MINUTES BHPN STEERING GROUP

AONB meeting room Tuesday June 7th 2016 10.00am

Attendance:

Heather Stallard Chair, Hemyock PC, BHBA, AONB Management Gp

Catherine Bass Co-ordinator, Website

Upottery PC, AONB Management Gp, Communications **Graham Long**

Ken Pearson Stockland Parish Clerk, BHPN T, T& H Lisa Turner AONB Planning officer & BHPN Planning Bruce Payne AONB Management Gp, Natural Futures

1. Minutes of meeting 13 May 2016 were agreed

Matters arising:

CB has not yet contacted Highways in the two counties for discussions re HGV audit.

Local bus service 20 will terminate in Culmstock after last service of the day from end of July, this will have no knock-on effect for the first service of the following day.

2. Finances and draft balance sheet 2015-2016

Current balance at June 3rd 2016

£1973.99

Accounts for 2015-2016 are with accountant for audit prior to AGM June 22nd

3. Website update

New website is still in development with a glitch being sorted out by Cosmic. The Invoice was due for payment on June 4, however CB has requested a split payment in view of the current situation. Other aspects are going well, a Facebook group page is linked to the Home page, as is an RSS feed. A group photo of all elected steering group to be taken at the AGM for the website.

4. **FGW Customer and Community Improvement Fund**

> Information on the currently open call was only received on June 2, call closes on June 30. The general view was that it is probably too late to consider a bid this year. CB to enquire whether a scoping fund could be bid for with a view to putting in a larger bid in 2017, the third and final year of the fund operation.

5. AGM June 22nd:

Venue: Buckland St Mary Village Hall. Has no internet access, CB to enquire re AV facilities. KP to arrange a pop-up bar via The Holman Clavel, and ask Community Shop for small edible refreshments (part of their 'community remit').

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Agenda: 7.30 AGM Business, Intro and Minutes of 2015 AGM, Chair's Report, Finance Report, Election of Steering Group (agreed that Stg Gp needs more members, prompt all paying member parishes to suggest possible nominees), amendment of Constitution to define BHPN as an AONB stakeholder to reflect the new BHPN representation on AONB Management Group. This will be followed by a break before continuing with discussion of current actions re transport (Community Bus), HGV etc, and the ERDF Broadband application.

9 Update re ERDF Broadband application GL updated stg gp on application which was submitted May 27th, outcome expected end July. Delivery partners to be EDDC (agreed in principle). CDS may have applied for this funding also. Have set up meeting with Northmoor parish, Oxon to learn from their CB experience in a similar project, completed by Gigaclear, with West Oxford DC as delivery partner.

10 AOB and date of next meeting

Meeting with MPs has been requested, NP available 29th July, MF prefers to be kept informed, RP to be chased for reply; next stg gp meeting to be called after AGM, before mtg with MPs if 29th is confirmed (possibly mid July).