

THE NATIONAL PARKS JOINT SCRUTINY GROUP ON THE ECONOMY

6 May 2015

Present:

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority representatives:

Members: Mrs G Hayward (Chairman), Councillors DGM James and B Kilmister, and Mr AE Sangster.

Officers: Mr Tegryn Jones, Chief Executive and Mrs Janet Evans, Administration and Democratic Services Manager.

Snowdonia National Park Authority representative:

Members: Dr I ap Gwynn, Councillors A Gruffydd, J MacLennan, C Roberts and Mrs E Roberts.

Officers: Mr. GI Jones, Director of Corporate Services and Mr. J Cawley, Director of Planning and Cultural Heritage.

(Via video conference between Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock and Penrhyndeudraeth: 2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m.)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Edwards (SNPA) and RM Lewis (PCNPA), and Mr Emyr Williams, Chief Executive of Snowdonia National Park Authority.

2. Disclosures of interest

No disclosures of interest were received.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 April 2015 were presented for confirmation and signature.

It was **AGREED** that, subject to a correction to the spelling of Dr Iolo ap Gwynn's name, the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 April 2015 be confirmed and signed.

4. Draft report of findings

The Chairman referred Members to her draft report of findings and the recommendations contained therein. She thanked Mr AE Sangster for his support and advice during the drafting period.

A lengthy debate ensued concerning general and more specific aspects of the report, including a discussion on whether the report should be published for internal use only as a baseline for commissioning further external research into the work of the National Park Authorities.

Members accepted that there were changes that needed to be made to the report and that further examples/references needed to be incorporated before the report could be finalised.

It was **AGREED** that the respective Authorities provide further comment/evidence in order that a final draft report could be presented to the next meeting of the Committee for ratification.