

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PARK DELIVERY AND DISCOVERY

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### **SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

#### Purpose of Report

To update Members on the results of recent public consultation activities undertaken by the Park Authority to inform future budget and service priorities.

#### Overview of the Community Consultation Processes

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) faces considerable financial challenges over the coming years. The ability of the Authority to meet the needs of future generations in a time of austerity will require a refocusing of existing services alongside a commitment to new ways of working. It is, therefore, vital that the decisions of the Authority are driven by the wishes of those who live, work and play in the National Park.

For this reason the Park Authority undertook an extensive consultation exercise between February – November 2014 designed to help staff and members increase their understanding of the needs of a wide variety of individuals, communities and stakeholders, including local businesses. The results of the consultations will be used to inform the future strategic direction of the Authority's work.

The main objectives of the consultation were as follows:

#### Primary Outcome

1. To identify which aspects of the Authority's work are most valued by the public and service areas where the Authority may wish to make long-term savings.

#### Secondary Outcomes

2. To promote more widely the work of the Authority and to highlight how PCNPA's work benefits local communities and the general public.
3. To increase understanding of the Authority's role and how local communities can work with the Authority to shape the services provided.
4. To strengthen the Authority's relationship with local communities and key stakeholders both now and in years to come.

#### Public Consultation Overview

The development of the consultation process was led by an internal Task & Finish Group with the strategic direction set by the Authority's Leadership Group. The overall consultation incorporated a wide variety of approaches (as detailed below) in

order to ensure that the Authority captured the views from all corners of the National Park. This included:

- Online public survey
- Internal staff survey via Parcnet
- A bespoke residents survey via the Pembrokeshire Citizen's Panel
- Face to face interviews via PCNPA events
- Workshop sessions with PCNPA Members
- Social media questionnaires and wider promotional campaign
- A small article and link to the online PCNPA questionnaire via the 2014 edition of Coast to Coast
- Community 'Roadshows' hosted by PCNPA staff
- Bespoke Community Council meetings involving the CEO & Chairman
- County Show presence including survey and wider consultation/information gathering
- Promotion of the PCNPA online consultation via partner agency forums, workshops & publications
- Meetings with key focus groups (Mosaic Cymru, Walkability, Your Park, etc.)
- Key meetings between the CEO and local bodies (e.g. PCC, PLANED, Pembrokeshire Tourism, etc)

#### 1. Online – Survey Monkey

**Methodology:** A survey consisting of 4 questions was deployed on the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) website using the online survey software "Survey Monkey". The survey was advertised on the website using a banner and using the various social media channels that the Authority has access to e.g. Facebook and Twitter. An advert and link to the survey was also placed in Wales Online.

In addition to the above PCNPA's Discovery Team & the National Park Rangers also took paper copies of the survey to various public events, these responses were then added to survey monkey on return to HQ.

On the 18th November 2014 the online survey was closed and the summary data downloaded for analysis. At closure the survey had received 338 responses, 331 in English and 7 in Welsh. The results of the English and Welsh surveys were combined for analysis, the headline results of the online survey are detailed below.

**Main Issues:** Question 1 asks the respondent to rank each service listed on a scale between "Not essential" and "Essential". It is important to note that this question did not ask respondents to rank services overall and is essentially six separate sub-questions i.e. any one person responding to this question could rank any or all of the services as "essential" or "not essential" should they wish to do so. Alternatively they may not rank a service at all. It is, however, also important to note that the majority of respondents (>90%) responded to all of the sub-questions.

**Headline Results:** *Question 1 - Which of the Park Authority's services do you most value?* (see Table 1)

Of the 338 completed surveys, 336 people responded to the sub-question asking them to rank “*Conserving the National Park’s natural environment and wildlife*”. 85% of those people indicated that they would consider this service to be “Essential (should be a top priority)”. 1% indicated that this service is “not essential” and a further 1% indicated that they thought it was “Not important (but nice to have). 13% indicated that this service was “Important (but as a secondary priority)”.

41% of the 334 people that responded to the sub-question asking them to rank the service “Protecting the National Park’s cultural heritage” indicated that it should be “Essential (should be a top priority)” service. 40% indicated that this service is “Important (but as a secondary priority)”.

332 people responded to the sub-question asking them to rank the service “Supporting the local economy within the National Park”, of these 37% indicated that it should be an essential service and 40% indicated that it is “important (but as a secondary priority)”.

329 people responded to the sub-question asking them to rank “Delivering opportunities for everyone to learn more about the National Park”. 47% of the responses ranked the service as “Important (but as a secondary priority)” and 25% as “Not Important (but nice to have). Only 17% indicated that this service is “Essential”. This service received the largest proportion of “Important” rankings of all the services.

**Table 1:** Results of Question 1: Which of the Park Authority’s services do you most value?

Sub-question	Not essential (should only continue if resources are available)	Not important (but nice to have)	Important (but as a secondary priority)	Essential (should be a top priority)
Looking after the National Park’s built environment	9%	22%	42%	27%
Delivering opportunities for everyone to learn more about the National Park	11%	25%	47%	17%
Protecting the National Park’s cultural heritage	6%	13%	40%	41%
Providing recreation, health and leisure opportunities	6%	17%	42%	35%
Supporting the local economy within the National Park	5%	14%	43%	37%
Conserving the National Park’s natural environment and wildlife	1%	1%	13%	85%

**Headline Results:** Question 2 - Which priority below should influence our future service delivery?

336 of 338 people answered Question 2 (only 2 respondents skipped the question)

38% of respondents thought that “Priority should be given to meeting the Authority’s statutory purposes”, this priority received the largest proportion of answers of the 7 options. This is followed by “Priority should be given to front-line services” at 25%, the second highest proportion of answers.

