

MINUTES – MEETING WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2017 AT 11:00 AM.**Present:**

Mrs Philippa Foster-Back
Dr Adrian Fox

Chair
British Antarctic Survey (Secretary)

Dr Suman Chowdhury
Mr Stuart Doubleday
Prof. Julian Dowdeswell
Mr Pat Geelan
Mr Robert Headland
Mrs Rachel Morgan
Ms Camilla Nichol
Ms Jane Rumble
Mr Paul Woodman
Mr Andy Willett

Ad hoc Member
Polar Regions Department, FCO
Scott Polar Research Institute
Expert Member
Royal Geographical Society
Ad hoc Member
UK Antarctic Heritage Trust
Polar Regions Department, FCO
Expert Member
UK Hydrographic Office

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Alistair Crame (BAS Member), Mrs Catherine Cheetham (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names), and Dr Mike Thomson (expert member). Comments on the meeting papers were received in advance from Dr Crame and Dr Thomson.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Mr Willett noted that there may be some names used in the Admiralty Sailing Directions (Antarctic Pilot) that are not present in the BAT gazetteer.

The recent naming of Mount Hall has highlighted that there may be areas of Alexander Island with significant features that do not have names.

It was noted that the Committee approved the name IAATO Islands for a feature with a smaller geographic extent than in the original proposal and the coordinate adopted in the gazetteer is derived from the original proposal, and does not accurately reflect the approved feature extent.

Action Points

- **Secretary and Mr Willett to establish a process for checking the names in the Admiralty Sailing Directions against the BAT Gazetteer and to determine whether APC proposals are needed to ensure alignment of Sailing Direction names with the APC gazetteer.**
- **BAS to review Alexander Island topography for features for naming at the November 2017 meeting.**
- **Secretary to update the coordinate for IAATO Islands to correspond to the approved extent.**

3. Minutes for APC(16)2nd meeting held on 9 November 2016

The minutes were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

4. Secretary's report [APC(17)01]

The Committee noted the Secretary's report.

Action points

- **Secretary to report on activity by the SCAR SCAGI Working Group reviewing guidelines for place naming in Antarctica and will contribute to the work of this group as appropriate.**
- **Secretary to circulate a link to the test version of the new APC website and respond to comments by APC members before launching the website.**

5. Place-names decisions [APC(17)02]

The Secretary had prepared a list of names approved at the last meeting for reference, this was circulated at the meeting and will be added to the record papers.

6. US ACAN Comments for APC(17) 1st Meeting.

The Secretary had received comments on the name proposals for the meeting from ACAN and these were included in the discussions.

7. Closure of outstanding Place-name Proposals from APC(16)2nd meeting [APC(17)03]

i. Adelaide Island: The Committee approved the names, continuing the theme of pioneering glaciologists already established in the area. The Chair thanked Mr Robert Headland for his research leading to the proposed names.

ii. Palmer Land. The Committee approved the proposed name and thanked Dr Thomson for his research leading to the proposed name.

Action points

- **Secretary to add the approved name Mount Plummer to the BAT Gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to write to Dr Plummer to notify him of the name Mount Plummer.**

8. New Place-name Proposal – Graham Land [APC(17)04]

The proposed place name was approved by the Committee.

Action points

- **Secretary to add the approved name Mount Ivins to the BAT Gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to write to Dr. Ivins to notify him of the name Mount Ivins and to Prof. Bentley and Dr. Whitehouse to notify them of the outcome for the proposal.**

9. New Place-name Proposals – Joinville Island [APC(17)05]

The proposed names were not approved by the Committee.

The Committee approved the name Dalrymple Point for the point to the east of Ambush Bay, after Alexander Dalrymple (1737 – 1808).

The Committee noted that there is an established theme of Naval Hydrographers for the Points to the east and west of the proposed feature (Fitzroy Point, King Point) and that Dalrymple was the inaugural Hydrographer of Navy in 1795.

The Committee decided that the rocks off the point did not need a name and could be adequately referenced as 'rocks off Dalrymple Point'.

Action points

- **Secretary to add the approved name Dalrymple Point to the BAT Gazetteer.**

- **Secretary to write to Dr Hart to notify him of the outcome for the proposals.**

10. New Place-name Proposal – Gerlache Strait [APC(17)06]

The proposed place name was approved by the Committee.

