

MINUTES OF MEETING AT THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY, HELD ON FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2013
AT 11.00 AM.

Present

~~Chair~~ Philippa Foster Back
~~Secretary~~ Bazeley
~~Ad hoc~~ Mike Berley
~~Chair~~ Reg Burgess, Department, FCO / Government British
 Antarctic Territory
~~Ms Catherine Cheetham~~ on Geographical Names
~~Ad hoc~~ Sumane Chowdhury
~~British~~ Antarctic Survey
~~Exp Pat~~ Geiler
~~Royal~~ Geographical Society
~~UK~~ Doolongham, Cliffball
~~Chair~~ Reg Burgess, Department, FCO / Government British
 Antarctic Territory
~~British~~ Antarctic Survey
~~Exp~~ Mike Emberson
~~Exp~~ Pat Mulvaney

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Kim Crosbie (*ad hoc member*) and Prof Julian Dowdeswell (Scott Polar Research Institute).

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Catherine Cheetham to the Committee.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 14 March 2013

The minutes, incorporating members comments on the draft minutes, were approved by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

i) Geographical article

Dr Fox informed that Committee that his place-names article will be published in the December edition of *Geographical* magazine. The Chairman also informed the Committee that

she had recently given a talk on Antarctic place-names, but that it would have been helpful to have had more maps and figures to include. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to have a set place-names presentation that members could use and adapt if they are asked to give a talk on the subject.

4. Secretary's report

The Secretary's report was noted. The Committee congratulated the Secretary on her 3-month post to Rothera in 2014. The Committee agreed that there should be a press release to publicise the Scott Centenary naming project on the APC website. The article should preferably be published on a significant date with regard to the expedition, and before the Shackleton Centenary events begin.

5. Place-names decisions

It was confirmed that all of the place-names recommended at the March 2013 APC meeting had been approved.

6. ACAN response

There were no comments on the proposals from US-ACAN.

7. New Place-name proposal – Subglacial naming APC(13)11

Following discussion at the last meeting, Prof Bentley sent out an email to certain members of the scientific community encouraging them to submit subglacial place-names following the publication of 'Bedmap2: a map of the rock surface below the Antarctic ice sheet', based on geophysical data. This proposal stems from the announcement and concerns a large subglacial basin under the Institute Ice Stream.

The Committee agreed that although Dr Robin is honoured with several place-names in Antarctica already, this feature seems to be the most appropriate for him, as it relates to his pioneering work in the use of airborne geophysics. The Committee therefore approved the name *Robin Subglacial Basin*.

8. New Place-name proposal – South Georgia APC(13)12

The Committee felt that these three peaks were significant enough to require individual place-names, as opposed to being named collectively. It was suggested that they could perhaps be named following a theme of birds that are local to South Georgia, in line with several other place-names in the area.

9. New Place-name proposal –Gerlache Strait APC(13)13

The Committee agreed that there was a need for this rock to be named on hydrographic charts, for important navigation and safety purposes. The name *Shom Rock* was therefore approved.

10. New Place-name proposal –South Georgia Coast APC(13)14

The Committee agreed that this is an important feature for navigational purposes, especially since it has previously appeared on admiralty charts. The name *Ample Rock* was therefore recommended for approval.

11. New Place-name proposal –Busen region APC(13)15

As previously mentioned at APC(13)01, this proposal stems from the production of a new 1:25,000 scale map of the Busen area of South Georgia, which is being produced by the MAGIC team at BAS, as part of the rat eradication programme and the reindeer round-up on the island.

