

**MINUTES OF MEETING AT THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY, HELD ON THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2014  
AT 11.00 AM.**

**Present**

Mrs Philippa Foster Back	Chair
Ms Kate Bazeley	Secretary
Prof Mike Bentley	<i>Ad hoc member</i>
Mr Henry Burgess	Polar Regions Department, FCO / Government British Antarctic Territory
Prof Julian Dowdeswell	Scott Polar Research Institute
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey
Mr Pat Geelan	<i>Expert Member</i>
Mr Bob Headland	Royal Geographical Society
Mrs Rachel Morgan	<i>Ad hoc member</i>
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Department, FCO / Government British Antarctic Territory
Dr John Shears	British Antarctic Survey
Dr Mike Thomson	<i>Expert Member</i>
Mr Andy Willett	UK Hydrographic Office

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Suman Chowdhury (*ad hoc member*), Ms Catherine Cheetham (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names) and Mr Paul Woodman (*Expert Member*).

The Chair welcomed Mrs Rachel Morgan to the Committee.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 11 April 2014**

The minutes, incorporating members' comments on the draft minutes, were approved by the Chair.

**Action Points**

- **Secretary to post the minutes on the APC website.**

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

**i) Busen Region map for Saami**

Dr Fox reported that he and Ms Rumble had not yet had a chance to send a copy of the new map of the Busen Region to the Saami who helped with the reindeer eradication in the area, but will do so shortly.

**Action Points**

- **Dr Fox to liaise with Ms Rumble to get a framed copy of the Busen Region map sent to the Norwegian Saami.**

**ii) Undersea feature naming**

The Secretary informed the Committee that she had updated the APC Policy Decisions with regard to undersea feature naming and sharing the proposals with GEBCO, as follows:

Underwater features:

*names for underwater features, which are within 12 miles of the coast, or ice shelves, which are important to navigation, are dealt with by the APC. Proposals will be shared with the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) to make them aware of the proposed naming and allow them the chance to comment.*

*Names for features more than 12 miles offshore are dealt with by the International Hydrographic Organization.*

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**iii) Geoscientist magazine article**

Dr Chowdhury reported that he has not yet finished the article for Geoscientist magazine, but that a feature slot has been secured.

**Action Points**

- **Dr Chowdhury to keep the Committee informed with the progress of the article.**

**iv) Place-names presentation**

Dr Fox informed the Committee that the generic place-names presentation is not yet complete, but that he will finish it by the next meeting and present it to the Committee.

**Action Points**

- Chairman to send Dr Fox the place-names presentation.
- Dr Fox to finish the presentation ready to present at APC(15)01.

#### 4. Secretary's report

The Secretary's report was noted.

##### Action Points

- Committee to send any suggestions for the Place-name of the Month article to the Secretary.
- Secretary to look into getting @BAS\_News to tweet the link to the latest Place-name of the Month articles from the APC website.

#### 5. Place-names decisions

It was confirmed that all of the place-names recommended at the April 2014 APC meeting had been approved.

#### 6. ACAN response

This was considered in assessing the new name proposals.

##### Action Points

- Secretary to contact ACAN with the outcomes from APC(14)2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

#### 7. New Place-name proposal – South Orkney Islands APC(14)08

The Committee felt that this feature is significant enough to need a name, especially as it is already named by Argentina. It was therefore agreed to adopt the name Cape Moneta.

##### Action Points

- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer.
- Secretary to inform SCAR CGA.

#### 8. New Place-name proposal – Loubet Coast APC(14)09

It was agreed that this feature is in need of a name, and that Capt Marshall is a suitable recipient. Mr Willett asked for clarification of exactly which feature is to be named, as he informed the Committee that the UKHO are currently making a new chart of this area

following surveys by HMS *Protector* last year. Secretary to liaise with Mr Willett and the proposer, Capt Harper, to define exactly which shoal is to be named.

