

Arnside/Silverdale AONB Limestone Heritage Project

Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2007, 1.00pm
at RSPB, Leighton Moss

MINUTES

Present:

Ian Henderson	Arnside/Silverdale AONB Manager (Chairman)
Richard Bamforth	Limestone Heritage Project Officer
Barbara Henneberry	Arnside/Silverdale AONB (Minutes)
Gill Chitty	HLF Associate Monitor
Susannah England	Natural England
Ralph Henderson	Joint Parish Committee
Carole Hodgson	CLA
Joyce Lynch	Lancashire County Council
Colin Peacock	AONB Executive Committee
Pat Quinton	Lancaster City Council
Trevor Singleton	Landscape Trust

Apologies:

David Harpley	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Lorayne Woodend	South Lakeland District Council
Jenny Wain	Cumbria County Council

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies listed above.

2. Minutes

2.1 The Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 15th November 2006.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 (3.2 Silverdale Station Ramp) The Project Officer confirmed that a file had been created and all correspondence relevant to the Silverdale Station Ramp scheme collated. The file will be retained at the AONB office.

3.2 (5.2 Interpretation Panel) The Project Officer confirmed that Natural England had approved the use of their logo on the Coldwell Limeworks Panel.

3.3 (6.1 Celebration) *see Item 7.*

4. Heritage Lottery Fund

4.1 **Claim 20** – Claim 20 for £34,184.94 was submitted and payment in full subsequently received.

5. Progress Report

5.1 A spreadsheet detailing Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 schemes and an up to date report on their status was circulated to members before the meeting. The following additional comments were made:

▪ Interpretation.

- Members were shown proofs of the Clints & Grykes, Heritage Trail and Horseriding leaflets. Gill Chitty requested that the HLF logo be separate from the LHP logo and in a more prominent position.

Action: to amend logos on leaflets

- Members felt that the interactive map on the website was an excellent

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6. The concluding chapter

6.1 What is left to be done

The Project Officer advised members that he was working to a strict deadline of 31st March and expects all invoices to have been processed by that date. Natural England require their final claim to be submitted by 31st May, but need to know of any underspends as soon as possible. The Project Officer was advised that the Final Report should compare the original application to the actual schemes completed, giving reasons why it has not been possible to achieve particular projects. It was suggested that any schemes which have not been completed should be looked at again to see if they can be achieved via other routes such as stewardship.

Action: to complete Final Report, submit final claims and review unsuccessful schemes

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6.2 Future maintenance

Copies of all the maintenance agreements are on file and will be retained at the AONB Office. If a property changes hands, it will be up to the AONB Unit to pursue a new agreement with the new owner. Members were advised that there are no funds available to monitor the completed projects and it was suggested that Lancaster City Council be approached to see if they can contribute.

Action: to contact Lancaster City Council about the funding of a monitoring scheme

**Pat Quinton/
AONB
Manager**

7. Publicity/Events

7.1 End of Project Celebration

Due to concerns about the venue, possible bad weather and parking at Bottoms Farm, it was reported that the original idea for an open air event had been dismissed and instead it was proposed to hold a celebration event at RSPB on Friday 30th March 2007 in the evening. It is intended to be a thank you to the contractors and all those involved through committees etc. for making the Project such a success. It will also provide the landowners with an opportunity to say thank you for the work carried out on their property. A hot buffet and drinks will be provided. Invitations have been sent out. Whilst members were happy with the format of this event, it was felt that opportunities should also be taken throughout the year to raise awareness of the Project amongst the public. Suggestions included a demonstration walk based on one of the new leaflets, an open day in the summer and the inclusion of the Project in the programme for the AONB Annual Conference.

7.2 End of Project Press Release

It was agreed that a press release should be sent out and the opportunity taken to promote any follow-up events.

Action: to send out press release about the successful completion of the Project

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8. Any Other Business

The HLF monitor wished to record her thanks for the successful completion of the Project which is a credit to the area and all people involved. The North Lancashire Bridleways Society also wished to record their appreciation of all the hard work which has been put into improving the bridleway network in the AONB. The committee then thanked the Project Officer and wished well in his future career.