update on Defra mandate for LNPs.**

4. Dialogue with LEPs and other partnerships

Geoff, Jane and Karen attended a joint meeting between the Peak District and the Lowland Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire LNPs and D2N2 LEP on Tuesday. The meeting discussed the European Structural Investment Fund (£250m) and D2N2's investment strategy consultation. It is anticipated that calls for project proposals would come out in January 2015 for environmental and sustainable development ideas. Money would be available from January 2016.

D2N2 is looking to identify sustainability indicators for project delivery. LDNLNP is holding a sub-group meeting to discuss this on 21 November.

It was agreed that joint meetings with the two LNPs and the LEP would be held quarterly. Minutes from the meeting will be circulated to the board when available.

D2N2 is setting up a program board to oversee funding allocation and has asked for applications for a representative from the environment sector. Mike has put himself forward for this role.

- **Geoff and Jane to coordinate response to the ESIF investment strategy from Enterprise Peak District.**
- **Mike to join meeting about sustainability indicators on 21 November.**
- **Jane and Mike to review the Enterprise Peak District prospectus and come up with proposals for projects by January 2015.**
- **Geoff and Jane to talk to PDNPA minerals planners about opportunities to derive benefits from quarry restoration.**

5. Geodiversity – GeoPark proposal paper provided

A proposal was received from Albert Benghiat from the National Stone Centre for a feasibility study into applying for a GeoPark designation. Natural England has also been approached for support. The board felt it was important to focus on what action is needed for geodiversity.

- **Mike to find out about previous NE funding of the National Stone Centre for geodiversity data.**
- **Karen to invite Albert to the next LNP board meeting to present his proposal.**

6. State of Nature – verbal update from Penny

Penny and Karen are currently gathering species and habitat data to identify figures and trends. The data and sources are being collated onto a single Excel workbook. Penny will send this to nature conservation groups with a request to add their knowledge and fill any data gaps. The board felt that the report needed to include clear statements on why species and habitats are important, and identify our priorities and ways forward with calls to action.

7. Health agenda – paper provided on NHS Forest conference

Karen provided some notes on the NHS Forest conference and gave a verbal report on key points.

Alison had provided a presentation on the refresh of the Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy. The healthier communities section, including the focus on wider determinants of health such as the environment, has the most obvious links with the work of the LNP. A HWB strategy aspiration is to help vulnerable groups, notably in urban areas. The board felt there were opportunities to work on rural isolation issues.

Alison is to write a paper on links between the LNP, nature and health for her manager Elaine Michel in preparation for a meeting with Ann Weston, leader of DCC. The board felt that we need to ensure there is a mutual benefit both for health and the environment from any projects we might promote. Pithy economic statements on the benefits of investment in the natural environment to health would help.

- **All to provide natural health type project ideas to Alison.**
- **Alison to circulate her draft briefing paper to the board before it goes to Ann Weston.**
- **Alison to circulate a link to the report 'Natural solutions for tackling health inequalities'.**
- **Alison to check on location and coverage of relevant CCGs for the Peak.**
- **Anne to circulate links to Europarcs documents on health.**

8. LNP Partnership event planning

Karen is to produce a LNP newsletter in November which will publicise this event, where we will present the final draft of the State of Nature report and an update on Geodiversity action. Date of event to be Wednesday 4th March.

9. Project update – information item

Mike had provided a written update on NE moorland restoration agreements.

Moors for the Future – MoorLIFE 2020 bid for £14.5m has gone to the EU LIFE programme. The Community Science project was successful in their round 2 HLF bid.

River Lathkill – Partners are still working on a bid to HLF for installing control structures into Magpie Mine Sough and the Lathkill Sough to return flow to the River Lathkill. There have been issues around getting the right balance between heritage and community involvement.

Ash woodlands – £30k of joint partner funding has been collected for baseline monitoring and surveying; opportunities to use this to lever in additional funding are being explored. NE are looking at mitigation measures for the Derbyshire Dales NNRs to make the woodlands more resilient.

Wader project – the current wader project officer will be leaving soon for a four year contract in the North Pennines. The post was only funded until January 2015 and there are presently no funds to replace the post.

10. Dates of next meetings

The next meeting to be confirmed via Doodle poll, w/c 26th January 2015.

11. Any Other Business

The Peak District Partnership has sent a consultation on their statement of priorities, deadline for comments is 28 November.

- **Karen to circulate and all to provide comments to Karen by 15 November.**