#### Action Points

- Secretary to put Mr Willett in touch with Capt Harper.
- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer once clarification of the location has been received.
- Secretary to write to Mr Harper to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.
- Secretary to write to Capt Marshall to inform him of the name Marshall Shoals.
- Secretary to inform SCAR CGA.

#### 9. New Place-name proposal –Danco Coast APC(14)10

The Committee was in agreement that this feature seemed to be an appropriate and significant enough tribute to Amundsen, given its proximity to his first landing site in the Antarctic.

#### Action Points

- Secretary to inform Mr Cox of the outcome of the proposal.
- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer.
- Secretary to inform SCAR CGA.

#### 10. New Place-name proposal –Graham Coast APC(14)11

In the comments from ACAN it was noted that “there is a verbal agreement between ACAN and APC that naming features from the actions of tourism or adventurers is not by itself a reason for naming.” The Committee also noted that it is against APC policy to apply a double name to a feature, due to scientific clarity and operational safety. However it was felt that as the feature is the most significant peak on Lahille Island it should be named, so the name Lahille Peak was approved.

#### Action Points

- Secretary to write to Mr Mazas to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.
- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer.
- Secretary to inform SCAR CGA.

**11. New Place-name proposal –Barff Peninsula APC(14)12**

The next in the series of new 1:25,000 scale maps of areas of South Georgia is currently in production by the MAGIC team at BAS, as part of the rat eradication programme and the reindeer round-up on the island. This proposal is for features on side one of the map of the Barff Peninsula. There will be further names submitted as the project progresses.

Barlas Peak	Not approved. The Committee noted that although this feature appears to require a place-name, William Barlas MBE already has three features named after him in Antarctica.
Bryde's Gap	Not approved. It was noted that there are already two features named Bryde in South Georgia, so Ingvald Gap was accepted instead for SAR reasons.
The Cubbyhole	Not approved. It was not clear whether this feature needed a name. If it is used for logistics then the name Cubbyhole Cove will be approved.
Desolata Lakes	Approved.
Echo Falls	Approved.
Edda Hill	Approved.
Endurance Pass	Not approved. There are already numerous places named after Endurance vessels in Antarctica. The name Whittamore Pass was approved instead, after Les Whittamore.
Fleuret Peak	Approved.
Lauritz Pass	Not approved. It was felt that the generic term for this feature was not accurate, so Lauritz Gap was approved.
Leader Valley	Approved.
Misery Bay	Not approved. It was not clear whether this feature needed a name. The Committee also asked for information regarding the history of the name.
Montebello Peak	Approved.
Prion Valley	Not approved. The Committee felt that this name was too ambiguous and could be applied to numerous features in this region. The name Pachyptila Valley was approved in association with

	Desolata Lakes at the head of the valley, after the scientific name of the Antarctic Prion – <i>Pachyptila desolata</i> .
Protector Pass	Not approved. As there is already a feature named after HMS <i>Protector</i> , the Committee instead approved the name Chinn Pass, following the theme of King Edward Point Base Commanders, after Eric Chinn.
Ranger Ridge	Approved.
Shoma Ridge	Approved.

The Committee also approved the name Reindeer Lake for the large, unnamed lake in Reindeer Valley. It was suggested that there might be more features on this map that require place names and that the proposers should consider the themes of South Georgia Magistrates and King Edward Point Base Commanders when putting their next proposal together.

#### Action Points

- Dr Fox to check the Norwegian word for ranger with his Norwegian colleague.
- Mr Headland to put together a list of South Georgia Magistrates and King Edward Point Base Commanders.
- Dr Fox and the Secretary to inform the proposers of the unnamed features highlighted by the Committee as potentially requiring names in the future, and to advise them not to suggest names that have already been used elsewhere in Antarctica.
- Secretary to forward the recommendation for the names to the Commissioner for SGSSI.
- If approved, Secretary to update SGSSI gazetteer.
- Secretary to write to Mr Black to inform him of the outcomes of the proposal.
- Secretary to write to Mr Chinn's family, Mr Whittamore, Prof Leader-Williams and Pat and Sarah Lurcock to inform them of their names.
- Ms Rumble to inform the Norwegian Nature Inspectorate (SNO) of the name Ranger Ridge.
- Dr Fox to send a copy of the new Barff Peninsula map to the Norwegian Nature Inspectorate (SNO) once it is complete.

