

**MINUTES OF MEETING AT BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2009 AT 11.00 AM.****Present**

Mr P.J. Woodman	Chairman
Mrs C. Burgess	Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
Dr A.J. Fox	British Antarctic Survey
Mr P.J. Geelan	<i>Expert Member</i>
Mr J. Killingbeck	Royal Geographical Society
Ms L. Peto	Desk Officer, BAT, Polar Regions Unit, FCO.
Lt Cdr J.E.J. Marshall	Hydrographic Office
Dr M.R.A. Thomson	<i>Expert Member</i>
Ms A. Martin	Secretary

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Prof Julian Dowdeswell (SPRI), Dr John Shears, BAS and Dr Kim Crosbie.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

The minutes were agreed.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting****i) Revision of Guidelines for tourist activities**

The current draft was discussed further, and the need to avoid flippant and unnecessary naming was stressed. The draft was accepted without further amendments.

**ii) Guidelines for deriving coordinates**

It was suggested that the guidelines should be subdivided under the headings Point Features, Areal Features and Linear Features, which tie in with the cartographic point, polygon and line features. It was also suggested that features subject to change such as glaciers and ice streams could have the date of the coordinates in parentheses.

**Reduced descriptions for SCAR CGA**

The new descriptions were noted. It was also noted that different abbreviations were used to represent the various sources. It was agreed that the references found in the BAT gazetteer should be made available on the APC website.

**iii) Use of CGA on Google Earth**

It was reported that the CGA was keen for Google Earth to adopt the CGA, as it was the best source of verified place-names within Antarctica. The role of *Europa Technologies* which holds the licence to provide place-names to Google Earth was noted. The Chairman offered to speak to Google Earth representatives who are expected to attend as observers at the forthcoming

25th Session of the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names in Nairobi in May.

**4. Secretary's report [APC(09)01]**

The Secretary reported on the production of both the new South Georgia maps and the ongoing work in producing the new South Shetland Islands maps. It was agreed that the desirability of a larger print run of maps would be outlined to the new Chief Executive Officer of South Georgia. The committee expressed its agreement that a full distribution of South Georgia maps remained the desired outcome. They saw it as the best way of disseminating the information.

**5. Place-name decisions [APC(09)02]**

The committee expressed its concern over the decision not to present these South Georgia proposals to the committee and were concerned that it set a precedent. The Secretary informed the committee that it had been agreed with SGSSI Chief Executive Officer that future proposals would be processed through the committee. Lt-Cdr Marshall informed the committee of amendments to three of the descriptions [additions shown in red font, deletions in brackets].

**Antrim Island** large tussac covered island, at S entrance to Hound Bay. Named after HMS *Antrim*, RN 1970 - 1984, **guided missile** destroyer which took part in the retaking of South Georgia in April 1982, following the Argentine invasion.

**Endurance Island** tussac grass covered island, in the middle of Hauge Reef. Named after HMS *Endurance*, RN 1967 - 1991, naval **Antarctic patrol vessel** (icebreaker) which took part in the retaking of South Georgia in April 1982, following the Argentine invasion.

**Tidespring Island** Westernmost and largest of the Samuel Islands. Named after RFA *Tidespring*, RN 1963 - 1991, **fleet tanker** (refuelling ship) which took part in the retaking of South Georgia in April 1982, following the Argentine invasion.

Mr Geelan informed the committee of the correct spelling of one name: **Bayley Island** should be **Bayly Island**. Proof of this was to be found in the roll of honour of former headmasters at a school in Greenwich where William Bayly became headmaster after leaving the Royal Navy.

**6. Place-name Proposal – Lassiter Coast [APC(09)03]**

*Clarke Bay* was recommended for approval.

**7. Place-name Proposal – South Georgia [APC(09)04]**

*Pintail Peninsula* was recommended for approval.

**8. The new South Georgia maps**

The committee was shown the full set of newly completed maps for South Georgia.

South Georgia Sheet 1            1:100 000

South Georgia Sheet 2           1:100 000

South Georgia Sheet 3	1:100 000	
Misc 98 Thatcher Peninsula	1:25 000	
Misc 84 Annenkov Island	1:50 000	
Misc 71 Bird Island	1:20 000	
Misc 30 Elsehul and Undine Harbour	1:15 000	
Misc 29 Cook and Stromness Bay and Jason Harbour		1:20 000, 1:50 000

The committee expressed their approval of the new maps. Copies are to be distributed to UKHO, BAS MAGIC, BAS Archives, SPRI, PCGN, Gov SGSSI, Falkland Islands Archives, APC Archives, and APC Secretary.

#### 9. The new South Shetland Islands maps

The committee was shown copies of the new South Shetland Islands maps made so far.

Misc 64	Sheet 2	King George Island	1:100 000
Misc 65	Sheet 3	Greenwich, Robert & Nelson Islands	1:100 000
Misc 66	Sheet 4	Livingston and Snow Islands	1:100 000
Misc 102	Sheet 5	Smith and Low Islands	1:150 000

The committee expressed their approval of the new maps.

#### 10. Proposed addition to Contacts page

It was agreed that a new hotlink to the SGSSI GIS website should be added to the APC website.

#### 11. Any Other Business

- i) The committee was informed that the FCO was currently working on a licence for on-line access to the data contained within the BAT gazetteer.
- ii) The Chairman confirmed that after ten years in the post he was stepping down after this meeting. He thanked members and the Secretary for their valued support and input. He hoped to stay on the committee as an expert member.
- iii) The Committee and Secretary warmly thanked the Chairman for his valued contributions and balanced and efficient leadership during his tenure, and fully supported his continued participation as an expert member.
- iv) The committee was informed that an advertisement for the new Chairmanship of the committee would be posted on the APC website in due course.
- v) The committee was informed that field work was to be carried out in the Sky-Blu area and a new map of the area was likely to generate several new names.

The provisional date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2009.