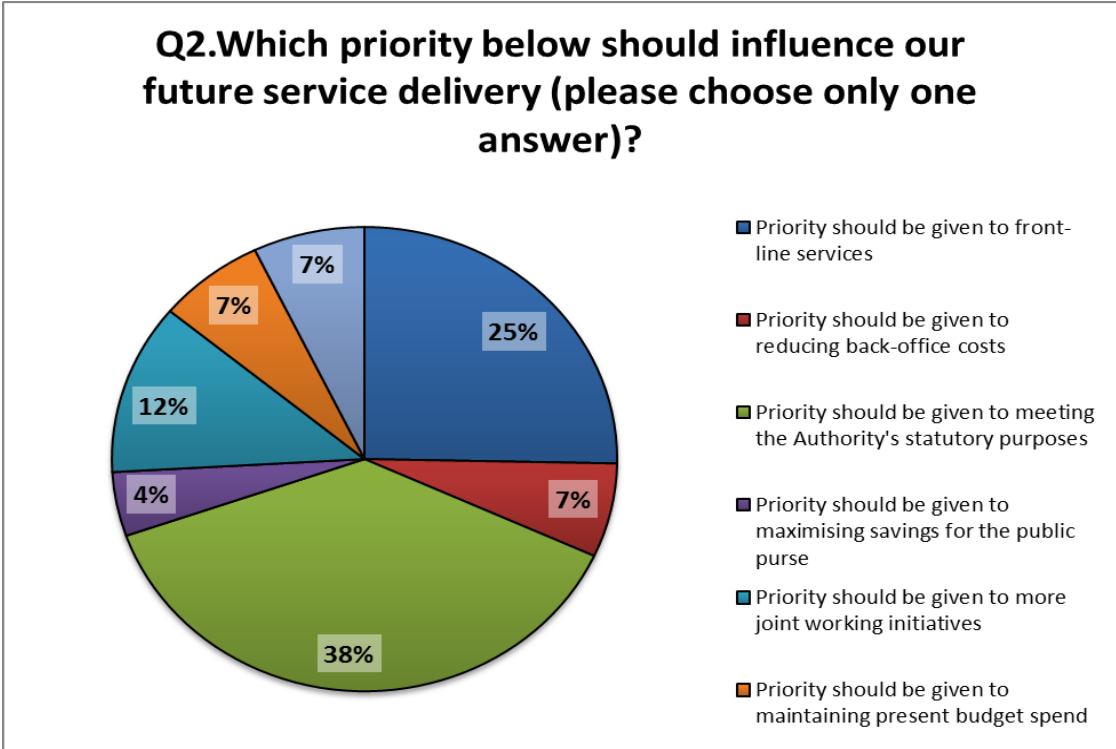
7% of the 336 people who answered this question thought that the Park Authority should have another priority, examples of suggested priorities included:

*“Priority should be given to maintaining/improving access to rights of way and the coast path. Advertising for example, is pointless if people come to visit and the park is inaccessible because of broken stiles or overgrown paths”*

*“Protecting the natural environment and wildlife should be the priority”*

*“Maintaining the National Park for everyone to enjoy, visitors and residents alike”*

Chart 1:



**Headline Results:** Question 3 – Please tell us a little about yourself

Answers to question 3 were not restricted to just one of the answer options for example someone completing this question could tick both “A local resident” and “A

local community group”, there are many different combinations. The majority of persons (64%) completing the survey were local residents.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A local resident	64%	216
A visitor to the area	17%	58
A local business owner	9%	30
A partner agency	3%	11
A local landowner or farmer	9%	29
A local community group	3%	11
An elected politician	1%	5
A PCNPA volunteer	4%	13
Other (please specify)	6%	19

**Headline Results:** Question 4 - *Finally, is there anything else that you would like to mention regarding the future priorities of PCNPA?*

Question 4 was an open question for free form comment or suggestion. Of the 338 surveys completed 161 people left comments and suggestions, a full transcript of the comments and suggestions can be found appended to this report. Recurring themes include:

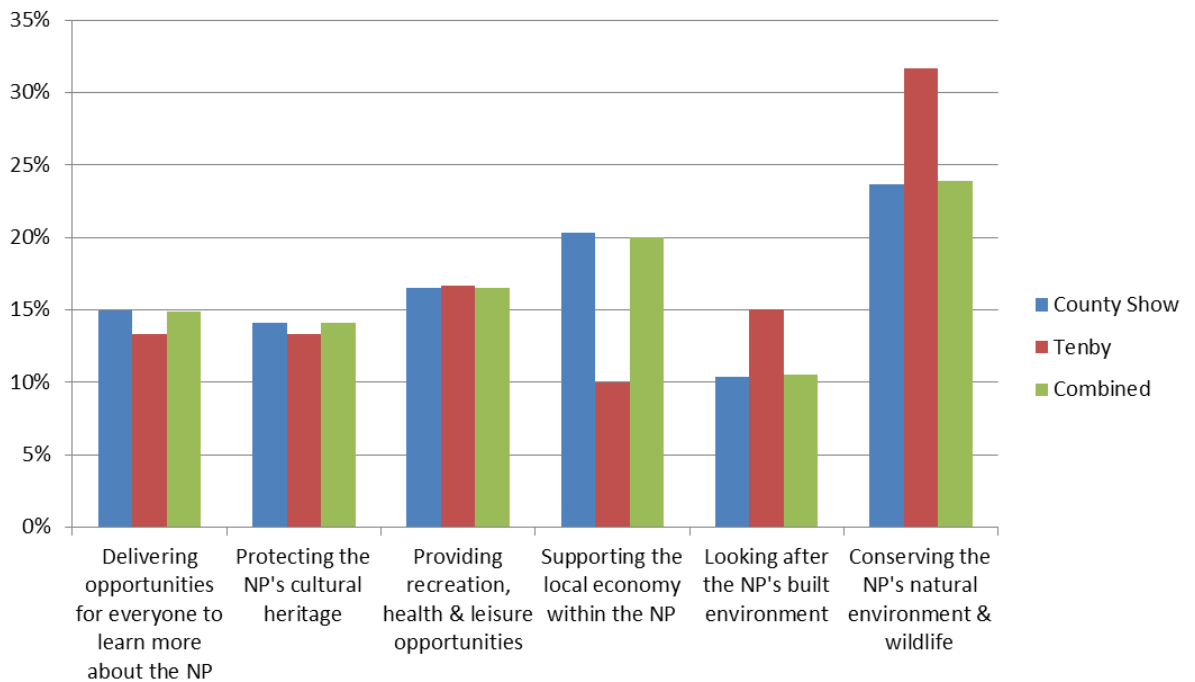
- *The importance of protecting the natural environment and landscape*
- *That the National Park Authority should retain its planning powers and autonomy*
- *Maintenance of rights of way, particularly the coast path*
- *How the National Park Authority engages with local communities could be improved*
- *That the National Park Authority should maintain and improve its partnership working with the County Council and other organisation to continue to delivery services*

