

MINUTES OF MEETING AT THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 AT 11.00 AM.**Present**

Mrs Philippa Foster Back	Chair
Mr Henry Burgess	Polar Regions Department, FCO / Government British Antarctic Survey
Prof Julian Dowdeswell	Scott Polar Research Institute
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey (Acting Secretary)
Mr Robert Headland	Royal Geographical Society
Mrs Rachel Morgan	<i>Ad hoc</i> Member
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Department, FCO / Government British Antarctic Survey
Dr Mike Thomson	Expert Member
Mr Andy Willet	UK Hydrographic Office
Mr Paul Woodman	Expert Member

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Prof. Mike Bentley (*ad hoc* member), Dr Suman Chowdhury (*ad hoc* member), Ms Catherine Cheetham (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names) and Dr John Shears (British Antarctic Survey).

2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 9 October 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) It was noted that the name Marshall Shoals was approved at the APC(14)02 meeting, but that a significant rock to the north-west of Marshall Shoals remained un-named. The APC considered that this rock is an important navigational feature and needs a name.

- **Secretary to contact Captain Harper about a name for this significant rock**

ii) APC(14)13 for reconsideration

APC (14)13 proposed individual names for the component peaks of the Trident, South Georgia. The original proposal was rejected after discussion by the Committee. Following receipt of a letter from the proposer, emphasising the need for individual names for these key features on the Shackleton route, the Committee reviewed the decision at the April 2015 meeting and agreed the following:

- a) Northern peak to be named Mount Tethys; b) Central, highest peak to be named Mount Poseidon

(following the idea of the trident), and c) the southern peak to be named Mount Thalassa. Mount Thetis in the original proposal is not used.

Action Points

- **Secretary to forward the recommendation for the names to the Commissioner for SGSSI.**
- **If approved, Secretary to update the SGSSI gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to inform the proposer of the outcome.**

iii) Document of potential names

The Committee discussed the potential names list and agreed that it was an internal ideas list to be used as a resource by the APC and a working document that will evolve.

Action Points

- **Secretary to restructure the list according to the discussion in the meeting**

iv) Place-names presentation

Dr Fox gave a draft presentation about the APC that could be used by Committee members when asked to give a talk about the work of the APC. Committee members gave useful feedback on the presentation.

Action Points

- **Dr Fox to finalise the presentation in the light of the comments during and following the meeting and make available to APC members via the iShare site.**

4. Secretary's report [APC(15)01]

The Committee noted the Secretary's report and thanked Ms Kate Bazeley for her excellent work as APC Secretary over the last four years.

Action Points

- **APC members to send any suggestions for the place-name of the month article in the BAS Icesheet magazine to the Secretary.**

5. Place-names decisions [APC(15)02]

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

6. US ACAN Comments.

Comments received from ACAN were considered in assessing new place-name proposals.

Action Points

- **Secretary to contact ACAN with outcomes from APC(15)1st meeting.**

7. New Place-name Proposal – Alexander Island [APC(15)03]

The Committee agreed that the feature needed a name to allow unambiguous reference to sample sites in scientific publications in preparation.

Action Points

- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer
- Secretary to amend the description to include Prof Hopkins' role as Chair of the UK National Committee on Antarctic Research
- Secretary to write to Prof Hopkins to inform him of the name Hopkins Ridge.
- Secretary to write to Dr Newsham to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.

8. New Place-name Proposal – South Georgia [APC(15)04]

The Committee felt that the bay is a significant topographic and navigational feature and needs a name. The proposed name follows APC policy of naming bays/fjords created by glacier retreat to conform to the name of the glacier. It was agreed to adopt the name Twitcher Bay.

- Secretary to add the new name to the South Georgia gazetteer
- Secretary to write to Dr Collins to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.

9. New Place-name Proposal – Thatcher Peninsula [APC(15)05]

The Committee agreed that the two mountains are important landmarks for safe navigation on Thatcher Peninsula and need a name.

The Committee accepted the proposed names but amended Mount Andersson to Andersson Peaks in recognition of the mountain's twin peaks.

In addition, the Committee observed that a significant pass on Thatcher Peninsula that is an important access route to Papua Valley from Grytviken does not have an official name. It appears on travel maps and waypoint lists in use at King Edward Point as Boulder Pass and the Committee decide to approve this name.

- Secretary to add the new names to the South Georgia gazetteer
- Secretary to write to Mrs Lurcock to inform her of the outcome of the proposal.

10. New Place-name Proposal – Palmer Land [APC(15)06]

The Committee agreed that the feature needs a name for unambiguous reference in geology reports, maps and scientific papers and that Mr Airey is a suitable recipient.

Action Points

- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer
- Secretary to write to Mr Airey to inform him of the name Mount Airey.
- Secretary to write to Dr Riley to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.

11. New Place-name Proposal – Palmer Land [APC(15)07]

This area has very few existing names, hindering precise description of locations. The Committee recognised that the feature needs a name for use in geology reports, maps and scientific reports and that Mr Routledge is a suitable recipient.

Action Points

- Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer
- Secretary to write to Mr Airey to inform him of the name Mount Airey.
- Secretary to write to Dr Riley to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.

12. Any Other Business

i. Future of the APC Secretary role

Dr Fox informed the Committee that future provision of support to the APC was under discussion between BAS and the FCO Polar Regions Department.

13. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.