



Lake District National Park

Park Strategy and Vision Committee: 29 November 2022
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Agenda Item: 2

Park Strategy and Vision Committee

MINUTES of a meeting of the Park Strategy and Vision Committee held at the National Park Office, Murley Moss, Kendal at 10.00 am on 21 September 2022.

Present

Mr J Bland
Mr H Branney
Mr M F Carter
Mr W Clark
Dr G L Davies
Mrs J M Derbyshire

Mr J Jackson
Mr A J Lywood
Mr R Outhwaite
Mr J A Stuart
Mr I C Wharton

Apologies

Ms S Mosner

27/22 Appointment of Chairman

Mr Clark nominated Mr Carter to be re-appointed as Chairman and Mr Bland seconded the appointment. There were no other nominations.

Decided: That Mr M F Carter be re-appointed as Chairman for the coming year.

28/22 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

Ms Hunt nominated Mr Clark to be appointed as Deputy Chairman and Mr Branney seconded the appointment. There were no other nominations.

Decided: That Mr W Clark be appointed as Deputy Chairman for the coming year.

29/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Mosner.

30/22 Minutes

Decided: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

31/22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised of two modifications to the agenda due to the change of date of the meeting and availability of staff: the Whole Estate Plan Annual Monitoring report would now be brought before the Committee in October together with the Away Hour item on the Endangered Landscapes Programme.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed both Mr Outhwaite and Mr Stuart to the Park Strategy and Vision Committee.

The Chairman announced to the Committee and members of the public that the meeting was being livestreamed and that a digital sound recording of the meeting would be made.

32/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of a registrable interest or disclosable pecuniary interest relating to any of the business of the Committee.

33/22 Questions

There were no questions relating to the business of the Committee.

34/22 Public Participation

There were no questions, petitions or deputations of a general nature relating to the business of the Committee.

35/22 Keswick Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP)

The Built Environment Adviser presented the paper containing the final version of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) including proposed boundary changes for Keswick Conservation Area, which was explained to the Committee in detail. This followed both internal and external consultation on the proposals.

Members gave detailed consideration to the importance of looking after historic buildings, ensuring that works to commercial buildings together with advertising hoardings were sympathetic to the surroundings, educating developers through our forthcoming design guide, and bringing about coordination of utility companies in doing necessary street works and the need to returning to the standard and quality they were originally.

In answer to questions raised, the Built Environment Adviser confirmed that –

- the Conservation Area boundary changes would only come into effect when approved by full Authority; and
- her understanding was that Keswick Town Council knew that both the Conservation Area and Article 4 Direction boundaries would align, however, at the Chairman's request, she would clarify with them to ensure no misunderstanding.

Members thanked the Built Environment Adviser for the well-written appraisal and management plan and gave their full support to it.

Decided:

- a Members proposed the boundary changes for Keswick Conservation Area, in accordance with the map in Annex 1, for approval to October Authority;
- b Members proposed the appraisal and management plan for Keswick Conservation Area in accordance with details of the report in Annex 2, as amended by the proposed boundary changes in Annex 1, for approval to October Authority;
- c Members authorised officers to progress with drafting a new article 4 direction and agreed to the statutory period of public consultation for the revised direction, delegating the timing of this work to the Director of Sustainable Development; and
- d Members acknowledged that confirmation of the article 4 direction would be subject to committee approval in 2023.

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened after a 10 minute break.

**36/22 Written Evidence Submitted to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill
Public Bill Committee**

The Strategy Planner presented the report which advised Members that on Thursday 28 July 2022 the Authority submitted written evidence to the Public Bill Committee (see Annex 1). Supported by factual information, the Authority's submission specifically asked Government to amend the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order together with the removal of the small business rate relief for furnished holiday homes. With the change to the meeting date, the Strategy Planner gave a further update on the current position. She offered her personal thanks to members of the Housing and Employment Working Group in helping in its preparation.

Whilst acknowledging the need for a visitor economy in the Lake District, Members welcomed the response to Government on the holiday let issues and hoped that Government would bring into force a registration scheme to cap holiday lets so that our communities are not further undermined.

Decided:

- a Members noted the submission of written evidence from the Authority to the Public Bill Committee.

(The meeting finished at 11.40 am)