**2. Public Consultation – County Show and Tenby Market**

**Methodology:** Consultation counters were deployed at the County Show (19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August 2014) and in Tenby Market (27<sup>th</sup> August 2014) to collect responses to the question: “Which of the Park Authority’s services do you most value?” (Question 1 of the online survey).

A total of 2060 responses were collected, 2000 responses from the County Show and 60 from Tenby Market.

**Chart 2:**



### **Headline Results:**

The combined counts for the County Show and Tenby Market place “*Conserving the National Park’s natural environment*” as the most important service with 24% of the vote. “*Supporting the local economy within the National Park*” comes in close second place, with 20% of the counters, followed by “*Providing recreation, health and leisure opportunities*” with 17%.

Respondents in Tenby considered ‘*Providing recreation, health & leisure opportunities*’ to be the second most important service, closely followed by ‘*Looking after the NP’s built environment*’ over and above supporting the local economy.

### **3. Community Consultation Events**

During the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October, 5 Community consultations event were held across Pembrokeshire. These were based on an afternoon public consultation event, followed by a meeting with Town and Community Councils. Events were held in Tenby, Newport, St Davids, Haverfordwest and Pembroke Dock. The public events were run by the Ranger Team, while the Chief Executive facilitated the evening meetings. Members were also in attendance at the meetings in Tenby, Newport and St Davids.

Attendance varied across the events, however, around 60 people attended the public events and 7 Town and Community Councils attended the evening meetings.

A wide variety of views were expressed, with the majority supporting the retention of current National Park services.

The key services to be retained included the Coast path, Coastal Bus service, Coast to Coast and centres such as Oriel y Parc.

While not supporting their removal attendees at the Town and Community Council events suggested that the Authority could look at how it delivers tourist information in Tenby and Newport, options for reducing the maintenance of inland paths, options to reduce planning costs and options for partnership in delivering our education work.

Local factors and issues did lead to comment in both the public events and the Town and Community Council events. Examples of this included feedback on discussions to co-locate the library and Tourist Information Centre in Newport and car parking in Solva. In the case of the co-location proposals in Newport, the feedback from the public meeting was less supportive than the feedback from the Town and Community Council event.

In a number of public events, but in particularly the one held in Newport, a number of comments were made on planning, the provision of a bilingual service and how the NPA meets the needs of local people. While these are valid comments, which will be considered by the Authority, they are not directly related to our cost cutting options and therefore have not been included in this report. Similar comments were received in a response from Marloes & St Brides Community Council. These focused on changes to the purposes of National Park Authorities to make them more responsive to the needs of local communities.

#### 4. Public Consultation – Friends of the National Park

The Friends of Pembrokeshire National Park is an independent voluntary association and registered charity established in 1991. It has no formal links with the statutory National Park Authority. It is committed to helping to protect, conserve and enhance the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park for all to enjoy. The association has around 480 members, about half of whom are resident in Pembrokeshire. All members receive the regular newsletter, News and Views.

**Consultation response** – Question 1 - Which of the Park Authority's services do you most value?

“Conserving the National Park’s natural environment and wildlife” together with “Protecting the National Park’s cultural heritage” should be the highest priorities as these constitute first purpose. The balance between these and recreation and enjoyment (second purpose) should be managed with a preference for first purpose.

**Consultation response** - *Question 2 - Which priority below should influence our future service delivery?*

FPCNP would urge that priority is given to statutory purposes and frontline services: “*subject to doing things which others cannot do and with greater emphasis on enabling others*”.

**Consultation response** – Friends of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Recommendations

*“We consider that there is a danger of spending money in the short term to address short term issues when the whole basis of what the NPAs in Wales actually do and how they do it could be radically changed as a result of the Governance (Williams Commission) review. In the medium to long term we suggest there may be opportunities for joint provision of services by NPAs or by LAs, but again these will depend on the outcome of the Governance Review and other WG initiatives in the world of planning and the Environment as well as the Well-being of Future Generations (Bill)”.*

*“...in the medium to long term, we suggest joint working and enabling others to do things to help look after the Park may well be fruitful areas of work. Drawing in funds for joint projects and encouraging others to invest in the well-being of the Park should be given a high priority”.*

**Consultation response** – Friends of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park – Overall comment/recommendation:

*“Whilst we would expect the NPA to be making decisions that would optimise the resources available, for the reasons stated, we do not think that it is for the NPA to be making decisions on cutting the delivery of essential services at this time – surely that will be decided upon through the political processes at a Welsh Government level. In this context it will be crucial that the NPA makes a very clear case for the resources needed to look after a national asset. We hope that the NPAs in Wales will make the case for maintaining at least the present level of budgets”.*

#### Parallel Public Relations Exercise

In addition to PCNPA’s ‘*Future Priorities Public Consultation*’ the Park Authority’s Communications Team undertook a parallel public relations (PR) exercise with the aim being to generate increased awareness of the Authority’s work.

