

BIOSPHERE RESERVE PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**15th June 2022,
Via ZOOM 13:30pm to 4:00pm**

<p>Members in person Mark Wallace (MW) Beaford Emma Richardson (ER) DWT Ian Rowland (IR) TDC Tim Jones North (TJ) - NDBF Kate Hind (KH) DCC Mike Moser (MM) – Nature Improvement Group Phil Byers (PB) – Vice Chairperson & NDBF</p> <p>via Zoom: Andrew Butler (ABut) - NFU Cllr Derrick Spear (DS) – BPC/NDC Cllr Claire Kemp (WDBC) Claire Moodie (CM) – PFND Eirene Williams (EWill)- AONB Mark Saunders (MS) Michael Winter UoE Robert Down (RD) Coastwise/ NDBF</p>	<p>Biosphere Team Present: Andy Bell (AB) – CEO Emily Willoughby (EW) – Pledge for Nature Nicola Corrigan (NC) - Operations Manager</p>
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Apologies:

Mel Austen (MA) (Chairperson) -UoP
Christine Goodall (NE)
Chris Fuller (CF) - TDC
John Balls (JH) - NDFA
Phil Metcalfe, Sophia Craddock, Sarah Jordan ,
Martin Batt, (AONB)
Mark Prior, (Forestry Commission).
Tony Pratt (TTEF)

Item	Discussion	Action
1) Welcome and Introductions	It was noted that WWDBC has formally appointed Cllr Claire Kemp as the representative to the partnership.	
2) Minutes of last meeting	Agreed	Agreed minutes
3) Matters arising Vice Chairs (AB and Mark W)	<p>AB indicated that there was still a position available and the Pship was grateful to Mark Wallace for retaining the role to foster the links with the Cultural Strategy.</p> <p>AB reported that there were no nominations coming forward from the partnership to join the board of the</p>	

<p>Joining the Foundation Board (Andy Bell).</p> <p>Update on the Community Recovery Fund (AB/TJ)</p>	<p>foundation. He suggested that one of the new board members (Rev McKinnel, the Bishop of Plymouth, with roots in the BR was joining the Foundation Board and subject to the approval process may be interested in joining the partnership and serve as that link. The board had also recruited Claire Wright from the CLA and Saeed Mulai from Applegate Communications. The board will be advertising for more members in the near future.</p> <p>AB reported that the CRF work was going well and that some elements had an extension until August to complete. DCC were pleased that the delivery was going well but wanted to be sure that the links between Activity, outputs and outcomes were retained high in the mind of the project team and contractors to ensure that the project was successful.</p>	
<p>In the interests of getting through the substantive agenda points, Items 6, 7 and 8 were brought forward.</p>		
<p>4) Updates from Working groups (verbal updates)</p>		
<p>a) Green Economy (Phil Byers)</p>	<p>Biosphere green economy group has met twice since the last partnership. It has been present in business seminars held at Petroc in at least 3 occasions. The R and 361 Energy co presented on routes to net zero as an example.</p>	
<p>b) Catchment Group (Emma Richardson)</p>	<p>Natural Solutions is now fully staffed and re-jigging its business plan according to the altered funding. The group has been getting the information to update the delivery of the catchment plan from the various delivery partners.</p>	
<p>c) Forestry Group (Andy B)</p>	<p>Devon Woods going well and meeting targets. Coordinating well with the NT and Woodlands for Water. There is a raft for woodland enterprise Zone work in the Community Recovery Fund including an inventory of unmanaged and less managed woodlands to identify the economic potential.</p>	
<p>d) Nature Improvement Group (Mike Moser /Emma Willoughby)</p>	<p>Implementation groups working well. Will hold meeting in July to look at best practice; eg. combining the water and wetlands group in the Caba group. In process for looking for new chair of the NIWG since MW has completed 2 terms now. Pledge for nature has roughly 1 year left. An evaluation has been commissioned to check on the impact. Some glitches in the Pledge mapping website that need to be addressed.</p>	
<p>e) Community Group/Plastic Free Consortium (Claire Moody,</p>	<p>Communications work has been supported through the CRF project and ends soon. Claire ahs been putting together a handover on how the work can continue without the resource they have provided. Suggests some messages need to be tidied up, e.g. Partnership, Charity and its CIC. The current strategy has now 3 websites (Public Facing, technical and the CIC commercial site)</p>	
<p>f) Marine Group (Andy B)</p>	<p>AB reported that following the small 3C fnding grant a Marine Nature recovery Plan had been produced. Due to the conditions of the Ea funding, it did not have a full 6 week consultation, therefore it will be edited and</p>	

