

**NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
(Annual General Meeting)**

16 June 2021

Present: Councillor P Baker BEM, Councillor Mrs D Clements, Councillor K Doolin, Dr M Havard, Councillor P Harries, Mrs S Hoss, Mrs J James, Councillor M James, Mr GA Jones, Councillor P Kidney, Councillor PJ Morgan, Councillor R Owens, Dr RM Plummer, Councillor A Wilcox and Councillor M Williams.

[Councillor M Evans arrived following item 1 on the Agenda, Election of Chairman.]

(Virtual Meeting: 10.00a.m. – 10.25a.m.)

1. Election of Chairman

The Deputy Chair, who had taken the Chair for this item only, reported that one nomination had been received for the office of Chair; Councillor P Harries.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor P Harries be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

[Councillor P Harries took the Chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.]

2. Chairman's thanks

Councillor P Harries thanked Members for putting their trust in him for another year. He stated it was an honour to represent the Authority and that, with the help of Members, he would carry out his duties to the best of his abilities.

He wished to thank the Authority's staff, particularly the Chief Executive and Democratic Services team, for their support over the previous year, and also his Deputy Chair, Councillor D Clements. The Chair noted that it had been a difficult year due to the Covid Pandemic and that ways of working had changed considerably, however the Authority had met the challenges and found new ways of disseminating information and working with the public and its partners. His thoughts were with those who had experienced loss through the pandemic and hoped that due to the vaccination programme there would soon be a return to some sort of normality.

Turning to the future, the Chair was looking forward to continuing as Chair of National Parks Wales and as Vice Chair of the National Parks UK



Chairs' Forum. Also to working with the new Minister for Climate Change, Julie James MS, whose portfolio included National Parks. He stated that the pandemic had reinforced the value of National Parks and understood that there were moves to create a fourth National Park in Wales in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley and hoped that consideration could be given to a Marine National Park in future. Other hot topics were climate change and biodiversity loss and it was hoped that the Authority would be able to contribute to the forthcoming COP26 summit as part of the National Park family. Quoting the saying "In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand and we will understand only what we are taught" he believed that the Authority was addressing issues of public understanding and enjoyment. The Chair concluded by saying that he still intended to commence his walk of the Coast Path and would welcome any Member who wished to accompany him.

3. Election of Deputy Chair

The Chairman reported that one nomination had been received for the office of Deputy Chair; Councillor Mrs D Clements.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs D Clements be elected Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.

4. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Dr R Heath-Davies and Councillor S Yelland.

5. Disclosures of interest

No disclosures of interest were received.

6. Membership of Committees and External Organisations

Before presenting her report to Members, the Administration and Democratic Services Manager congratulated Councillors Harries and Mrs Clements on their re-election as the Authority's Chairman and Deputy Chair respectively. She said it had been a pleasure to work with them over the previous year and she looked forward to continuing to do so in the coming months.

Turning to her report, she reminded Members that it was customary at the Annual General Meeting to review the membership of the Authority's Committees and Groups, together with the Authority's Member representation on outside bodies. It was requested that recommendation 2 be amended to also note Councillor Clements' appointment as the Authority's representative on Visit Pembrokeshire which had been agreed in November 2020 for a period of 2 years or until her term of office with the Authority came to an end.



She added that the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee, Grievance Committee and Appeals Committee were not included in her report as their composition would be confirmed at the next meeting of the Authority, by which time the Chairs of the Committees which comprised their membership would be known.

In response to questions from Members, the officer confirmed that the Member Support and Development Committee comprised 6 Pembrokeshire County Council and 3 Welsh Government appointed Members and that the description relating to the Standards Committee should state four Independent Members.