The PR exercise consisted of a summer advertising campaign run in partnership with Wales online, which included 4 feature pieces of editorial, social media promotion via Wales online accounts and a series of adverts promoting the public consultation. The following paragraphs set out the results of the PR exercise.

#### **Editorial highlights:**

- Over 40,000 page views of our 4 feature articles
- Over 50,000 people reached via Wales Online Facebook page
- Over 1800 social shares for our 4 features

#### **Advertising highlights:**

Over 3,700 clicks from PCNPA adverts to the consultation page on our website  
657,000 page impressions (the total number of times Wales Online users saw PCNPA adverts)

#### **Impact of the campaign on PCNPA website/social media profile:**



- Impressions up 56% in September 2014 compared to previous month i.e. our tweets were seen by 56% more people.
- Average of around 1,000 people viewed each of the Twitter posts regarding the consultation and Wales Online campaigns.
- We had 108 images sent in as part of the competition via Facebook and Twitter.
- Future priorities consultation page received more than 4,650 hits, putting it in the top five visited pages on website, with 3,550 unique visitors

***Recommendation***

***Members are asked to note the outcome of the consultation exercise***

## Q4 Finally, is there anything else that you would like to mention regarding the future priorities of PCNPA?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 176

#	Responses	Date
1	There is a real danger that the current pressures on the public purse could cause long term damage to our national Parks	11/12/2014 1:34 PM
2	Wales should focus on: 1)Transport, 2)Knowledge, 3)Environmental Tourism. The Park's strategy should fit these overarching welsh strategy goals.	11/10/2014 5:45 AM
3	Stop wasting money on Welsh translation - this is, after all, Little England.	11/8/2014 1:56 PM
4	I often visit Pembrokeshire to walk on the coast path and inland bits and think it's great. We occasionally see the wardens out maintaining it for us and the wildlife. They do a great job and it would be terrible if the environment suffered because of budget cuts.	11/6/2014 10:34 PM
5	Essential to retain development control powers. The special features of the national park are best protected by an agency independent of PCC.	11/6/2014 11:47 AM
6	Is it really necessary to have two Planning authorities. Surely these should be merged into one for consistency and fairness.	11/3/2014 7:07 AM
7	DO NOT RELAX PLANNING LAWS	10/31/2014 6:53 AM
8	As a regular visitor and impressed with the park - so protect!	10/31/2014 6:52 AM
9	Maintain the Park as Nature intended	10/31/2014 6:50 AM
10	Stop Rhoscrowther Wind Farm and any other industrial sized renewables schemes	10/31/2014 6:48 AM
11	Stop illegal camping at Freshwater West so that visitors with motorhomes pay for a pitch and contribute to the local economy.	10/31/2014 6:47 AM
12	RETAIN YOUR INDEPENDENCE	10/31/2014 6:36 AM
13	Overhaul of planning policies (this does not mean removal of planning powers). Let residents build on their own land and still maintain the special qualities of the National Park.	10/31/2014 6:31 AM
14	Less political and fund raising (bureaucratic), more joint and venture involving localised services and facilities	10/31/2014 6:27 AM
15	More meaningful consultation with local communities to ensure their business is viable so that it contributes to the economic outturn for the area	10/31/2014 6:23 AM
16	1. Follow statutory purposes 2. Partnership of public, private, voluntary and community sectors	10/31/2014 6:20 AM
17	Partnership working	10/31/2014 6:17 AM
18	The Coast to Coast newspaper is an excellent guide to the park and should be retained if possible.	10/27/2014 1:41 PM
19	We work with the national Park rangers (Richard Vaughan), throughout the summer and winter doing things like the John Muir awards bush craft conservation work walks and charcoal making, as well as help with our own youth projects. This is a vital service giving the young people opportunities that we can not provide on our own.	10/27/2014 11:20 AM
20	i have really enjoyed working with the ranger though the summer and autumn	10/27/2014 11:03 AM
21	I am a member of point youth centre and thoroughly enjoy the projects with Ranger Richard.	10/27/2014 10:04 AM
22	I am a member of point youth centre and thoroughly enjoy the projects with Ranger Richard.	10/27/2014 10:03 AM
23	Important that PCNPA keeps a close relationship with the people it represents ie local residents.	10/27/2014 9:31 AM
24	I think every encouragement should be given to getting people off the beaten track and away from the fleshpots and endless cars. Hundreds walk out onto St Davids Head but very few will head north so use volunteers more in any way they are capable.	10/27/2014 9:30 AM

