



**BIOSPHERE RESERVE PARTNERSHIP MEETING Minutes**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Umberleigh Village Hall**

**Members Present:**

Michael Winter (Chairman)  
 Mark Wallace (Vice Chairman & Beaford Arts)  
 Andrew Austen (NDC)  
 Phil Byers (Vice-Chair & Chamber of Commerce)  
 Jenny Carey-Wood (AONB)  
 Steve Mulberry (AONB Partnership Chairman)  
 Mike Day (TDC)  
 Tony Collyer (Biosphere Foundation)  
 David Hoare (on behalf of Peter Heaton-Jones MP)  
 Mike Moser (Nature Improvement Group)  
 Jo Traill-Thomson (Natural England)  
 Andrew Butler (NFU)

**BR Team Present:**

Andy Bell  
 Gigha Klinkenberg  
 Sophia Craddock  
 Phil Metcalfe

**Guests**

Dr Simon Jones  
 Jerry Griffiths

Item	Issues	Action agreed
<b>1. Chairman's welcome and Introductions</b>	The Chairman made introductions, welcomed Partners.	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Emma Richardson, Lisa Schneidau, Christine Goodall, Tony Pratt, Cllr. Rodney Cann, Alison Boyle, Gaye Tabor.	
<b>3. Minutes</b>	Minutes were agreed with 1 amendment.	
<b>4. Matters arising</b>	<p><b>Highway signs</b>            Installation will begin in the new financial year. The signs will be positioned on the A361 near Rackenford and on the A39 coming into Torridge</p> <p><b>Working Groups</b>            Task and finish groups are making good progress. Reporting system will be made more informative.</p>	<p><b>AB to keep the partnership informed.</b></p> <p><b>Working group Chairs and Convenors will work with the operations manager when he/she is</b></p>

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	<p><b>HLF Project</b> Large scale bids have been stopped. However, HLF are interested in the Pioneers specifically to develop projects.</p> <p><b>Interreg project</b> on Biocultural Heritage Tourism (BCHT) imminent</p> <p><b>Research</b> Not done yet but MW will ensure Tim Williams will convene the group, as part of his new role after the BCHT project is confirmed.</p> <p><b>Biosphere Youth Forum</b> We need a Petroc representative on the Partnership. SM knows a board member.</p> <p><b>Nature Improvement Group</b> The working group held a second meeting in December and have produced an action plan based around 6 large projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working with Facilitation fund and Pioneer groups on new agri-environment schemes</li> <li>2. Torridge: Water environment Grants – species and community involvement</li> <li>3. Taw: as above</li> <li>4. Re-wilding – wilder lands options</li> <li>5. DBRC – County Wildlife Sites</li> <li>6. Community participation and NIA</li> </ol> <p>Proposals being put forward.</p>	<p><b>appointed to improve the reporting</b></p> <p><b>AB to advise when the project is live.</b></p> <p><b>MW</b></p> <p><b>AB to follow up with SM.</b></p>
<p><b>5. Update on Landscape Pioneer</b></p>	<p><b>Landscape Pioneer</b> 25YEP – we now have leverage to push for funding to deliver an ambitious programme. We have held 2 Natural Capital workshops and have another in two weeks' time. We will need working groups, governance and task and finish groups.</p> <p>We will be making 4 incoming secondments and hope to have people in post by April.</p> <p>We do need clarity from Defra and coherence of coordination. What is being tried for land management.</p> <p>Exmoor National Park have also invented their own scheme. Need to get clarification. "Command paper is weeks away" and use of top-sliced funds!?</p> <p>NIG and Sweep and a number of national agencies are developing schemes.</p>	<p><b>JTT to further the Net Gain building on the Offsetting strategy already in the BR.</b></p> <p><b>Develop land management pilot proposals for the BR linking with Exmoor if possible</b></p>