Members also asked that the Authority's representation on the Youth Committee and the Volunteer Forum be also included within the schedule and this was agreed.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- (a) that the following membership of the National Park Authority, its Committees and Groups be agreed:

NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

All Members

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All Members

AUDIT AND CORPORATE SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE (6 PCC; 3 WG)

Councillor P Baker	Mrs S Hoss
Councillor Mrs D Clements	Dr R Heath-Davies
Councillor M James	Mr GA Jones
Councillor P Kidney	
Councillor R Owens	
Councillor M Williams	

OPERATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (6 PCC; 3 WG)

Councillor K Doolin	Dr M Havard
Councillor ML Evans	Mrs J James
Councillor P Harries	Dr RM Plummer
Councillor PJ Morgan	
Councillor A Wilcox	
Councillor S Yelland	



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (6 PCC; 3 WG)

Councillor Mrs D Clements	Dr R Heath-Davies
Councillor ML Evans	Mrs J James
Councillor M James	Mr GA Jones
Councillor PJ Morgan	
Councillor A Wilcox	
Councillor S Yelland	

EMPLOYEE FORUM (4 PCC; 2 WG)

Councillor P Harries	Mrs S Hoss
Councillor P Kidney	Dr RM Plummer
Councillor R Owens	
Councillor M Williams	

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT GROUP (4 Members)

Chair, National Park Authority
Chair, Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee
Chair, Operational Review Committee
Chair, Development Management Committee

MEMBER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (6 PCC; 3 WG)

Councillor Mrs D Clements	Mrs S Hoss
Councillor K Doolin	Mrs J James
Councillor M James	Dr RM Plummer
Councillor P Kidney	
Councillor A Wilcox	
Councillor M Williams	

SDF COMMITTEE (4 PCC; 2 WG)

Councillor K Doolin	Dr M Havard
Councillor M James	Dr RM Plummer
Councillor M Williams	
Councillor S Yelland	

STANDARDS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS PANEL

Chair and Deputy Chair, National Park Authority
Chair, Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee
Councillor S Yelland
One lay Member

- (b) that membership of the Standards Committee and the Authority's representation on Visit Pembrokeshire be noted:



STANDARDS COMMITTEE (2 PCC; 1 WG plus four Independent Members)

Councillor PJ Morgan	Dr RM Plummer	Mr J Daniels
Councillor R Owens		Mr P Davies
		Ms W Taylor
		Mrs V Tomlinson

VISIT PEMBROKESHIRE (One Member)

Councillor Mrs D Clements

- (c) that the following representation on internal groups for 2021/22 be approved:

YOUTH COMMITTEE (One named Member)

Mrs S Hoss

VOLUNTEER FORUM

Councillor M James

- (d) that the following representation on external organisations for 2021/22 be approved:

NATIONAL PARKS UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair, National Park Authority	Deputy Chair, National Park Authority (<i>Substitute</i>)
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NATIONAL PARKS WALES

Chair and Deputy Chair, National Park Authority

WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL

Councillor M James	Chair, National Park Authority (<i>Substitute</i>)
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair, National Parks Wales

JOINT COUNCIL FOR WALES

Councillor M Williams	Councillor R Owens (<i>Substitute</i>)
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PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FOR WALES

Chair, National Park Authority



CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL PARKS *(One Member)*

Mr O Wyn *(Snowdonia for NPW)*

Dr M Havard *(Contact Member)*

ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL PARKS *(One Member)*

Dr M Havard

CARDIGAN BAY COASTAL GROUP/ADVISORY GROUP

Councillor M James

Councillor P Harries *(Substitute)*

PORT OF MILFORD HAVEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE *(One Member plus Substitute)*

Councillor R Owens

Councillor S Yelland *(Substitute)*

PEMBROKESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM *(One Member)*

Councillor P Harries

SAUNDERSFOOT HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor P Kidney

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL AGGREGATES WORKING PARTY – REGIONAL TECHNICAL STATEMENT MEMBER FORUM *(One Member plus Substitute)*

Councillor M James

Dr M Havard *(Substitute)*

PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillor M James

PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK TRUST *(Two Members)*

Councillor P Harries

Dr M Havard

SKOMER MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE ADVISORY GROUP *(One Member)*

Councillor P Harries

- (e) that the composition of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee, Grievance Committee and Appeals Committee be confirmed at the next meeting once all the Chairs/Deputy Chairs of the various component Committees had been elected;