25	Wildlife and landscapes so important. Charging parking in places like Solva is most annoying, this affects local businesses.	10/27/2014 9:13 AM
26	Supporting the culture including the Welsh language of Wales and Pembrokeshire in particular. The economy of Pembrokeshire has improved since Oriel y Parc has opened proving that cultural provision is essential to the development of a strong, growing economy in this area.	10/27/2014 9:10 AM
27	Maintaining the coastal summer bus service.	10/27/2014 9:00 AM
28	Maintenance of safety on coastal path edges with steep drops to the sea ie barrier/hedge maintenance.	10/27/2014 8:59 AM
29	Very important essential organisation, particularly for future generations.	10/27/2014 8:53 AM
30	Planning process is excellent. Don't cut costs there. Keep our area beautiful and conserved.	10/27/2014 8:50 AM
31	Outreach	10/27/2014 8:48 AM
32	Back office is needed to support frontline services - skeleton of body. Park is fantastic resource for ALL including wildlife and adds to tourism income.	10/27/2014 8:47 AM
33	The need to safeguard and foster (grow) the local communities.	10/27/2014 8:45 AM
34	Encourage communities and volunteers to get involved with PCNP. Retain Planning within PCNP.	10/27/2014 8:43 AM
35	1. Retain planning powers including externally appointed members 2. Collaboration with other public authorities for specialist activities eg ecology, farming, forestry etc 3. Priority for frontline services and reduced back office costs	10/27/2014 8:39 AM
36	Need to pay more attention to the welsh language and it should have more attention in the policies and local plan.	10/27/2014 8:28 AM
37	Keep the PCNP as an autonomous entity. I have lived in this area all my life (70 yrs) and hope you can continue caring for it and educating the young in appreciating it. It has been suggested that you would like to save money by amalgamating the library and info centre in Newport. Neither building is large enough to hold both offices so to do this you would either have to increase the size of the Long Street property or buy a more suitable building (perhaps the Sessions House which has two adequate stories though needs some money spending on it). You could then sell on the TIC building as a commercial or housing property.	10/27/2014 8:22 AM
38	You cannot maintain the same service by cutting people and budgets. However the law of economics everything is going to cost more. This is a tough decision but Pembrokeshire is a unique landscape and unique environment which needs to be preserved. It's worth it.	10/27/2014 8:17 AM
39	If the paths are not maintained the whole point of the Park fails. Value the NP because it protects a fragile environment that is under pressure by money making businesses. Keep Coast to Coast magazine. Funding	10/27/2014 8:12 AM
40	The wardens work is critical to the continued enjoyment of all-without them, our national park becomes an overgrown and less fulfilling place!!!!	10/22/2014 3:57 PM
41	I think the Park should make maximum efforts to employ and involve local people at the highest strategic level, respecting the history and heritage that have traditionally existed while striving to achieve its statutory duties.	10/21/2014 11:06 PM
42	Anything that can be done about second home ownership? I have been priced out of my home village of Broad Haven. I earn an average salary and I've got no chance of living where I grew up. Makes me :(	10/20/2014 11:31 AM
43	All Housing and planning decisions should be returned back to the local council. You only duplicate what the council can do with their current manpower.	10/16/2014 12:11 AM
44	Keen for the PCNPA to still have a say in planning. The Pembrokeshire Coast Path is a great asset, and a pleasure to walk, attracting many foreign visitors. Walk the coast further north and the environs is less pleasant due to the lower level regulation of dwellings etc., close to the path.	10/15/2014 3:06 PM
45	head office costs seem to high not enough attention and appreciation is given to front line staff that actually have contact with the public.Reduce number of committee members £75k is far to high its a case of too many chiefs and not enough indians	10/15/2014 12:30 PM
46	Continue with tight planning controls and enforcement to stop unsympathetic development spoiling the area people are coming to see.	10/15/2014 7:20 AM
47	I'd like to see it made clearer what the current budget is, how much it's being cut by and who is cutting the budget.	10/15/2014 2:07 AM

48	I think it's very important to have a plan for reforesting parts of the Preseli Hills, particularly with oak, and to learn from other parts of the world where graziers use woodlands - in Finland for example. It's an incredibly bleak landscape up there at the moment and reintroducing some forest would not have to threaten the sheep farmers' livelihoods.	10/14/2014 2:26 PM
49	Feel that the authority should focus on the maintenance and access to the natural environment and not be a provider of tourist attractions such as Carew and Castell Henllys.	10/14/2014 7:12 AM
50	More constructive approach in dealing with applications. Pro active and supportive.	10/13/2014 4:48 AM
51	Conservation of the natural environment should be paramount. Less beaurocracy	10/13/2014 2:11 AM
52	The Wardens and the Rangers do a wonderful job.	10/11/2014 12:22 PM
53	All tourism front line services are vital and should not be threatened or reduced	10/11/2014 5:57 AM
54	Increase joint working with National trust/Darwin centre and John Muir Trust and schools to educate and enthuse children about the wonders on their doorstep and hopefully they will help to look after/support the national park when adult.	10/11/2014 3:31 AM
55	yes, ask the British and Welsh government to explain why conservation and environment issue appear to take a back seat and why they feel it is sustainable on a voluntary basis when it could be one of the major employers of areas, like Pembrokeshire along with the NHS and County council, the main two employers in the area	10/9/2014 8:15 AM
56	Opportunities for people who might not ordinarily access PCNPA such as the 'Your Park' initiative are essential to ensure equal opportunities for all local residents.	10/9/2014 6:23 AM
57	You provide an essential service to the people of pembrokeshire and visitors - keep doing what you are doing, but if savings are to be made then maybe other organisations should be given a statutory responsibility to utilise and promote the Park to their clients/patients, rather than relying on you to engage with them.	10/9/2014 2:24 AM
58	The National Park is essential to preserve Pembrokeshire uniqueness i.e keeping the coastal area as natural as possible	10/9/2014 1:01 AM
59	I feel that the support given to the PRU by 'Your Park' has so influential to the pupils learning about the environment but also to staffs confidence regarding taking those pupils with SEBD needs to the outdoors. I personally feel that without the fantastic support and guidance of 'your park' (Tom Moses) that I would not have even considered outdoor learning as part of the pupils timetable. Since my involvement with your park I am very aware of how much time I now spend outdoors with my daughter. Thank you!	10/8/2014 3:22 PM
60	Continue to develop engagement with local communities and underrepresented groups	10/8/2014 8:54 AM
61	Having just returned from France in a motor home, I was impressed by the amount of effort put into the creation of proper and well run " Aires" which must bring in touring tourists and benefit the local economy. Why therefore is the Park seemingly against camper vans and indeed seems to make finding attractive stopover sites almost impossible to find. As a local resident, I would love to use these amenities if they were available just for a day or so, and I frequently take my vehicle to places such as Whitesands in the winter months. It could also be a source of revenue for the Parks, which should also concentrate your attention	10/4/2014 2:30 AM
62	Develop more of a customer service ethos when dealing with enquiries from the public.	9/30/2014 2:28 AM
63	As a National Park - "Conserving the National Park's natural environment and wildlife" should be of utmost importance.	9/29/2014 1:12 PM
64	PCNPA needs to make sustainability its main future priority. This needs to be in terms of its own operations and removing the barriers it presents to citizens and businesses within the park improving their own resilience to climate change and resources shortages. It should do this through its planning and procurement policies. It should ensure policies take social cohesion into consideration and not turn the park into an historical theme park for the rich to live in or visit .	9/27/2014 10:11 AM
65	Leading innovation and practice in other protected areas and landscapes.	9/22/2014 7:55 AM
66	Keep the footpaths work and become guide to new way to live within natural resources without damaging them	9/19/2014 2:26 PM
67	Keeping it safe and hopefully free for ALL to enjoy its breathtaking beauty & tranquility which in turn keeps visitors healthy which is important too.	9/17/2014 6:09 AM
68	Coast footpaths should be a priority	9/17/2014 4:44 AM

