

BLACKDOWN HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership Management Group held on
Thursday, 22nd March 2018 at Buckland St Mary Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr Paul Diviani (chairman)
Bruce Payne (vice-chairman)
Cllr Dave Durdan
Cllr John Thorne
Cllr Frank Rosamond
Heather Stallard
Graham Long
Penny Mills
Elaine Hayes
Martin Turner
Jocelyn Pritchard

East Devon District Council
Special Appointee
Taunton Deane Borough Council
Somerset County Council
Mid Devon District Council
Blackdown Hills Business Association
Blackdown Hills Parish Network
CPRE, East Devon & Exeter
Special Appointee
Blackdown Hills Hedge Association
Blackdown Hills Parish Network

Also present:

Blackdown Hills AONB staff team: Tim Youngs (TY), Jackie Vaughan (JV), Lisa Turner (LT),
Clare Groom (CG).

Members of the public: One member of the public was present

Apologies: Cllr Martin Wale (South Somerset District Council); Cllr John Berry (Devon County Council); Rachel Williams (Natural England); Mark Pope (National Farmers Union); John Greenshields (Blackdown & East Devon Woodland Association); Simon Larkins (National Trust); Gordon Field (Blackdown Hills Artist & Makers); David Northcote-Wright (Somerset Wildlife Trust); Bob Nelson (Blackdown Hills Parish Network); Peter Chamberlain (Devon County Council)

ITEM 1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were carried out.

Workshop A – 18/19 Business Plan – Sponsors

Report circulated prior to the meeting

Discussion based on the 60 actions within the 18/19 Business Plan and the suggestion that a sponsor should be sought for each of the topics under the three themes of the Plan. For that area of work, the sponsor would become the 'champion/ critical friend/ sounding board' and support the AONB unit.

Penny Mills suggested that as landscape & planning are CPRE objectives she would act as a sponsor for this section.

Heather Stallard (HS) suggested that the BHBA could help with getting the AONB to support communities rather than communities supporting the AONB.

Elaine Hayes (EH) and Bruce Payne (BP) are happy to sponsor any elements that are remaining.

ACTION: All management group members to look at the business plan and decide which specific areas they could support and contact Tim Youngs to volunteer as a sponsor.

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