

MINUTES BHCP STEERING GROUP MTG WEDNESDAY November 5th 2014 at 11.00 am

AONB Meeting Room

Attending

Heather Stallard	Chair
Catherine Bass	Co-ordinator & Communications Group leader
Lisa Turner	AONB
Bruce Payne	Wellington w/o, AONB Management, Natural Futures
Ken Pearson	Churchstanton & Traffic, Transport & Highways Group leader

- 1 Minutes of last mtg Sept 24th were discussed and approved
- 2 Matters arising:
 - Re SW Resilience request, CB to send letter of support asap CB
 - Re 4 KP has written to Somerset BHPN parish clerks offering support for their planning comments re sustainability issues – no replies to date. Will report back KP
 - Re 5b CB to complete draft ‘toolkit’ for distribution CB
3. Steering Group membership:

Application from Graham Long received - agreed to accept and thank for interest; noted that at least one more rep from EDDC area would be helpful since it is a large proportion of the AONB area, further request to be made at the General mtg on 25th November. Noted that three Stg gp members also on AONB management board. CB

CB will write to all parishes having financial interest in BHPN asking for nominees, talk with Tracey Bell re a Dunkeswell rep – v large parish and population
4. Updates to Action Group activity

Communications:

 - Website: No further correspondence or updates on website have been forthcoming from Gill Beardsworth, in spite of training given, expenses paid and support offered by CB. To write suggesting that this has not been a fruitful relationship, BHPN can longer support it. CB
 - View from the Blackdowns has yet again failed to publish the Meeting Notice sent to them for the November edition – CB to follow up. Was successfully published in other newspapers and parish mags, websites etc. CB
 - KP & RSS News feed; CB contacted Cosmic, no reply after last Stg gp – to follow up. CB
 - Broadband: CB reported that contact with Val Baker at BHBA resulted in an email from BHPN going in with BHBA submission, offering to collate views from parties associated with BHPN. No feedback as yet, CB to ask Val again for sight of the BHBA submission. CB
 - Agreed to follow up on Graham Long request to write to CD&S Board members re petition to support supply of high speed BB to 100% of households, residences and commercial properties in Devon and Somerset following the next round of tendering. CB

Traffic, Transport and Highways:

 - Discussed recent publication of DCC Road Warden scheme which will put the onus on Parish Councils to monitor and repair roads other than A and B in their parishes. Similar initiative in SCC published last autumn with updates due soon. Both are serious cost cutting measures which will shift responsibility to parish level. Considerable concern over this, agreed to make this the central topic for the General meeting 25th Nov. CB to brief Cllr Hart DCC and secure a relevant SCC rep (no answer from John Osman). TTH group to CB

convene after General meeting.

- A303 : LT going to Dept for Transport update mtg today to hear latest on feasibility studies in progress re A303 vs A358 (AONB is part of the stakeholder reference group). To report back at general mtg. LT

Planning:

- See Matters arising above
- Request EDDC Neighbourhood plan update for General meeting . CB

5. BHPN General meeting agenda actions to include

- Cllr John Hart to be requested to focus on Road wardening. CB
- Discussion re latest on local road upkeep – ref; Devon community road warden scheme initiative - Somerset? GL
- Update on Broadband issues - Graham Long
- Update on EDDC Parishes Neighbourhood plan progress – Tracey Bell? TB
- Natural Futures project opportunities – Bruce Payne BP
- Announce Workshop for Parish Councils in Spring to explain what tools they have for to respond to planning in applications in the AONB. LT
- Update on Somerset Parishes Community Led Plan KP

CB to circulate draft agenda to Stg Gp in advance of general circulation.

5 Finance.

Payments since last mtg: £42.00 BHLAC re May mtg venue.

No receipts since last mtg

Payment approved:

Invoice re co-ordinator salary 25 March to date £550.60

Account balance at 04.11.2014 : £ 1881.50

Outstanding invoices due:

£75 re due adverts and webhosting £1,425 parish subs 2014-2015

5 AOB

- Date of next Stg gp mtg tba after General mtg