69	I feel that pcnpa should be looking to ensure that Ironman Wales remains here as, apart from bringing visitors to the area, it is a massive advertisement for the National Park.	9/17/2014 3:53 AM
70	Please work with local transport providers. Access should be for all, not just car drivers	9/17/2014 3:37 AM
71	The problem with joint working eg with PCC is that things get confusing for residents and the requirements of communities often slip between 2 authorities. Better that things are clear cut eg economic development is better left to PCC, as is planning As a resident of North Pembro, please try harder for the North, especially the North East where resources allocated to Newport and St Davids dont match St Davids	9/16/2014 9:08 AM
72	Maintaining the National Park brand for tourism is key, and this is dependent upon supporting the natural and cultural environment and local businesses.	9/16/2014 5:37 AM
73	Please do not look short at any funding which matters to employment and keeping the tourism industry alive and functioning in the area	9/11/2014 4:15 AM
74	Improved maintenance of existing pathways and (at present) neglected paths (undergrowth, signage) should be a priority, as well as sensible building regulation.	9/10/2014 5:50 AM
75	The PCNPA is one of three unique National Parks within Wales responsible for the conservation of the spectacular natural landscape, cultural heritage and the built environment of these designated areas. These responsibilities are just as important as to when the National Parks were first founded and must be conserved and managed for future generations etc..	9/9/2014 5:53 AM
76	To keep it as it is but to promote it more. Even where I live (Staffordshire) there are very little people that know about the beauty of Pembrokeshire. a lot of people are missing out on its amazing coastline, history and wildlife. It would be a shame for some of it to be changed	9/8/2014 12:45 PM
77	Tourism is a key to areas prosperity. Don't cut back on front line tourism - tourist info centres, coast to coast, footpaths, coastal path etc etc.	9/7/2014 1:31 AM
78	Take a look at zillertal.at and see how they manage their nature park a wonderful integrated experience .	9/6/2014 10:29 AM
79	It is understood and appreciated that there are many pressures on the public purse, and that certain activities do not take priority for the Park, however it will be important to maintain strong partnership links with other organisations in the county to ensure that delivery of services and support (in all ways) to businesses and individuals involved in tourism and agriculture are not affected detrimentally.	9/4/2014 4:30 AM
80	I think control of planning should be kept local - Each National Park should control planning within its boundaries. There should NOT be one authority for all Welsh National Parks. They are all different and have differing needs and priorities.	9/2/2014 8:51 AM
81	Whilst it is a wonderful place, balance must be maintained. There will be a limit to the number of visitors the Park can accommodate without it becoming saturated and spoiling the wonderful remote beauty of it. As a former RAF Search and Rescue pilot who is Welsh, to look down upon significant swathes of the Coast from the sky is disappointing, embarrassing and ugly with cliff top field after field full of regimentally aligned caravans enabled to maximise the number of people able to stay. Greed springs to mind from the top local politician to the farmer who has to augment his living. Try having a look from the sky down on to the Pembrokeshire coast on a stunning sunrise or awesome sunset to see for yourself!! Good luck with your decision making!!	9/1/2014 7:35 AM
82	No	9/1/2014 5:25 AM
83	I love this place. I love because it is a National Park and because of the protection this offers to the area. I want to see the National Park maintain its budgets to prevent the over commercialisation of the area and protect the environment.	8/28/2014 8:27 AM
84	In times of financial constraint, preserving what we have and delivering statutory services are critical - they will leave us the essentials to rebuild the other things when we have more public money to spend in future years.	8/28/2014 5:07 AM
85	Plant more trees.	8/27/2014 9:46 AM
86	The protection of zoning and inappropriate development is key- a strong stance on this MUST be maintained	8/26/2014 9:12 PM
87	Keep wind farms and solar farms out of the environment. no fracking under any circumstances. Utilise water power	8/26/2014 10:40 AM
88	To maintain the Park as a place of beauty for our children.	8/26/2014 9:32 AM
89	The country side can not be over protected Do not lose it to a corrupt PCC Its such a wonderful facility it must be protected at all costs	8/26/2014 4:46 AM