	<p>relaunched for consultation so it can be fit as supplementary planning information.,</p> <p>Ab was also working with the local fishermen to explore models of management including those used on the Isle of Man.</p>	
5)		
6) CRITTER model briefing and implications for planning around the estuary. Presentation	<p>AB presented the outputs of the SLAMM model which indicates who the estuary habitats will change spatially over time for the next 100 years. It was run under 3 scenarios of protect all dry land, protect only developed land and do not protect anything.</p> <p>AB emphasised that the model ran a very conservative approach and therefore was likely to underestimate change.</p> <p>During the next 50 years , 30 Ha of saltmarsh needs to be created, but over the next 100 years 112 Ha of freshwater marsh needs to be created that will be otherwise lost to sea level rise.</p> <p>The LPAs agreed it would be useful in the local plan refresh and would like it to be calibrated with the SWEEP work done on the Coastal Change management area</p> <p>.</p>	<p>The P'ship welcomed the presentation and its relevance to CRITTER project.</p> <p>AB to run the model and match to the SWEEP scenarios of sea level rise.</p> <p>The information should be shared with stakeholders wen that is done to prepare for land-use and land management change.</p>
7) Cultural Strategy (MW)	<p>Mark W presented the cultural strategy highlights for the biosphere reserve and the links in the key themes of saving the landscape as a cultural identity and addressing the challenges of climate and ecology crises that we have.</p> <p>In delivering the strategy there would be a large call on the BR team and partners to provide information and engage with the cultural sector which would be greater than it has been in the recent past.</p> <p>The partnership agreed that the strategy was refreshingly forward thinking to engage in these debate and the recommendations in the paper to endorse the draft as it stands and support the local authorities in attracting resources.</p> <p>It was further recommended that the authorities should also include applying for resources for a part time post based with the BR team to be the science and arts link to the wider partnership and the creative businesses. This could be part of a communications/outreach post.</p>	<p>Partnership welcomed the strategy and will support the NDC and TDC to attract resources for the strategy.</p> <p>The Partnership asks NDC and TDC that in getting resources for the strategy, that some is allocated to the BR team to ensure the cultural sector has a well informed link to the work of the Biosphere Partnership.</p>
8) Towards a funding strategy for the BR partnership.	<p>The information in the briefing was taken as read by the participants and agreed that coordination of bids and combining bids was certainly needed and had been a strength of the partnership in the past..</p> <p>Following a break out session for the zoom participants and the face to face participants; the following points were made;</p>	<p>Agreed collaborative working will be the best for the area.</p> <p>Action AB to organise more</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the added value or beyond the business as usual for the combined work to deliver step changes • Remain true to the origins of the BR in sustainable development and explore areas of sustainable living • Identify key sites for natural capital enhancement using the NE tool for example. • Must include R&D especially for innovations in the circular economy. • Be decisive about sources of funds • Embed improvements in the social fabric • Work with big bid teams <p>Clusters of cooperation included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step change in community engagement • Farmer networks and farmer influencers • Outdoor Culture • International Biosphere Culture • River Life and stewardship of Catchments (linking to the marine) • Marine • Circular economy • Skills for transformed economy • Health and social prescribing • Active travel as part of tourism infrastructure • Climate resilience and adapting to change • Digital transformation • Research Evidence and Modelling <p>MWallace thanked all for their participation in the session.</p> <p>Next steps; AB to convene longer and more in depth focus groups to pull together more detailed collaborations and have projects ready to apply for funds. There should be a timeline for continuation and development of work.</p>	detailed workshops with partners.
9) Explorer App and feedback	An opportunity for feedback in person on the app as circulated by Sarah Jordan www.explorenorthdevon.com	AB asked that members feedback on improvements for the app.
10) AOB & DONM	TJ 6 th October at Winkleigh Community Centre 1-4pm.	