**BBNP LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting held at 15.40 on Tuesday 9th August, 2011 at Brecon Beacons National Parks Head Quarters**

**Present**

Secretary (and Chairman for item 1): - Richard Ball

Elected Chairman (chaired remainder of the meeting): Mike Scott Archer (MSA)

Julian Atkins (JA)

Janet Bailey (JB

Pam Bell (PM)

Gwyn Gwillim (GG)

Ian Mabberley (IM)

David Mantle (DMa)

Denis Murphy (DM)

David Sharman (DS)

David Thomas (DT)

Pavel Vitek (PV)

Hilda Williams (HW)

Colin Woodley (CW)

**Observers:**

Avril Barnes Rights of Way Assistant, BBNP

Eifion Jones Rights of Way Officer, BBNP

1. **Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**

RB explained that there were two candidates for the Chairs position, MSA & CW.

RB invited candidates to make a presentation lasting no more than five minutes.

MSA made his presentation explaining his experience and present roles.

Retired Headmaster. Vice-chair Powys LAF.  Member of Council for British Archaeology, Cambrian Archaeological Association, Llangynidr Local History Society, Brecon Beacons Park Society (Walk Leader), Ramblers, Cambrian Mountains Society, CPRW and RSPB. Interests include upland history and archaeology, mountain walking, the impact of climate change and research into historic roads and tracks.

CW made his presentation explaining his experience and present roles.

Farms in the Hepste valley. Conservation officer for the South Wales Caving Club. Member of the Dan Yr Ogof Cave Advisory Committee. Chair of the national governing body for caving; The Cambrian Caving Council. Secretary of the Penderyn Commoners Association & Vice-chair of the Penderyn branch of the FUW. Member of the Ystradfellte CC and of the Hirwaun & Penderyn CC. Interests include cave & mine exploration, underground access and industrial archaeology.

Following the presentations the members cast their vote for the position of Chair.

Result: MSA received 7 votes, Colin Woodley received 5 votes, there was one abstention. MSA was therefore welcomed as the LAF Chairman.

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MSA proposed CW for vice chair, and members unanimously elected CW to Vice Chair.

It was agreed to amend the rest of the agenda as Terms of Reference had been dealt with at the previous meeting and LAF sub committees was added as an agenda item.

1. **LAF Sub committees**

RB asked members whether they felt that there was a need for the LAF to form subcommittees to deal with business that may require attention between the LAF meeting cycle.

There was some further debate about the need for sub committees and the following was agreed.

**Agreed**

The LAF agreed to receive information via email or post in relation to any business arising which needed to be dealt with between the cycle of meetings. Member would respond to the Chairman and the Chair and Vice Chair would draft a corporate response based on replies received from members.

1. **Observers**

RB asked does the LAF want regular observers e.g. CCW. FCW

JB asked will the observers go to every meeting or just meeting relevant to them

RB informed members they could invite anybody they wanted with the permission of the chair.

MSA suggested members give potential observers contact details to RB.

Action: - members

1. **Any Other Business**

MSA asked for information from RB and EJ in relation to Rights of Way and Access issues to incorporate into a generic letter for LAF to send to relevant Welsh Government Members.

1. **Suggestions for next agenda**

* Update on Glastier and its effect on access
* Update on off road vehicle issues
* Wales National Parks Pilot project (Scrutiny) concerning Rights of Way
* Effects on access from the proposed Covanta Energy Group Merthyr Tydfil development
* Diversion of a Public Right of Way around Great Porthamel

Future meetings:

12th October 2011

12 th January 2012, National Park Visitor Centre (Mountain Centre) Libanus

15th March 2012 Brecon Beacons NPA Headqaurters, Brecon

The Chairman thanked members for their contributions and closed the meeting at 17.15