

Jersey Coastal National Park
Minutes of the Interim Working Group
Monday 7th September 2015

At offices of the Environment Dept, Howard Davis Farm, Trinity

- 1) **Present:** J Hopley (JH, Acting Chairman), D B Hambrook (DBH, Acting Secretary), Ken Thompson (KT, Acting Treasurer), Daniel Houseago (DH), M Stentiford (MS), Jennifer Ellinger (JE, Visit Jersey), D B Hambrook took the minutes.
- 2) **Apologies:** - Dr A Terry & N Aubin. Not present: D Richardson, B Tompkins

New members for future meetings:

In giving his apologies Dr Terry suggested that given his work will require him to be based more in the UK that the position he holds on the IWG representing Durrell be offered to Glyn Young also from Durrell. This suggestion was accepted and an invitation was to be sent out to Mr Young (GY) to attend the next meeting. (Action – DBH)

JH advised the IWG that he had made an invitation to join this group to Mr John Rogers (CO, TTS) following a meeting with him, see item 4.1 and this offer had been accepted. Mr Rogers (JR) would be sent details for the next meeting. (Action – DBH)

It was also hoped that following a presentation to the Comité des Connétables, due next week, that a named representative from this important stakeholder body would also soon be identified.

3) Minutes of previous meetings

With one minor amendment noted the minutes of the meetings held on 06/07/15 and 30/07/15 were received and approved. These would now be posted on the web with other previously uploaded CNP IWG documents (Action – DBH)

4) Progress Reports

4.1 JH and DH meeting with JR at TTS. JH explained that it had become apparent that TTS have rangers working almost exclusively on Environment Dept projects and that as part of the government review into service provision there were opportunities for closer working between TTS, NT, Environment and the parishes. It was therefore important for TTS to be involved where relevant and when possible.

4.2 MS conversation with Deputy S Luce. Following a chance meeting MS had taken the opportunity to seek support from and express concerns over the seeming lack of public support for the CNP from those whom it was felt should be behind the project. Whilst Deputy Luce had since requested copy of the Management Plan DH acknowledged that he recognised the difficulty in knowing what form of endorsement was sought at this stage.

4.3 MS and interchange of email correspondence with Senator L Farnham, the Economic Development Department and Visit Jersey. MS reported that as much out of frustration at what he felt was a distinct lack of public support from both key politicians and relevant government departments he had communicated these frustrations to Senator Farnham at EDD. MS has received replies from both EDD and

Visit Jersey confirming their support. Keith Beecham (CEO, VJ) had supplied a copy of their Business Plan in which such support was clearly stated.

4.4 JH meeting with Nick Steele, Jersey Business. JH reported that meeting with Nick Steele at Jersey Business had been very positive, with NS offering a both suggestions and support.

4.5 JH and MS to meet Comité des Connétables (CdC) on September 14th, where they are to make a short presentation on work done so far but as importantly, to secure formal representation from the C des C on the IWG.

4.5 Proposed meeting with Parish of St John. JH reported that a meeting he had hoped to have with representatives from a St John Parish committee that had registered concerns has yet to materialise. The need to pursue this meeting may depend on the outcome of the meeting with the CdC.

5) Update on CES and TDF funding

DBH reported that following a little uncertainty over what had been done / agreed with these two funding streams both were now back on track and regular contact was ensuing. (Ongoing actions – DBH)

6) Governance Structure

JH recognised that little had been done in this area since the previous meeting and he would follow up the necessary points of contact in order to progress. (Action – JH)

7) Brand Development

JH reported that one proposal for professional assistance with this had been received and a second was being actively pursued in order that the CNP IWG complied with good governance in securing two quotes for work where grant funding was to be utilised. It was hoped that an open meeting would be arranged early in October where the two proposals could be discussed more fully, with possibly each company making a presentation to some members of the IWG. (Action – JH and DBH)

8) UK National Parks Membership

DH reported that Peter Charlesworth (see 07/06/15 minutes) was now Chairman of the National Parks UK. It was known that whilst PC was keen to support an application from Jersey to join this organisation it was recognised that as a UK body there were constitutional issues to overcome for this to happen. It was also noted that UK National Parks were expecting an up to 40% reduction in direct government funding and so all were looking at commercially generated income streams. It was possible that processes implemented in the creation of the JCNP would be of as much interest to UK National Parks as their functions would be to us. On this basis DH had hopefully secured four places at the National Parks UK AGM in Devon (14-16th October) and was waiting on more news on this development. (Action – DH)

9) A.O.B. - None noted

10) Date of the next meeting

Early October but no specific date or venue confirmed. Likely to depend on item 7.

Signed.....
Acting Chairman, JCNP IWG

Date... 13th October 2015