

Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 October 2010, 2pm at
Goosnargh Village Hall, Longridge, Preston.**

Present

Members

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| County Councillor Albert Atkinson | Lancashire County Council |
| Councillor Lin Barrington | Craven District Council |
| Councillor Roger Brooks | Wyre Borough Council |
| Councillor John Browne | Preston City Council |
| County Councillor Susie Charles | Lancashire County Council |
| Councillor Rosemary Elms | Ribble Valley Borough Council |
| Andrew Gouldstone | RSPB |
| Ian Grindy | United Utilities |
| Michael Helm | Lancashire Association of Councils |
| David Kelly | Ramblers Association |
| Sam Marsden | Natural England |
| Councillor Colin Price | Yorkshire Local Council Association |
| County Councillor David Smith | Lancashire County Council |
| Councillor James Starkie | Pendle Borough Council |
| County Councillor Richard Welch | North Yorkshire County Council |

Officers

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| Hetty Byrne | Forest of Bowland AONB Unit |
| Martin Charlesworth | Forest of Bowland AONB Unit |
| Andrew Coombe | Lancashire County Council |
| Cathy Hopley | Forest of Bowland AONB Unit |
| Vaughan Jones | Pendle Borough Council |
| Don McKay | Forest of Bowland AONB Unit |
| Andy Milroy | Lancashire County Council (Clerk) |
| David Oyston | Lancashire County Council |
| David Padley | Lancashire County Council |
| Mike Pugh | Forest of Bowland AONB Unit |
| Martin Putsey | Preston City Council |
| John Rhodes | Lancashire County Council |
| Greg Robinson | Wyre Borough Council |
| Sandra Silk | Forest of Bowland AONB Unit |
| Tarja Wilson | Lancashire County Council |

Other Attendees

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| Tim Graham | Lancashire Biodiversity Partnership |
| Councillor Linda Brockbank | Craven District Council |
| Anne Shaw | Bowland Tourism Environment Fund |

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Councillor Joyce Pritchard (Lancaster City Council)
- Thomas Binns (Member – Bowland Landowners and Farmers Group)
- Andrew Taylor (Member – Bowland Landowners and Farmers Group)
- Andrew Dobson (Officer – Lancaster City Council)
- Colin Hurst (Officer – Ribble Valley Borough Council)
- Susan MacDonald (Officer – Forest of Bowland AONB Unit)

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations were received, and duly seconded to appoint County Councillor Albert Atkinson as Chair, and County Councillor Susie Charles as Vice Chair.

1. **Resolved:** The Committee resolved to appoint County Councillor Albert Atkinson as Chair, and County Councillor Susie Charles as Vice Chair for the 2010 / 11 municipal year.

Welcome, introductions and apologies

County Councillor Albert Atkinson assumed the role of Chair at this point and welcomed all to the meeting. Round table introductions were done and apologies presented and noted as above.

Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference

The updated Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee were presented. It was confirmed that Councillor Roger Brooks is the representative for Wyre Borough Council.

2. **Resolved:** The Committee resolved to agree the Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee for the 2010 / 11 municipal year.

Minutes of last meeting – held on 27th April 2010

3. **Resolved:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 27th April 2010 were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising

Don McKay reported that there was a possibility that a new planning application would be submitted for a wind farm on or near Claughton Moor. As yet a planning application has not been submitted, however if one does come in, the Committee may have to consider holding an emergency meeting to comment on the proposal.

- 4. Resolved:** The Committee discussed proposals for wind turbine construction and agreed to note that an emergency meeting may be required if a planning application is submitted.

Budget Report and Appendices 'A' and 'B'

John Rhodes presented the report which detailed revised estimates 2010/11 and details of the revenue budget 2011/12.

John gave some background to the budget provision for the Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee and explained that it is funded by eight constituent local authority partners and a grant from Natural England and is enhanced by additional contributions from partner organisations, e.g. United Utilities.

A core team of four full time equivalent posts is established from this budget provision, to deliver the statutory AONB Management Plan on behalf of the Joint Advisory Committee and the local authorities.

In summary John detailed the revised estimates for 2010/11 and outlined the revenue budget for 2011/12 (circulated in the report, at Appendix 'A').

- 5. Resolved:** The Committee discussed the future budget proposals and then resolved to:

- a) note the 2010/11 Revised Estimates.
- b) approve the 2011/12 Revenue Budget as set out in the report,
- c) subject to the approval of (ii) above, to request the funding authorities to make appropriate provision in their revenue budgets

The Committee also wished to record that John Rhodes would be moving on from his role as Senior Accountant to the Forest of Bowland Joint Advisory Committee after more than 19 years supporting the Committee. The Committee thanked John for all his work over the years.

PowerPoint Presentations

a) International Year of Biodiversity - Dr Tim Graham

Dr Tim Graham gave a presentation on the International Year of Biodiversity. Tim gave details of the Government legislation in place regarding Biodiversity and how Biodiversity is implemented in Lancashire through the Lancashire Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP). Tim also explained about his role which includes establishing and maintaining a broad partnership, delivering BAP locally, fundraising for BAP delivery, reporting and monitoring, integrating BAP into policy, promoting BAP and representation.

Tim highlighted project development through the BAP which included the

Lancashire Uplands Peat Project and also future plans for securing biodiversity.

b) Websites Demonstration

Hetty Byrne gave a presentation on a number of new websites including the Bowland Wildlife Blog Website, the Lancashire Wildlife Blog Website and the main Forest of Bowland website which has been updated with more downloadable information.

c) 'Landscape Stories' HLF project - Sandra Silk

Sandra Silk updated the Committee on achievements of the HLF Landscape Stories project.. Sandra explained that the project was looking at industries specific to the Forest of Bowland area, including cheese production, furniture, lime and archaeology. Sandra explained how the project has got young people involved by doing school archaeology projects, classroom excavations and "Lancashire's Treasure Chest". The work has involved 6 schools in the area.

Sandra summarised her presentation by showing how new webpages have been created with lots of information, including "how to guides" and information about the work of the HLF project.

6. Resolved: The Committee thanked all presenters for their presentations and noted the content.

Delivering the AONB Management Plan and Annual Programme: April - September 2010

Section 1: 'Natural and Cultural Landscape'

Section 2: 'Enjoyment'; 'Health and Wellbeing', 'Sustainable Tourism' and 'Recreation'

Section 3: 'Economy'; 'Community', 'Working in Partnership'

Various authors presented the reports (circulated) which provided a number of updates on activities in the AONB Management Plan and Annual Programme.

A correction to Section 3: 'Economy, 'Community' and 'Working in Partnership' – page one, first paragraph within "Economy: Business Development (MP)" It was confirmed that Bowland Experience Ltd now has 54 members instead of 53 as reported.

Councillor Lin Barrington, Craven District Council, was interested in a presentation being given to Craven / North Yorkshire Councils to update on work being done. It was agreed that Don McKay would make a presentation about activities in Craven / North Yorkshire for Craven Councillors. Councillor Barrington to discuss with colleagues with a view to arranging a briefing.

- 7. Resolved:** The Committee agreed to note the AONB Management Plan and Annual Programme: April - September 2010 and the request from Councillor Barrington regarding a briefing for colleagues in Craven / North Yorkshire.

Any Other Business

It was noted that Councillors and Officers at Wyre Borough Council were developing their Local development Framework. The Committee discussed ways to co-ordinate planning between all authorities, and it was agreed that all members of each authority would ask their relevant planning departments to contact each other to discuss co-ordination of their framework.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 11 April 2011, time and venue to be confirmed.