Antell Point	Approved.
Bjelland Bay	Approved.
Bratteli Ridge	Approved.
Busen Peninsula	Not approved. The area being referred to is larger than a peninsula, so the name Busen Region was approved.
Cachalote Peak	Approved.
Cat's Tail Peak	Not approved. This plant species doesn't grow in abundance on South Georgia, so the Committee approved <i>Alopecurus</i> Peak, from the Latin name for Antarctic Foxtail <i>Alopecurus antarcticus</i> , in association with Foxtail Peak on the other side of the valley.
Chionis Island	Not approved. The Committee felt that this name was too ambiguous as there are numerous Snowy Sheathbills on South Georgia. The name Collins Island was approved instead to acknowledge the contribution of Dr Martin Collins for his contribution to South Georgia over many years.
Coronda Lake	Approved.
Crean Lake	Approved.
Cumberland Peaks	Not approved. It was felt that this feature appeared to be a ridge, not a group of peaks, so the name Cumberland Ridge was approved,

	to also include the peak to the north originally proposed as Foster Peak (see below).
Enten Lake	Approved.
Fotser Peak	Not approved. This feature is now part of Cumberland Ridge (see above).
Gulbrandsen Valley	Approved. However the extent of the feature should be clarified so that it only refers to the southern catchment, which flows towards the former Gulbrandsen Lake.
Hansen Valley	Approved.
Henriksen Range	Not approved. It was felt that in comparison to the other ranges on South Georgia, such as Allardyce Range and Salvesen Range, this feature was much smaller, and therefore the generic should be changed and the name Henriksen Peaks was approved.
Horatio Peak	Approved.
Huselva	Approved.
Jericho	Approved.
König River	Approved.
Lake König	Approved.
Lookout Pass	Approved.
Macaroni Bay	Approved.
Mathilde Peak	Approved.
Montia Lake	Approved.
Neumayer Peaks	Approved.
Olsen Beach	Approved.
Pipit Point	Approved.
Pohlia Falls	Approved.
Rolf Wall	Approved.
Sabra Peak	Approved.
Samson Peak	Approved.
Shackleton Falls	Approved.
Simbra Peak	Approved.
Slaughter Bay	Not approved. The Committee felt that this name could be contentious with regard to the large amounts of tourists that visit this area. Instead they thought the name Saami Bay would be more appropriate, to commemorate the work of the Norwegian Saami in

	the South Georgia reindeer eradication project in 2013. Saami Bay approved.
Starlight Peak	Approved.
Stina Peak	Not approved. As there is already a rock named after the <i>Stina</i> close by, the Committee approved Foster Peak, as the wreck of this ship is near to this area.
Thom Peak	Approved.
Turpie Point	Approved.
Watering Cove	Approved.
Worsley beach	Approved.

12. A.O.B.

i) Shackleton Centenary naming

It was noted that there are 13 members of Shackleton's *Endurance*, British Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-17) who have not been honoured with a place-name in Antarctica. The Committee agreed that all of these men should be commemorated, as they all survived the expedition together, living on Elephant Island. It was decided that the locations of the names should either be on South Georgia, Elephant Island or Coats Land, where appropriate. Prof Bentley informed the Committee that he would be working in Coats Land in 2014 and producing new maps of the area, which could help identify unnamed features for this proposal. It was agreed that Hudson, Hussey and Clark should all have place-names on South Georgia. It was also agreed that Blackborow should be given a significant feature, which is to be named 'Stowaway' (+ generic).

ii) South Sandwich Islands naming

Dr Fox informed the Committee that the MAGIC team at BAS are producing a new map of the South Sandwich Islands, which may generate some new place-name proposals.

iii) Geoscientist article

Dr Chowdhury updated the Committee with regard to the article he is writing about place-names for *Geoscientist* magazine. The article is now going to be a feature article and will include information about Bedmap2 and the new APC website.

iv) Jonathan Marshall retirement from Committee

Lt Cdr Marshall informed the Committee that he will be retiring from his position as representative of the UKHO on the Committee, as his post is being abolished due to restructuring at the Hydrographic Office. He thanked the Committee for the opportunity to be on the APC and said that he was sorry to be leaving. The Chairperson thanked him on behalf of the Committee for all of his work and valuable input to the Committee.

The next meeting will be at the British Antarctic Survey, date to be confirmed via email.

Meeting closed at 14:42.