

AT A MEETING of the
SIR GEORGE STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at Sir George Staunton Country Park, Havant on 12 March 2014

PRESENT

Hampshire County Council

p Councillor Mrs. L. Fairhurst
p Councillor Mrs A Briggs
a Councillor R Finch
a Councillor D Keast
p Councillor R.C. McIntosh

p Kerry Bailey, Country Parks Business Manager (SGSCP/QECP)
p Jane Lovett, Honorary Treasurer
p Adam Owen, Countryside Team Leader (Business Development)
a Andrew Smith, Head of Countryside
p Tim Speller, Visitor Services Manager (SGSCP/QECP)

East Hampshire District Council

p Councillor Mrs. D.K. Denston
p Mr Martin Healey, Principal Countryside and Biodiversity Officer for EHDC

Havant Borough Council

p Councillor Mrs. Y. Weeks
p Mr Jeff Crate, Senior Economic Development Officer for HBC

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Chairman were Stakeholders and other interested parties

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor David Keast and Andrew Smith (Head of Countryside).

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was

appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

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45.	DEPUTATIONS	
	There were no deputations.	
46.	MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	
	The Committee agreed to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 February 2014 until the next scheduled meeting on the 25 April 2014.	
47.	STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK – THE FUTURE	
	<p>The Committee and Stakeholders received and noted a presentation from the Countryside Team Leader on the Transformation of the Country Parks Programme with specific reference to Staunton Country Park (item 5 in the minute book).</p> <p>Members were informed that as a result of reductions in local government funding, it had become increasingly necessary for all Country Park sites to work towards becoming self-financing by the year 2018/19, through heritage lottery funding and through other means of generating income.</p> <p>Members were informed that forecasted figures for visitor numbers across the Country Park sites were looking to approach the two million figure by 2018/19, with a targeted income exceeding £2,500,000. The Countryside Team Leader indicated that visitor return visits and the purchase of annual memberships had contributed to increasing visitor figures.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the transformation of the Parks would be completed in six phases, commencing with the compiling of a project team. Identification of different themes particular to each Park have resulted in the formation of nine workstreams. These workstreams will concentrate on issues including catering and staff welfare. It was noted that a personalised workstream for Lepe Country Park would be implemented due to the unique challenges currently facing the parking and facilities there as a result of coastal change.</p> <p>The Countryside Team Leader indicated that issues affecting the</p>	

