



Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership

15 November 2016

9.30 am

**MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2016
9.30 AM - 12.20 PM**

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward
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Present

Local Authorities

Shropshire Council

Cllr Robert Tindall

Cllr David Turner

Telford & Wrekin Council

Cllr Chris Turley

Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members

Individual Member

Alison Caffyn

Individual Member

George Chancellor (Vice - Chair)

Individual Member

James Williamson (Chair)

Town & Parish Council representative

Janine Hayter

Town & Parish Council representative

Mike Walker

British Horse Society

Ronald Repath

Butterfly Conservation

Rhona Goddard

Institute of Chartered Foresters

Marc Liebrecht

Land Life & Livelihoods

Joy Greenall

Longmynd & District Bridleways Association

Sue Lee

Ramblers Association

Sue Jones

Strettons Civic Society

Ian Dormor

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Veronica Cossons

Upper Onny Wildlife Group / Shropshire

Leo Smith

Ornithological Society

Observers/Officers

Shropshire Council	Neil Willcox (Commissioning Manager) Tim Ward (Committee Officer)
Telford & Wrekin Council	Fran Lancaster
Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Staff Team	Phil Holden (AONB Partnership Manager) Nigel McDonald (Sustainable Business Officer)
AONB Transition Board	Andrew Wood

38 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 38.1 The Chairman welcomed Mike Walker from Church Stretton Town Council who was substituting for this meeting for Hilary Claytonsmith.
- 38.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Gillian Binks (Caring for God's Acre), Andy Boddington (Individual Member), Mike Brogden (Shropshire Tourism), Sarah Bury (CPRE), Pete Carty (National Trust), Hilary Claytonsmith (Town & Parish Council Rep), Patrick Edwards (National Trust), Yvonne Holyoak (Town & Parish Council Rep), Clive Leworthy (Town & Parish Council Rep), Hazel McDowall (Natural England), David Mills (SASTAK), Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), John Pritchard (Individual Member), David C Smith (Shropshire Geological Society) and John Tucker (Town & Parish Council Rep).

39 Note of the last meeting

- 39.1 The note of the meeting held on 14 June 2016 had been circulated.
- 39.2 The Committee Officer informed the meeting that Mrs Lee's name had been omitted from the list of apologies. It was agreed that her name should be added.
- 39.3 RESOLVED

That subject to the above the note of the meeting held on 14 June 2016 be agreed as a true record.

40 Transition Board Minutes

- 40.1 The Minutes of the Transition Board meeting held on 9 August 2016 had been circulated for information.
- 40.2 The AONB Partnership Manager referred the meeting to paragraph 3.4 and confirmed that he and the Chairman had met with an officer from the Shropshire Pension Fund. It had been confirmed that a Conservation Board was a Scheduled Body in which staff were entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme. An actuarial report would need to be carried out. He confirmed that the level of projected employer pension contributions in the budget had been based on this discussion and advice received.

40.3 The AONB Partnership Manager informed the meeting that the Partnership Administrator had secured another position and would be leaving at the end of the month. He advised that a post was being advertised with reduced hours which would mean a saving going forward.

41 **Shropshire Hills AONB Trust charity**

41.1 The AONB Partnership Manager advised the meeting that the Charity had in July been registered as a CIO by the Charity Commission as the 'Shropshire Hills AONB Trust'.

41.2 The AONB Partnership Manager informed the meeting that the trust was seeking 4 more trustees, one from the Partnership and three independent trustees and that the vacancies would be advertised shortly. He asked that if members knew of anyone who may be interested to let him know.

42 **Draft Business Case for the Creation of a Conservation Board**

42.1 Members received the report of the AONB Partnership Manager which presented a second draft of the Business Case for the creation of a Conservation Board for the Shropshire Hills AONB.

42.2 The AONB Partnership Manager advised members that subject to slight alterations following the meeting, the Business Case would go forward to the Cabinets of Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Councils for approval, prior to a submission being made to DEFRA.

42.3 In response to a query the AONB Partnership Manager confirmed that it would be possible to amend the Business Case following approval by the Councils prior to submission to DEFRA. Indeed it was felt necessary to base the submission to DEFRA to address their key issues for decision, which were to some extent different to those of the Councils.

42.4 Members then held 2 workshop sessions to look at different aspects of the business case.

42.5 **RESOLVED:** -

That subject to amendments arising from this meeting, the AONB Partnership endorses the Business Case for the creation of a Conservation Board for the Shropshire Hills AONB for submission to the Cabinets of Telford & Wrekin Council & Shropshire Council for approval.

43 Date of Next Meeting

43.1 Members were reminded that the next meeting of the AONB Partnership would be held on Tuesday 15 November 2016

Signed (Chairman)

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