

NEW FOREST CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on **THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2012** in the Louisa Suite at the Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Lyndhurst

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (1 March 2012)

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute item 4.3 (Park Life Distribution): NFNPA to liaise with Copythorne Parish Council to arrange for more copies to be made available in future and to liaise with Wellow Post Office as a possible site. ***The Secretariat have forwarded additional copies to the Copythorne Parish Clerk and have requested the NPA's Communications Officer to contact West Wellow Post Office in the above regard..***

(b) Minute item 8.1 (NPA Operational Plan): Alison Barnes to update the Panel re. the NPA's Operational Plan

4. NEW FOREST AWARD

A brief presentation by Richard Manley, Chairman of the New Forest Trust, on the Trust's New Forest Award Scheme. Additional information can be found at <http://www.newforesttrust.org.uk>.

5. FORESTRY COMMISSION ITEMS

Restoration works at Latchmore.

6. NEW FOREST CATCHMENT PILOT PROJECT

Ian Barker, the NPA's Ecologist, will give a short presentation on the ways that people can get involved with the catchment pilot project, and on gathering Panel Members' views on the water environment.

7. NEW FOREST HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP SCHEME – LiDAR

Frank Green, the NPA's Archaeologist, to give a presentation on the laser mapping of the New Forest.

8. NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETINGS

Report from NPA meeting on 28 March (circulated with agenda).

9. STANDING OF THE PANEL

Members may recall that at its meeting in January, the Panel received recommendations from a Task and Finish Group on the Future Role of the Consultative Panel and agreed to refer these to the New Forest NPA for consideration and then Defra. In terms of the recommendation from the Task and Finish Group the Minister should be requested to issue a statement formally endorsing the value, role and purposes of the Panel and to write to all Section 62 statutory bodies requesting them to fully engage and consult the Panel in all work which was likely to impact on the New Forest including all draft policies, plans and consultation documents. These would be referred to the Panel for consideration which would then decide which matters would require further consideration and response either by the Panel as a whole or a more detailed and considered response by a task and finish working group via the Panel to the body concerned.

The NPA is concerned that the latter part of the recommendation would place a significant strain on resources of the Panel and its ability to log, sift and tabulate the large number of consultations received. As an alternative, the Authority has offered to draft and maintain a comprehensive log of consultations received by the Authority in its statutory role and make this available to the Panel. The log would be a standard item for consideration on all Panel agendas and would be a useful tool in allowing the Panel to keep abreast of consultations impacting on the New Forest and provide an opportunity for the Panel to influence organisations and authorities in their work through input on those consultations on which it wanted to comment. An example of the log has been drafted and is circulated with this agenda for members' information and possible feedback.

10. PANEL AGENDA SETTING

Panel members to suggest agenda items for inclusion on future agendas.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NB – It would greatly assist the minuting of matters raised under Any Other Business if members could give the Panel Secretariat early notification of items they intend to raise. Please forward details of the item you wish to raise to Jo Murphy, Tel: 01590 646653, E-mail: jo.murphy@newforestnpa.gov.uk or Fax: 01590 646666. Alternatively, if the matter is urgent, it may still be raised at the meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT PANEL MEETING

7.30 pm on **Thursday 6 September 2012** in the Louisa Suite, Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Lyndhurst.