90	Maximise access for all - paths, beaches, accommodation, access to shops & attractions in conjunction with local access groups and promote these. e.g. Bluestone accomm and whitensands beach access are brilliant	8/24/2014 2:59 AM
91	It's vital that the natural environment is cared for and preserved - once its gone its gone forever.	8/22/2014 10:39 AM
92	Market to the world and reduce new builds	8/22/2014 3:05 AM
93	The same level of support should be given to the St Justinians area as Martins Haven receives. There is a cliff top car park (run by NT) at Martins Haven but at St Justinians this is not allowed and people have to use one provided by a boat operator (set inland) yet more people visit St Justinians that Martins Haven and bring in more money to the local economy in this area	8/20/2014 3:56 AM
94	Only that these budget cuts by the government are so short sighted. More should be taught in schools about treasuring local environments.	8/19/2014 12:27 PM
95	Keep costs down by concentrating on statutory duties, minimise interference in people's lives and assist local business by leaving it alone. (Any benefit of gramts is negated by interference so cut both).	8/12/2014 1:39 PM
96	As a resident it upsets me to see the amount of wind turbines which, due to the ever increasing number involved, are beginning to ring-fence the park. The once uninterrupted views from such a beautiful and natural environment are slowly being eroded, this I find truly sad.	8/12/2014 9:57 AM
97	The PCNPA should not be merged with other Parks, as this will dilute the effectiveness and individual control of each Authority.	8/12/2014 8:01 AM
98	Conservation of wildlife and the natural environment should be top priority. Closely followed by educational activities for children mainly but also for adults.	8/12/2014 5:00 AM
99	continue your fight and objections to the plethora of Planning Applciations for wind turbines and solar panels in this unique landscape area, protecting it for future generations	8/10/2014 10:46 AM
100	Ilook upon the Parks as custodians of this beautiful part of the world. Priorities should be to maintain the area,stop unsightly intrusions, so that it can be passed to our children as it is now.	8/10/2014 2:53 AM
101	Like Anona in your home page photograph I was born the year the PCNP was started and have seen how it has protected our coastline and grown with other developments within Pembrokeshire. Each of Wales's National Parks is unique and as such needs its own identity but if saving can be made in amalgamating administrative functions then that must be a good thing. I also remember what a waster of public money Dyfed was. Please save money and not create more layers of expensive bureaucracy. Wind turbines are not the way well done for supporting tidal and solar options.	8/10/2014 1:56 AM
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103	PCNPA must be left well alone. It is vital to the preservation of the coastal path and surrounding countryside. Without PCNPA this beautiful area will become even more vulnerable to despoilation and to the dilution of planning constraints and to the the greed and short term gain of those who will be long gone	8/9/2014 12:33 AM
104	Expansion of woodland planting. This would have long term commercial and environmentak benefits.	8/8/2014 1:26 PM
105	Deliver what is required by statute - maintain the Sandford principles. You have a responsibility to take care of an internationally acknowledged resource.	8/8/2014 10:44 AM
106	Please ensure that any planning applications within the National Park are 100% compatible to its tradition, heritage and future.	8/8/2014 10:44 AM
107	Why are you making no effort to accomodate the Motor Home users who visit this area and really struggle to find suitable pitches in good areas. The prime example of this is the huge and largely unused parking space at Oriel y Parc in St Davids, which could surely be utilised all the year round for a limited number of Motor Homes with Pay as you go Electric and water hook up pints, such as are common in France and the rest of Europe. The emphasis for the future has to be on improved Tourism facilities.	8/8/2014 10:27 AM
108	Resist combining Park and Council planning departments. Ensure the Park is not disfigured for future generations by allowing unnecessary development including wind and solar farms. Plenty of land available outside the Park for such developments.	8/8/2014 7:47 AM

109	Don't allow Pembrokeshire C. C. to interfere with PCCNPA	8/8/2014 4:16 AM
110	The merger of planning authority should be discouraged as this is likely to lead to the loss of local experience and expertise when assessing the impacts of planning applications.	8/8/2014 3:57 AM
111	It is vital that PCNPA continues in its current format. Pembrokeshire is unique and needs to be kept that way. Merging Welsh NPs is completely wrong - they need to remain separate as they all have their individual identities. The idea of merging the authority's planning department with the Park's planning department is another bad idea. The special qualities of the Park are a vital consideration when determining planning applications and should be decided upon by the Park's planning department. Likewise with the areas outside of the Park's boundary are best decided for in a planning sense by the local authority. Each are always consulted by the other when, for example a wind turbine application close to each other's boundaries, is being considered. Landscapes do matter and need protecting for the enjoyment of all.	8/8/2014 3:22 AM
112	Planning should not be a National Park role, It should rest with the Local Authority in its entirety.	8/7/2014 7:57 AM
113	It seems that PCNPA has become over focused on promoting the park for the enjoyment of visitors and forgets to support those who are trying to make an honest living in their home county. It should not just be about a playground for the privileged.	8/6/2014 5:19 AM
114	They do a fantastic job. Environmentally we have had direct benefit by working in partnership to improve marsh fritillary numbers. For leisure we use paths, beaches and the woodlands and scout camp st brides. Our children have also benefitted massively from school activities: maenclochog and preseli. Diolch yn fair.	8/6/2014 5:09 AM
115	Preserving native flora and fauna	8/6/2014 3:45 AM
116	I feel there is an assumption that the countryside would be a better place without people whereas I think people can be a force for good	8/6/2014 3:41 AM
117	As a visitor we continue to visit due to the way the parc is managed. It continues to be very unspoilt and unsullied by inappropriate development.	8/6/2014 2:54 AM
118	Planning and development services should remain with the PCNPA and not be subsumed into Pembrokeshire County Council, which does not understand nor value the special area of the National Park.	8/5/2014 1:06 PM
119	Maintain planning to support local communities, maintain footpath and enhance links with other recreation activities across the park	8/5/2014 11:26 AM
120	PCNPA needs to inform the public that it's role is essential in ensuring the preservation of buildings and that future development is done for the collective benefit of the local integrity not the business interests of an individual.	8/4/2014 5:09 PM
121	where to start? I am a huge supporter of the Park and all it does. It would be a tragedy to lose any of the facilities and services. Hope there'll be enough noise made to preserve most of them.	8/4/2014 6:16 AM
122	Keep looking after the Coast Path - its brilliant!!	8/4/2014 2:32 AM
123	Factory farming in the Park does not in any way follow the ethos of the Park and they should follow their ideal to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.	8/3/2014 3:08 PM
124	The administrators of the park should make efforts to involve residents in making decisions about the work carried out be the organisation. This would improve how it is regarded locally and encourage more people to help achieve its aims and objectives.	8/2/2014 9:44 AM
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126	1. A more obvious Ranger presence. (Do we still have any?). 2. Greater involvement with our farming community re conservation opportunities. 3. More effort to encourage public to comply with Countryside Code, etc., and to abide by local bye-laws. 4. Devolve planning responsibilities to the County Council.	8/2/2014 4:20 AM
127	The planning process is one of the main ways in which the Park discharges it's statutory responsibilities. It is essential that the Park safeguards its ability to do this.	8/2/2014 12:53 AM
128	There should be plenty of opportunities to take part in events to enjoy the National Park. Access to engage with National Park staff for a better utilisation of the service and understanding on what it offers. The information centres are a great way to find out more.	8/1/2014 7:09 AM
129	Richard Vaughan is brilliant at his job!	8/1/2014 5:40 AM

