

Isle of Wight AONB Partnership - Development Control & Planning Work Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 04 November 2005
11.30 a.m. National Trust Offices

In Attendance

Richard Grogan	IW AONB Steering Committee Nature Conservation Portfolio (Chair)
Denis Russell	IW AONB Steering Committee Vice-Chairman/Community & Parish Portfolio
Tony Tutton	IW AONB Steering Committee Chairman
Dennis Russell	Chairman CPRE
Vicky Basford	IW AONB Steering Committee Historic Environment Portfolio
David Court	IW AONB Steering Committee Coastal Portfolio
Nicky Rogers	AONB Planning Officer
John Brownscombe	AONB Lead Officer

Remote Member

Nicola Davies Countryside Agency

1) Apologies

David Groves

2) Minutes of previous meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true copy of the proceedings.

Matters Arising-

Undercliff Drive - Update on situation

Sheepwash Lane - Was noted that no action by the Planning Authority had been taken AONB Unit to follow up.

3) Island Plan

Discussed JB's initial comments. Issues discussed: idea of 'Regeneration' and effect that development in south Hampshire would have on Island; infrastructure improvements were needed; too much emphasis had been placed on Highways receiving PFI; freight transport issues; climate change and flood risk; lack of detail on rural issues; all options would have some AONB impact; West Wight regeneration and sustainable tourism; low key infrastructure improvements to AONB gateways and knock on effect into AONB. Agreed AONB response would be Option 4 preferred with small scale additional growth in Freshwater/Yarmouth/Totland.

4) Planning Policy

4.1 Local Transport Plan

Update and overview of AONB comment to consultation paper

4.2 Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Update and overview of AONB comment to consultation paper

4.3 Minerals Policy

Update and overview of AONB comment to consultation paper

4.4 Farm Diversification and Landscape – AONB Guidance Note & Horse Management and Landscape - AONB Guidance Note

Update that no further work had been carried out to documents since last meeting due to new planning post being filled and NR in induction process. NR to complete as soon as possible.

5) Development Control

5.1 DC Monitoring

AONB Unit unable to give an update on this due to IT problems.

5.2 DC Update

Arreton Motorcross - Appeal in process. Update: Appeal dismissed

Lakeside Wootton - Application for revised hotel development. AONB support this as it was reduction in size and ensures development will go ahead. Update: Application approved.

Cricket Ground, Gatcombe - Application for cricket ground. AONB strong objection to the proposal. Update: Application refused.

'Duty of Regard' Matters – Concern that the Planning Authority is not fulfilling its duty of regard to the AONB. Examples of Planning Officers ignoring AONB comments or not waiting until consultation period has expired before issuing a decision. Enforcement cases where no action appears to be taken or where breach is identified Planning Authority not enforcing consistently with conditions attached to planning permission. AONB Unit to investigate.

6) Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.16 pm