

MINUTES OF MEETING AT THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013 AT 11.00 AM.

Present

Mrs Philippa Foster Back	Chair
Ms Kate Bazeley	Secretary
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey
Prof. Mike Bentley	<i>Ad hoc member</i>
Mr John Killingbeck	Royal Geographical Society
Mr Bob Headland	Royal Geographical Society
Prof. Julian Dowdeswell	Scott Polar Research Institute
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Department, FCO / Government British Antarctic Territory
Mr Henry Burgess	Polar Regions Department, FCO / Government British Antarctic Territory
Lt Cdr Jonathan Marshall	UK Hydrographic Office
Dr Suman Chowdhury	<i>Ad hoc member</i>
Mrs Caroline Burgess	Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
Mr Pat Geelan	<i>Expert Member</i>
Mr David Herbert	British Antarctic Survey

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Paul Woodman (*Expert Member*), Dr John Shears (British Antarctic Survey), Dr Kim Crosbie (*ad hoc member*) and Dr Mike Thomson (*expert member*).

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Bob Headland to the Committee.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 19 October 2012

The minutes were agreed with no amendments.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

i) Centenary Naming

The Secretary thanked the Committee for their comments on the proposal and informed them that it had been submitted to the New Zealand Antarctic Naming Committee. The Committee

had been concerned that the feature proposed for Demitri Gerof was ephemeral, as it was made of ice, so the NZ-ANC had proposed an alternative feature close by; the southern entrance of Backdoor Bay, which is a more permanent feature. Following the meeting, the Secretary received confirmation that the proposal had been approved by the New Zealand Geographic Board and that the place-names will become official when they appear in the New Zealand Gazette in April 2013.

ii) APC new website

David Herbert from the Mapping and Geographic Information Centre (MAGIC) team at BAS gave a presentation and demonstration of the new APC website that he had been working on with the Secretary. The website homepage predominantly features the new map browser, which allows users to more easily search and visualise UK place-names. The map browser has the capability to show multiple data layers, including satellite imagery, as well as the place-names gazetteer information. There is a full user guide on the website to instruct new users on how to operate the map browser, as well as a short tutorial that pops up when you first visit the website to give a quick user overview. The user is also able to download the gazetteer and other data from the map browser. David has also created a specific place-names editing website where the Secretary can update and maintain the gazetteer. The content pages of the website contain all of the information from the old website, but under more intuitive headings. The website is hosted in Wordpress, which means that the Secretary can easily maintain the content.

The Secretary encouraged feedback on the website from the Committee. There is still work to be done on the website and the map browser, including further cartographic styling of the place-names to improve the look and feel of the map. The South Georgia website is also being updated so that it can be integrated into the new website. The aim is for the website to go live at the end of April, in conjunction with Dr Fox's place-names article being published in *Geographical* magazine.

iii) Policy update

The Secretary noted that the APC Policy decisions document had been updated to include a section on 'Subglacial features', as requested at APC(12)02. Prof Bentley informed the Committee that he will be asking key scientists for their input on the naming of subglacial features within BAT following the publication of Bedmap2: a map of the rock surface below

the Antarctic ice sheet, based on geophysical data. It shows subglacial features at a new level of detail compared with Bedmap1 and has greater data coverage.

iv) Mt. Amundsen

Following APC(13) Postal 1, the Committee agreed that Lynx Peak was an appropriate place-name and that this feature was in need of a name. However, it was felt that the feature proposed for Mount Amundsen was not appropriate as it seemed to be a subsidiary peak of Mount Shackleton. This proposal was therefore put on hold until such time that a feature in this area was found to need a place-name.

4. Secretary's report

The Secretary's report was noted.

5. Place-names decisions

It was confirmed that all of the place-names recommended at the October 2012 APC meeting had been approved.

6. ACAN response

There were no comments on the proposals from US-ACAN.

7. New Place-name proposal – Fallières Coast APC(13)05

This proposal put forward a suite of names along the Fallières Coast by the British Services Antarctic Expedition 2012, who visited the region. The Committee noted that this area will be more frequently used in future now that it is known to be accessible. Prof Dowdeswell informed the Committee that this area has also been the focus for recent scientific research, so there is a definite need for naming here. However, it was felt that the density of names proposed was too high.