Action points

- **Secretary to add the approved name Useless Island to the BAT Gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to write to Dr. Hart to notify him of the outcome for the proposal.**

11. New Place-name Proposal – Loubet Coast [APC(17)07]

The proposed name was not approved by the Committee.

The Committee observed that the point between Demel Cove and Skog Bay was an important navigational feature and named it Crosbie Point, after Dr Kim Crosbie, former Executive Director of IAATO. The name continues the established theme of names related to pioneers of sustainable tourism in the area.

The Committee decided that the rocks off the point did not need a name and could be adequately referenced as 'rocks off Crosbie Point'.

Action points

- **Secretary to add the approved name Crosbie Point to the BAT Gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to write to Dr. Hart to notify him of the outcome for the proposal.**

12. New Place-name Proposal – Danco Coast [APC(17)08]

The proposed place name was approved by the Committee.

Action points

- **Secretary to add the approved name Jolle Island to the BAT Gazetteer.**

13. Place-name proposals on South Georgia [APC(17)09]

i. Lewin Peninsula. The proposed name was not recommended by the Committee. The Committee noted that John Aiken (1889-1954) does not have a name on South Georgia. He was one of the party of four from the Swedish Antarctic Expedition that landed at Maiviken and walked to Grytviken in May 1902. This was suggested as a possible alternative name at the meeting, subject to further research by Mr Headland. (See also AOB below).

Subsequently Mr Headland has noted that the other members of the SwAE all have place names in the Maiviken area and that it would be more apposite to apply the name Aiken in that area.

Mr Headland has now proposed the name Neuvaien Cove (new way/path/track in Norwegian) as an alternative name for the landing place on Lewin Peninsula.

ii. Barff Peninsula. The proposed place name was recommended by the Committee.

Action points

- **Secretary to liaise with Mr Headland to prepare an updated proposal for the cove on Lewin Peninsula in APC(17)09.**
- **Secretary to forward the recommended name Thor Peak to the Commissioner for South Georgia for consideration.**
- **Secretary to write to Dr. Gregory and Dr Campbell to notify them of the outcomes for the proposals.**

14. Submission from UK Antarctic Monuments Trust [APC(17)10]

The Committee noted a letter from Mr Rod Rhys Jones, Chairman of British Antarctic Monument Trust about place names for those who died in Antarctica.

The Committee reiterated the previously stated position that a) the list of names of those who died in Antarctica would be used as a resource for possible names when the need for a new name arose, and b) the names would be considered on a case-by-case basis according to the Committee's criteria for naming.

The Committee discussed applying the name Memorial Point to the western end of Lemaire Island (64°48'44"S, 63°01' 38"W) and requested the Secretary and Mr Andy Willett (UKHO) to consult over this and prepare a new proposal.

Action points

- **Secretary to liaise with Mr Willett (UKHO) to prepare a proposal for the name Memorial Point.**
- **Secretary to write to Mr Rhys Jones in response to the letter from the British Antarctic Memorial Trust when the outcome for the name proposal Memorial Point is known.**

15. Vacancy for *ad hoc* member of the APC

Professor Mike Bentley has stood down from the APC. The Chair and the Committee thanked Prof Mike Bentley for his valuable contribution to the work of the APC.

The Secretary reported that he was attending the 2017 meeting of the UK National Committee on Antarctic Research on 15 June and would announce the vacancy for an *ad hoc* member on the APC.

Action points

- **Secretary to liaise with BAS HR to include the details for the ad hoc post on the BAS jobs web page.**
- **Secretary to announce the vacancy at the UKNCAR meeting and follow up with an email to all UKNCAR members.**

16. Any other business

Mr Robert Headland highlighted some confusion over the name Alert Cove on South Georgia. Alert Cove is listed in the Gazetteer in Husvik Harbour (54°11'10"S, 36° 41' 37"W), but also appears on some old maps and charts as in Maiviken.

The Committee re-affirmed the name in Husvik Harbour as in the SGSSI Gazetteer and requested the Secretary and Mr Headland to prepare a proposal to name the cove in Maiviken to prevent any further confusion.

Action points

- **Secretary to liaise with Mr Headland to propose a name for the cove in Maiviken.**

17. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2 November 2017