

# National Park Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 16

## Deputation

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### *Paper for decision*

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 We have received a deputation request for the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Board meeting. Under the Standing Orders, in order for a deputation to be heard a majority of present and voting members must agree to it. The applicant would then have up to five minutes to address the Board.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 As per the Standing Orders, members should vote on whether to receive the deputation attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 For Members' reference, please find below the process regarding deputations from our [Standing Orders](#):

##### 3.2 Deputation

38. *The Board may hear deputations on any matter that falls within its statutory remit, subject to the following conditions having been met:*
- a. *An application for a deputation must be in writing, signed by a representative of the group or organisation or person wishing to be heard and setting out the matter on which the deputation wishes to be heard; and must be lodged with the Proper Officer at least two weeks before the Board meeting;*
  - b. *notice of any such deputation must be entered in the agenda for the Board meeting; and*
  - c. *a majority of the Board Members present and voting at the meeting must agree to receive the deputation.*
39. *No deputation shall be received by the Board in relation to any regulatory or quasi-judicial function of the Board where the opportunity of a hearing or deputation has previously been afforded to any person on that matter within the last 6 months.*
40. *When a deputation is received, it will be competent for Members of the Board to put to the deputation any questions on the subject matter about which it has addressed the Board, but no Member will express an opinion upon, or discuss the subject, until the deputation has withdrawn to the public area of the meeting room.*
41. *No deputation will exceed five in number, two of whom may address the Board for a combined total of up to five minutes.*

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- 3.3 Unfortunately, our original Board meeting schedule listed 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as a Board business session rather than a formal Board meeting, and as a result the meeting was not advertised on our website until 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. This meant the two weeks' notice required for deputations under Standing Order 38b was not possible.
- 3.4 We agreed that in this instance deputations could be submitted up to 7<sup>th</sup> September. We received the deputation at Appendix 1 by the deadline and shared with Board members on 8<sup>th</sup> September as a late agenda item. We propose that it is considered after agenda item 4.

Appendix 1 – Deputation received on behalf of Mr Nick Kempe

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