



Committee and Date

Shropshire's Great Outdoors
Strategy Board

12 October 2023

SHROPSHIRE'S GREAT OUTDOORS STRATEGY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2023

**In the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2
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10.00 - 11.15 am

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Present

Alex Carson-Taylor, Peter Carr, Charles Edwards and Jack Tavernor

64 Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

64.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

64.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Stewart Pickering, Mark Weston and Andrew Wood.

64.3 Apologies had also been received from Clare Featherstone, Head of Culture, Leisure and Tourism

65 Declarations of Interest

65.1 There were no declarations of interest

66 Public Question Time

66.1 There were no public questions.

67 Minutes of the Last Meeting

67.1 The Committee Officer advised that as the meeting was not currently quorate the approval of the minutes of the last meeting would need to be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

68 The Role of the SGOSB and the Role of Board Members

68.1 The meeting received a presentation from the Mapping Enforcement Team Leader which gave an overview of the remit of the Committee and set out the role of Members.

68.2 The Mapping Enforcement Team Leader reminded Members that the Board fulfilled the role of the Local Access Forum for Shropshire but had a wider remit in response

to the current priorities in Shropshire. She added that the members were volunteers who represented a wide range of user groups and other interested organisations.

68.3 The Mapping Enforcement Team Leader advised the meeting that the work of the Board was governed by the Terms of Reference which set out the role and responsibilities of members and how the Board was run. The Chair commented that the Terms of Reference demonstrated that wide remit that the Board had.

68.4 The Culture & Communities Manager asked members to advise officers of any topics that they wished discussed and any information that they required. He added that Officers were considering setting up member sub-groups to look at specific topics as and when necessary.

68.5 The Chair suggested that a recruitment campaign should be carried out to seek more active members of the board. He also suggested that substitute members should be allowed, the Mapping Enforcement Team Leader advised that the terms of reference would need to be updated to allow for this. Mr Tavernor commented that any recruitment campaign should be targeted to cover any identified gaps in representation. It was agreed that a Membership Prospectus should be prepared to assist with the recruitment of new members to the Board.

68.6 The Chair suggested that the Terms of Reference be updated to allow organisational members and the use of substitutes. This was agreed.

69 Future Topic Areas

69.1 The Chair asked members to suggest any items they wished to be covered at future meeting. The following were suggested:

- Education of people using the countryside and the Country Code
- Education of Landowners of their responsibilities.

69.2 The Mapping Enforcement Team Leader advised that the information was currently available but maybe needed updating. The Chair commented that this was something the Board could look at and it was agreed that an item should be included on the next agenda.

69.3 The Chair commented that Social Prescribing was another topic that could be looked at in terms of increasing links with partners in public health and the health service.

69.4 The Chair asked that the Terms of Reference be updated and brought to the next meeting for confirmation.

70 Natural England Support

70.1 The Mapping and Enforcement Team Leader advised the meeting that Natural England had managed to secure funding to enable the appointment of a member of staff to support LAFs, who would be working two days per week in the role.

71 Update on ROW Reform/Deregulation Act

71.1 The Mapping and Enforcement Team Leader informed the meeting the DEFRA are working on the Right to Reply part of the bill and that each section would be introduced by Statutory Instrument with accompanying guidance.. She added that the deadline for historic applications which had been withdrawn, would now be extended to 2031.

72 Defra and General Policy Update

72.1 The Chair gave a short update. He informed members of the following: -

- As part of agricultural transition currently land managers had in the region of 20 different funding schemes to consider.
- There was an ongoing pressure on funding
- As part of the Levelling up and regeneration agenda changes are proposed to how the NPPF and local planning authorities interact and more emphasis on local neighbourhood plans. There are also measures to protect agricultural land from development and protection for green spaces.
- Green social prescribing may present opportunities for access and recreation
- Rural England prosperity fund had brought money into the County.

72.2 The Culture & Communities Manager commented that the first round of the UK hared Prosperity funding had been massively oversubscribed.

72.3 Mr Tavenor commented that there were difficulties in attracting schools into the countryside as often there was no funding available for transport

73 Dates of Future Meetings

73.1 It was agreed that the next meeting would be arranged in October and that the Committee Officer would advise members of the date in due course.

Signed (Chairman)

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