

MINUTES OF MEETING AT THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY, HELD ON FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2015 AT 11.00 AM.**Present**

Mrs Philippa Foster-Back	Chair
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey (Secretary)
Mr Henry Burgess	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Ms Catherine Cheetham	Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
Dr Suman Chowdhury	<i>Ad hoc</i> Member
Mr Pat Geelan	Expert Member
Mr Robert Headland	Royal Geographical Society
Mrs Rachel Morgan	<i>Ad hoc</i> Member
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Dr John Shears	Scott Polar Research Institute (deputy for Prof. Dowdeswell)
Dr Mike Thomson	Expert Member
Mr Andy Willett	UK Hydrographic Office

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Prof. Mike Bentley (*ad hoc* member), Dr Alistair Crame (British Antarctic Survey), Prof. Julian Dowdeswell and Mr Paul Woodman (Expert Member).

2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 1 April 2015.

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

None

4. Secretary's report [APC(15)06]

The Committee noted the Secretary's report.

Action Points

- **APC members to send any suggestions for the place-name of the month article in the BAS Icesheet magazine to the Secretary.**
- **Secretary to continue to seek opportunities to raise the profile of the APC and highlight its work.**

5. Place-names decisions [APC(15)07]

It was confirmed that all of the place-names recommended at the April 2015 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)2nd meeting.**

7. New Place-name Proposal – Trinity Peninsula [APC(15)08]

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

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer**
- **Secretary to write to Dr Newsham to inform him of the name Newsham Nunatak.**
- **Secretary to write to Prof Hopkins to inform him of the outcome of the proposal.**

8. New Place-name Proposals – James Ross Island [APC(15)09] and [APC(15)14]

The Committee decided to consider APC(15)09 and APC(15)14 together and accepted the proposals, but with the following exceptions, amendments and observations:

- Green Lakes. The Committee observed that there are two lakes and named the larger, southern lake Green Lake and the smaller northern lake Andreassen Lake, in association with Andreassen Point.
- Forster Valley. The Committee noted that the correct spelling is Förster, and that the existing UK gazetteer entry is correct.
- Whisky Glacier. The Committee confirmed the UK gazetteer entry for Whisky Glacier as the large glacier that drains into Whisky Bay, rather than the small glacier draining north into Brandy Bay named 'Whisky Glacier' in WP038, 38th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2015. The name Lookalike Glacier was approved for this smaller glacier for the UK Gazetteer.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the new names to the British Antarctic Territory gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to write to Prof. Glasser to inform him of the name Glasser Glacier.**
- **Secretary to write to Dr. Davies to inform her of the outcomes of the proposals.**

9. New Place-name Proposals – South Shetland Islands [APC(15)10]

The Committee agreed that the features referenced in Antarctic Treaty Paper WP 040, 38th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, Sofia Bulgaria, June 2015 need names in the UK gazetteer and accepted the proposals, but with the following exception:

- Pygoscelis Point was accepted instead of the proposed 'Chinstrap Camp' (after the taxonomic name of the Chinstrap penguin, *Pygoscelis antarcticus*).

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the new names to the British Antarctic Territory gazetteer.**

10. New Place-name Proposal – Graham Land [APC(15)11]

The Committee agreed that the feature needs a name in the UK gazetteer to conform to the name in use in Antarctic Treaty Paper WP 040, 38th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2015 and the Management Plan and map for ASMA No. 7, Southwest Anvers Island and Palmer Basin.

Mr Willett confirmed that the term Basin for this type of marine feature was acceptable to the UK Hydrographic Office.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer**

11. New Place-name Proposal – Loubet Coast [APC(15)07]

The Committee agreed that this feature is a navigational hazard and needs a name in the UK gazetteer for naming on a new Hydrographic Chart due for publication in March 2016. Mr Willett provided an improved bathymetric plot for the meeting and the Committee observed that the navigational hazard consists of more than one rock and should be named Harper Rocks.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the new name to the BAT gazetteer**
- **Secretary to write to Captain Harper to inform him of the name Harper Rocks.**
- **Mr Willett to provide the Secretary with a digital copy of the improved plot for inclusion in the APC Papers.**

12. New Place-name Proposals – Barff Peninsula, South Georgia.

The Committee agreed that the features need names for navigation and scientific purposes and recommended them for use in the South Georgia gazetteer, with the following exception:

- i. Robertson Island. The Committee requested more information about why the name is proposed for just the island or whether the name should be applied to the whole headland feature, if this is where the nesting petrels are located.
- ii. Rostkovia Lake. The committee considered that the lake is a significant navigational feature and approved the name in association with Rostkovia Falls.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the new names to the South Georgia gazetteer**
- **Secretary to write to Dr Collins to inform him of the outcomes of the proposals.**

13. Any Other Business

- i. Mr Willett requested that in future proposal papers specify the hydrographic charts, as well as topographic maps affected by proposed names.

13. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.