

Y TWYNI O ABERMENAI I ABERFFRAW / ABERMENAI TO ABERFFRAW DUNES SAC: REVIEW OF THE SCIENCE FOR DESIGNATION, MONITORING AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT: THE “NEWBOROUGH SCIENCE REVIEW”.

Decisions and Actions from the **Fifth Meeting** at 10.00, 17 August 2010, CCW offices, Bangor.

PRESENT

Newborough Forest Partnership (NFP): Ian Miller, Craig Shuttleworth, Martin Hollingham, Laurence Jones.

CCW: David Parker (Chairman).

Forestry Commission Wales: John Browne.

AIM OF THE MEETING

To agree a way forward for the Newborough Science Review.

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS (Actions in bold text)

1. It was agreed that the Newborough Science Review should move to independent arbitration in line with the WAG/CCW/FCW Process Statement of 9 September 2009.
2. It was agreed that the documentation submitted to arbitration would be as follows:
 - A single A4 sheet setting out the areas of disagreement between the parties. The outline of this document was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that it should be produced in an iterative manner. **CS is to produce the first draft.**
 - The letter sent by the Chairman to Trevor Owen (Chief Executive, Forestry Commission Wales) on 30 June 2010 with its enclosures: 1. Designation Review. 2. Consultations on SAC designation. 3. Draft Summary of Newborough Science Review. 4. Notes of meetings 1, 2, 3 and 4 (with NFP observations incorporated into 1, 2 and 4.). 5. Additional notes (long version) from NFP following the first meeting. 6. Additional correspondence with Martin Hollingham (NFP) after the third meeting. NFP agreed to the documents being a record of the four Newborough Science Review meetings with two conditions:
 - (a) A change to point (a) in the letter of 30 June 2010 (**IM to provide draft**);
 - (b) **NFP to produce their own summary of the Newborough Science Review to send to WAG** and be an additional paper to send to arbitration.
3. A number of names were suggested to carry out the arbitration. It was agreed that this could not be done by one person and it would need a small panel (2-3) with a chairperson to cover the expertise required. **It was agreed for all to consider the following names:**
 - Roger Cooper (ex. FC and used to this role). **JB to follow up.**
 - Hydrology: Charlie Stratford, Nick Robbins, Owen Mountford, Mike Akerman (CEH).
 - Monitoring, CSM, zonation: JNCC to provide. **DP to follow up to provide name.**

- Habitats Directive legal: David Tyldesley.
 - Professor Rob Marrs was also suggested.
4. The Terms of Reference for the Arbitration Panel were discussed. It was agreed that the panel should arbitrate on the disagreements and make recommendations on what then happens on the ground. For example the panel addresses the hydrology-related question: “is there sufficient evidence to require felling to safeguard the humid dune slacks” and then comments on the current proposal for a scientific experiment to inform future requirements. **DP to produce a draft Terms of Reference.**
 5. The latest edition of the Newborough News (August 2010. Issue 4) was discussed. NFP pointed out a map on the front page which showed projected felling/management areas for the (mainly) frontal areas of Newborough Forest. CS said that this was the first time he had seen such a plan and how useful it was to see the scale of the proposals. JB explained that this was part of the draft Forest Management Plan which will be going out to public consultation shortly. CS asked whether the plan reflected CCW’s current view to FCW in that it fulfilled Habitats Directive requirements and **DP agreed to check this with CCW colleagues.** It was agreed that the plan would be useful for the arbitration panel.

Dr David Parker
Newborough Science Review Chairman
20 August 2010