130	Stop wind turbine proliferation and control tourist development	8/1/2014 3:53 AM
131	We have seen the disastrous consequences for Pembrokeshire of amalgamation with another Health Authority. I would like to see NPA stay in Pembrokeshire to oversee the particular needs of Pembrokeshire Coast NP	7/31/2014 10:58 AM
132	With regards to planning, you need to remember we are not exhibits in a zoo and should not be disadvantaged by living in PCNP. Sometimes you don't appear to use common sense when it comes to applications and it ends up costing much more to do a job than if we wanted to do it just outside the boundry	7/31/2014 3:36 AM
133	The National Park's duties should be reduced to a core of tourism promotion (in tandem with other bodies as happens at present), so visitors' centres, promotion of the Path and maintenance of the Path. Planning matters should lie completely with Pembrokeshire County Council's planners. One planning officer with specialist skills in nature conservation would be required but trained and experienced planners are more than capable of determining planning matters in the Park; the separate development plans are unjustifiable and a waste of money, as are the separate planning authorities.	7/30/2014 10:26 AM
134	It should be most important for the authority to continue to control planning within the park with oversight of adjoining land.	7/30/2014 6:30 AM
135	Consultation on changing planning policy	7/30/2014 1:23 AM
136	National Park's HAVE to give priority to their statutory purposes, otherwise they will serve no purpose and be absorbed within larger County Councils. I refuse to believe the senior management at the National Park will take this survey seriously, indeed it shows a distinct lack of leadership. I can't for one minute ever see Bryn Parry Jones asking for future guidance from the general public.	7/29/2014 11:46 AM
137	Perhaps do another survey to ascertain attitudes re specific needs such as more informative signposting on Coastal Path, grading walks accordng to difficulty,etc.	7/29/2014 4:16 AM
138	We should keep the PCNPA in situ unless we want the coast of Pembrokeshire to end up looking like the Cornish coast	7/28/2014 5:23 AM
139	The authority should look at allowing business ventures to be set up within the Park that will encourage residents and visitors alike to visit the park. Overnight camping, cafés that make use of fantastic locations could be encouraged and be sympathetically done.	7/27/2014 12:14 PM
140	I appreciate the walks and the paths provided. I would like to see more events for volunteers to help with maintenance.	7/27/2014 11:29 AM
141	I sincerely hope that the suggestion that the National parks of Wales be merged into one does not come to fruition. We NEED the National Park as it is to preserve what make Pembrokeshire a special place and that includes having a planning role Money will no doubt have to be saved so sharing resources may be needed along with increasing awareness of what a diminished National Park would mean for locals and visitors alike	7/27/2014 11:20 AM
142	I do not agree that the three Welsh national parks should be combined	7/26/2014 2:29 PM
143	By insisting on new developments having a social housing commitment, when the people who it is intended to help buy social housing cannot get funding to help provide it, you are not only making no impact on the provision of social housing, but you are choking supply of non-social housing - the stalled development on Tenby South Beach being a prime, and very visible, example. You should have realised by now that your policy is counter-productive and damaging, but you seem to be determined to carry on regardless. Your attitude in dealing with the application to restore St. Catherine's Island in Tenby is also hard to comprehend. Change is needed, if not in attitude, then by a reconfiguration of planning provision in Pembrokeshire.	7/26/2014 8:27 AM
144	Maintain its natural beauty and access	7/26/2014 4:24 AM
145	Should be disbanded total waste of money no regard for local people	7/26/2014 12:33 AM
146	Do not let a quango in Cardiff make planning decisions that will adversely impact the environment within the park. Economics are secondary to the landscape	7/26/2014 12:23 AM
147	Get rid of planning	7/25/2014 10:21 AM
148	The future of the park depends on it's capacity to join forces with public enterprice. Investment in different areas of economy is a priority. Room for new sustainable projects to be able to secure the return to maintain the heritage of the past.	7/25/2014 5:38 AM



149	I would like to see the national park as a vibrant, economically active area, full of real people living in real houses, with real jobs, rather than some kind of museum piece dependant almost entirely on visitors income.....a much more generous attitude towards green and sustainable housing, energy generation and sustainable employment involving energy conservation and organic food production.	7/25/2014 4:58 AM
150	As the UK's only seaward-facing coastal NP, the Park's priorities should include the protection and conservation of the marine environment which so strongly influences its character and appeal.	7/25/2014 3:47 AM
151	Partnership working represents value for money in delivering on the Authority's objectives without duplicating effort between agencies.	7/25/2014 3:31 AM
152	park should be a model for sustainable lifestyles and economy, instead of a barrier to them	7/25/2014 1:44 AM
153	Working hard for the future of the area	7/24/2014 2:13 AM
154	Give consideration to the provision of stopover and dump facility for users of motorhome. Caravans sites are not the answer to users of these vehicles which are passenger vehicles (not trailers) so they are used as a method of transport not just accommodation. Most caravan sites do not provide the facilities that motorhomes need and do not allow the flexibility of use that people buy motorhomes for. This is the reason many Uk owners head to the continent where provision is made in almost every village for small numbers to spend the night and support the local community with their daily spending. See <a href="http://www.tmcto.org">http://www.tmcto.org</a>	7/23/2014 12:39 PM
155	It is critical that the features that make up the park are protected. It was the entire point of setting them up in the first place and it seems ludicrous that any part of the running of the park could be carried out by non local people (or at least locally based) To hand it over to politicians to run would not be a good idea - look at the way councils are run currently	7/23/2014 7:13 AM