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	<p>Suggest a launch event publicised on social media.</p> <p>Dr Simon Jones – referred to the 25 YEP and the chapter on health – He was keen to learn what input is needed from him as a representative of the Care Commissioning group for the area. Net Gain – more from pure biodiversity, community group.</p> <p>Net Gain is about green infrastructure – designing green spaces where people can get out and be healthy. Developers to provide environmental, beneficial/gain nearby or elsewhere.</p> <p>It will be about designing things around communities to deliver health benefits.</p> <p>Bring new thinking onto the metric of North Devon and Torridge.</p> <p>There is already a good linkage with the BR Foundation for managing the offsets. Opportunity for a secondment via NE to develop the Net GAIN Policy with the planning authorities and have a presence in the Tav View office with the BR team.</p>	<p><b>AB to follow up in developing projects and ideas with the Health sector via the Community group. Further develop Social Prescribing idea and for planning policy related to health and environment.</b></p>
<p><b>6. Jerry Griffiths - Presentation</b></p>	<p>Jerry Griffiths from Natural Resources Wales gave a presentation on the application of local decision making board pilots that followed from the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, Wales.</p> <p>Presentation: Sustainable Management for Wellbeing of Future Generations. (presentation will be circulated)</p> <p>The 7 well-being goals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prosperity</li> <li>2. Resilience</li> <li>3. Health</li> <li>4. Vibrant culture</li> <li>5. Globally responsible</li> <li>6. Coherence</li> <li>7. Equal</li> </ol> <p>Decision must be-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive and long term</li> <li>• integrated</li> <li>• involve</li> <li>• collaborative</li> <li>• prevent getting any worse</li> </ul> <p>Appointment of a Future generations Commissioner for Wales</p> <p>Well-being indices were developed.</p>	

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	<p>County based public service boards</p> <p>The FGW Act is underpinned by Environment Act Wales –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystems approach</li> <li>• Sustainable Management of natural resources</li> <li>• Adaptive Management</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Evidence</li> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevent degradation</li> </ul> <p>Action statements – management plan Benefits/priorities for opportunities</p> <p>Spring 2018 – winter 2019 plans</p> <p>Baselines Playing to environmental strengths in Wales Interest from Health/Business</p> <p>3 Trials – including one in Dyfi Biosphere the other in Tawe – 200k people</p> <p>Animation of why – as engagement</p> <p>Evidence</p> <p>Engagement through large campaign and animations etc</p> <p>Animation &amp; website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops / eco-design</li> <li>• What are the benefits and what they provide</li> <li>• Main concerns</li> <li>• What opportunities</li> </ul> <p>1k people responded and engaged individuals (0.5%)</p> <p>Tawe’s vision statement - unique</p> <p>Swansea evidence Socio economic evidence Social/environmental &amp; justice issue</p> <p>Place based approach</p> <p>Voting mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality</li> <li>• Cohesive management</li> <li>• Sand dump on cycle path</li> </ul> <p>Encourage dunes 20k – saving 15-20k per annum</p>	

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	<p>Each PSB has small admin and single pot for small bids. Welsh government provided funds for assumed efficiencies.</p> <p>How does legislation prevent Organisations subject to scrutiny challenge for long term goals/aims</p> <p>Long term and masterplan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we do it without legislation?</li> <li>• PSB reflecting public coordination</li> </ul> <p>Discussion: Opportunity to shadow a PSB to see how it might apply in northern Devon</p> <p>DH – Don't wait for legislation, but lead by example. There are various initiatives such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 North Devon</li> <li>• One Northern Devon</li> <li>• Plastic Free</li> <li>• Crime &amp; safety partnership</li> <li>• Health &amp; wellbeing board</li> </ul> <p>BR has lots of ideas but need to show a result Sound business case to put people together. E.g. at the right scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bideford</li> <li>• Barnstaple</li> </ul> <p>Simon – no need for new structures</p>	
<p><b>7. Coastal Change position statement</b></p>	<p><b>AB</b> presented the draft coastal change statement relating to Horsey Island and the Pebble Ridge, explaining the science behind the statement. MD suggested adding some positive wording to encourage the golf club to redesign its course.</p>	<p><b>Agreed the statement was about right and AB to amend the statements as agreed and publish it on the website.</b></p>
<p><b>8. MaB Reporting on Sustainable Development Goals and International collaboration</b></p>	<p><b>AB</b> made the partners aware of the opportunity to send in films about the BR ad the SDG goals. There was no funding to do these, but AB had discussed with North Devon moving image about the specification. He was assured that it could be done easily on iPad and iPhone etc.</p>	<p><b>ALL to consider if they wished to make a one minute film.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Replacement Chairman and Vice Chairs</b></p>	<p>Although MW has been granted an extra ordinary extension to his role as Chair, the search for a new chair should continue in earnest.</p>	<p><b>ALL. To offer suggestions for a new chairman. Criteria and role descriptions are in the terms of reference.</b></p>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p>	<p><b>None</b></p>	

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<b>10. Next meeting</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>	