#### 12. A.O.B.

- i) Glacier change project new names

Dr Fox informed the Committee that he is leading a current project researching glacier change on the Antarctic Peninsula. In forthcoming scientific papers there will be a requirement to refer to many unnamed glaciers and he anticipates that the project will generate a place-name proposal containing up to 30 new names, which will be submitted to the APC next year.

#### **Action Points**

- **Secretary to locate the lists of potential naming themes and individuals to give to Dr Fox as suggestions for his proposal.**

#### **ii) Irish Names**

Mr Headland updated the Committee on his work on Antarctic Place names with Irish Origins. Since the publication of this research last year, he has found many more Irish names, which he will circulate to the Committee.

#### **Action Points**

- **Mr Headland to circulate the update of his Irish place-names research to the Committee.**

#### **iii) New Antarctic Pilot published**

Mr Willett informed the Committee that a new version of the Antarctic Pilot has recently been published and is now available for purchase.

#### **Action Points**

- **Mr Willett to send a copy of the Antarctic Pilot to the Secretary.**

#### **iv) SCAGI update**

Dr Fox updated the Committee on the outcomes of the recent meeting of the Standing Committee on Antarctic Geographic Information (SCAGI) in August. Proportionality of naming to countries' Antarctic activities and the need to follow established local naming themes were discussed at the meeting and the minutes of the meeting will include a recommendation to this effect.

Dr Fox also informed the Committee that Roberto Cervellati and Chiara Ramorino have now retired from their work on the SCAR Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica, but that the work will still be managed by the Italian National Antarctic Research Programme (PNRA) and run by Prof Carlo Baroni from the University of Pisa, who is the new Italian delegate to SCAGI.

**v) New Place-name proposal – South Georgia APC(14)13**

A new place-name proposal was submitted one week prior to the meeting, so has been brought to the Committee as AOB as the Secretary did not have time to fully research and circulate the proposal in advance. It concerns the three peaks that make up The Trident on South Georgia. The Committee queried whether the individual peaks of this feature required a name each, as no other peaks in this area are independently named, and furthermore the map could look overloaded with place-names. It was also noted that the proposed names all sounded very similar, which could be a serious issue for health and safety and SAR. The proposal was therefore not approved.

**Action Points**

- **Secretary to write to Mr Novak to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.**
- **Secretary to include a statement on the APC proposal form to give a deadline for proposal submissions as 6 weeks prior to the meeting date. The deadline date should also be put on the website.**
- **Ms Rumble and Mr Burgess to update the text in the ‘Place-naming stemming from tourist operations’ section of the ‘Guidelines for new name proposals’ on the website to include naming stemming from climbing expeditions.**

**vi) New Place-name proposal – Fallières Coast APC(14)14**

At APC(14)01 a place-name proposal was considered for a point opposite Centre Island in Square Bay. The proposal was not approved as the feature was considered to be not significant enough to require naming, especially as it is overshadowed by the ridge that is adjacent to it. The Secretary informed the Committee that the proposer had recently re-submitted his proposal in order to name the ridge instead. It was agreed that this would be appropriate and the name Mercury Ridge was approved.

**Action Points**

- **Secretary to write to Mr Simpson to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.**
- **Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to inform SCAR CGA.**
- **Secretary to amend the link on the APC Wikipedia page to direct users to the new APC website.**



The next meeting will be at the British Antarctic Survey, at 11:00 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

Meeting closed at 13:49.