**BLACKDOWN HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022**

**9.30am at Broadhembury Memorial Hall, EX14 3NG**

**Present:**

Cllr Bob Nelson (Chair- standing in) - Blackdown Hills Parish Network, AONB vice chair

Cllr Paul Hayward – East Devon District Council

Cllr Martin Wale – South Somerset District Council

Cllr Mike Canham – Blackdown Hills Parish Network

Cllr Graham Long – Blackdown Hills Parish Network

Gordon Field – Blackdown Hills Artists & Makers

Carolyn Dare – Blackdown Hills Transition Group

Martin Turner – Blackdown Hills Hedge Association

Janette Ward – Campaign to Protect Rural England (Somerset)

David Northcote-Wright – Somerset Wildlife Trust

Peter Chamberlain – Devon County Council (also representing the OSG)

**Blackdown Hills AONB staff team:**

Tim Youngs **(TY)**, Lisa Turner **(LT)**, Nicola Cunningham **(NC)**

**Guest presenters (Challenge Funds 21/22):**

Eddie de Vere Hunt (Axe Vale Rivers Association, AVRA)

Vicky Whitworth, Paul Spearing & Alison Johnson (Chardstock Eco Group)

Elizabeth Stonex (Otterhead Lakes Trust)

**Apologies:**

Bruce Payne – Special Appointee & AONB Chair

Cllr John Berry – Devon County Council

Cllr Simon Clist – Mid Devon District Council

Alison Blom-Cooper – Somerset West & Taunton Council

Lydia Dahlin – National Farmers Union

Tommy Muncie – National Trust

Elaine Hayes – Special Appointee

John Greenshields – Blackdown Hills Trust & AONB Vice Chair

Jackie Vaughan – Blackdown Hills AONB Staff

**Members of the public:** None

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| **ITEM** | **Welcome and Introductions** | **By Whom** |
| **1.1**  **1.2**  **1.3** | The (standing in) Chair Cllr Bob Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were given  Declarations of interest: None  Register of Interest forms: reminder to complete and some were completed and given to **NC** | Chair |
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| **2.** | No questions received and none present. |  |
| **3.** | Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 were approved by the chair of that meeting Peter Chamberlain and all present. | All / Chair |
| **4.** | **Presentations- Challenge Funds 21/22** |  |
| **4.1** | Citizen science water quality – AVRA, Chardstock Eco Group and Broadhembury | Eddie de Vere Hunt,  Vicky Whitworth, Alison Johnson and Bob Nelson |
| **4.2** | Otterhead hydro | Elizabeth Stonex |
| **4.3** | Blackdown Hills Eco Hub Community Project - Biochar | Carolyn Dare |
| **5.** | **AONB team** |  |
| 5.1 | AONB team report presentation:  *New Community Engagement Ranger, Abby Wilkinson, to attend November meeting to meet PMG members*  **Action 1: To provisionally endorse the delay of the AONB Management Plan Review by 12 months: Agreed**  **Action 2: To approve membership of the SDF panel for a further 2 years: Agreed**  **Action 3: To endorse the NAAONB Statement of Climate Commitment for the : Agreed subject to a review of the underpinning framework and toolkit in November, along with the BHAONB Climate Action Plan**  **Action 4: To note the Inclusion and Diversity (DEI) report and agree for a workshop to take place at the Autumn Partnership meeting to discuss proposed actions: Agreed** | Tim Youngs  All  All  All  All |
| 5.2 | Financial summary to end of May 2022 and 2021/22 SDF project summary  **Heather Stallard joined the meeting.**  *Cllr. Wale suggested that TY closely engages with the Somerset unitary process, as there are potential risks associated with South Somerset funding from next May* | Tim Youngs |
| **6.** | **AONB Partnership** |  |
| 6.1 | Revised Terms of Reference – sign off  Governance in 2022: Chair and Vice Chair  TY advised that the Chair and Vice Chair election process would start from September 2022. Any interested parties are encouraged to talk informally to TY.  An outline of the proposed changes to the BHAONB Partnership Terms of Reference were set out in the Partnership papers (sent before the meeting). The main change was the option for an independent chair to be appointed, if someone does not come forward from the Partnership Management Group. The detail will be presented at the next Partnership Management Group for approval and in the meantime, TY will discuss with the chair and vice-chair. | Tim Youngs |
| 6.2 | Briefings from Partners - None |  |
| **7.** | **Any other business:**   * ‘Making Rivers Better’ Conference Thursday 8 September, Broadhembury Memorial Hall – [Making Rivers Better Tickets, Thu 8 Sep 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-rivers-better-tickets-381658138767) * Stockland Turbaries book by David Allen- copies in the AONB office * Blackdown Farming Futures Roadshow events in July- details available from **NC**. * Date of next meeting in 2022: Thursday 3 November, venue TBC | Tim Youngs |

**Signed as a true record:**

**Chairman………………………………… Date………………….**