Accession Peak	Not approved. The Committee felt that this feature was not significant enough to require a place-name.
Ad Astra Peak	Not approved. Further imagery is required to identify whether this feature is significant enough to require a place-name. It will be reconsidered at the next meeting.
Curving Glacier	Not approved. The Committee felt that although this feature is significant enough to require a place-name, it should be named after

	a prominent glaciologist, in line with the strong theme of glaciologists that is used for glaciers in this area.
Educator Peak	Not approved. The Committee felt that this feature was not significant enough to require a place-name.
Eligius Ridge	Not approved. The Committee felt that this feature was not significant enough to require a place-name.
Indefatigable Mountains	Not approved. The Committee felt that this feature did not need a place-name as it forms the southern part of the Boyle Mountains, so is effectively already named.
Loyalty Peak	Not approved. However, the Committee felt that this was a significant peak that required a name, so decided to name it Mount Expedition in commemoration of the British Services Antarctic Expedition 2012.
Narrow Glacier	Not approved. The Committee felt that although this feature is significant enough to require a place-name, it should be named after a prominent glaciologist, in line with the strong theme of glaciologists that is used for glaciers in this area.
Ordnance Peak	Not approved. The Committee felt that this feature was not significant enough to require a place-name.
Pegasus Peak	Approved.
Per Ardua	Not approved. However, the Committee felt that this was a significant peak that required a name, so decided to name it <i>Astra</i> Peak after part of the RAF motto <i>per ardua ad astra</i> , following the theme of the British Forces.
Mount Sixty	Not approved. The Committee felt that this was a significant peak that required a name, but that it was not appropriate to directly commemorate Queen Elizabeth the Second's Diamond Jubilee in this way. The Committee decided to name it Mount Diamond.
Stanhope Towers	Approved.
Westminster Peninsula	Approved.

8. New Place-name proposals – Luitpold Coast APC(13)06

The Committee felt that both of the men in this proposal were worthy of a place-name following their contribution to the Antarctic while working for BAS, and that the features themselves require place-names. However, further evidence is required in order to

characterise whether the features are glaciers or ice streams. The proposal was therefore approved, pending clarification on the generic term.

9. Place-name amendment –Caird Coast APC(13)07

The Committee agreed that there needed to be a differentiation between the grounded ice part and the floating ice part of the Stancomb-Wills Ice Stream within BAT. It was therefore agreed that the name ‘Stancomb-Wills Ice Stream’ would be amended to ‘Stancomb-Wills Glacier’ to refer to the grounded part, and that a new place-name ‘Stancomb-Wills Glacier Tongue’ would be added to the gazetteer to refer to the part of the feature that is floating ice.

10. Place-name proposal –Aitcho Islands APC(13)08

It was agreed that a theme of Hydrography should be applied to the Aitcho Islands, including places associated with the UK Hydrographic Office and significant people who have worked within this field. However, the Committee noted that place-names should not be awarded to people based on just their rank; the person must have gone above and beyond the call of duty to earn the honour.

Bath Island	Approved.
Cricklewood Island	Approved.
Gorziglia Island	Approved.
Lambert Island	Approved.
Moncrieff Island	Not approved.
Skog Island	Not approved.
Taunton Island	Approved.
Williams Island	Not approved.
Willett Island	Approved.

11. A.O.B.

i) “New island” off South Sandwich Islands

The Secretary informed the Committee that a possible new island had been observed from satellite imagery off the coast of the South Sandwich Islands. If this was indeed the case, a place-name would be required for the island for navigational charts.

ii) Busen place-naming update

Dr Fox informed the Committee that the MAGIC team at BAS had produced a new 1:25,000 map of the Busen area of South Georgia. The map was used during the reindeer round-up and it was noted that at this scale the density of place-names had proved to be too sparse for the requirements of fieldwork in this area. MAGIC are currently working with those in South Georgia to ascertain which features require names and whether there are names already in common usage for some features that could be made official place-names.

iii) Avian Island naming

The Secretary informed the Committee of a potential place-names proposal for Avian Island by Dr Kevin Hughes from the Environmental Office at BAS. The island currently has no place-names, however ASPA 17 is located there, so some names will be required. The Committee suggested a theme of 'Mythological Birds' could be applied here in association with the name of the island and other surrounding place-names.

iv) Retirement of John Killingbeck and Caroline Burgess

Both Mr Killingbeck (RGS) and Mrs Burgess (PCGN) thanked the Committee for the opportunity to be on the APC and said that they are sad to be leaving. The Chairperson thanked them both for their valuable input to the Committee.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be at the British Antarctic Survey, date to be confirmed via email.

Meeting closed at 14:10.