

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY, THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2016
AT 11:00 AM.**

Present

Mrs Philippa Foster-Back	Chair
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey (Secretary)
Dr Alistair Crame	British Antarctic Survey
Mr Stuart Doubleday	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Prof. Julian Dowdeswell	Scott Polar Research Institute
Mr Pat Geelan	Expert Member
Mr Robert Headland	Royal Geographic Society
Mr Bradley Massey	British Antarctic Survey (observer)
Mrs Rachel Morgan	<i>ad hoc</i> Member
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Dr Mike Thomson	Expert Member
Mr Paul Woodman	Expert member
Mr Andy Willett	UK Hydrographic Office

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Suman Chowdhury (*ad hoc* Member), Prof Mike Bentley (*ad hoc* Member) and Ms Catherine Cheetham (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names).

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 October 2015

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Item 12 i) The Committee requested more information regarding the proposed place name for Robertson Island on Barff Peninsula, South Georgia. The Secretary contacted James Jansen at the GSGSSI who stated that they intended to postpone this proposal while GSGSSI review their current naming procedures.

4. Secretary's report [APC(16)03]

The Committee noted the Secretary's report.

Action Points

- **Secretary to produce a birthday card commemorating David Attenborough's 90th birthday on 8 May 2016, prominently featuring Attenborough Strait.**

5. Place-name decisions [APC(16)04]

The Secretary confirmed that all the accepted place names arising from the APC (15) 2nd meeting in October 2015 APC have been included in the BAT Gazetteer.

6. Place-names decisions and matters arising from APC(16) 1st postal

i) [APC(16)01] Zeta Island and Alphabet channel.

The committee agreed to the names proposed by UKHO, rejecting the German names, 'Bremen Island' and 'Bremen Channel' due to the already well-established Greek alphabet naming theme within the Melchior Islands.

ii) [APC(16)02] Mt. Pulc and Mt. Libellule, Davis Coast

The committee rejected the proposed place names because they did not conform to an already established naming theme of Pioneers of Aviation in the area. Secondly the proposed names did not meet the criterion that place names related to people need to show evidence of a significant, sustained contribution to Antarctic affairs.

The Committee agreed that the features do need a place name due to the likelihood of more visits from climbers. The Committee agreed upon the names Pilatus Peak (after Pilatus, a Swiss aviation company) for the peak with altitude 982 m and Porter Peak (after the Pilatus Porter PC-6 aircraft used in Antarctica, including by BAS) for the 824 m peak as these place-names continue the Aviation naming theme within the area.

Action points

- **Secretary to write to the proposer informing him of the Committee decision**
- **Secretary to write a paper setting out the APC policies for place-naming for review by the Committee**

7. US ACAN Comments for APC(16) 1st Meeting

No comments received.

Comments were received from ACAN after the date of the meeting and included in the archival meeting papers

8. New Place-name Proposal – Adelaide Island [APC(16)05]

The Committee agreed to the proposal and its addition to the UK Gazetteer due to the longstanding use of the name at Rothera.

Action points

- **Rachel Morgan to contact Alan Cheshire for information about the origin of the name.**
- **Secretary to amend the gazetteer entry for the feature when information available.**

9. New Place-name Proposal – Adelaide Island [APC(16)06]

The Committee agreed that Mothes Island should be added to the UK Gazetteer and that the place name Mothes Point should have its coordinates amended to reflect the new position of the feature.

The Committee agreed that due to significant topographic changes to the coastline all the un-named features described in the proposal do require naming. The committee agreed on the following feature types: Feature 1) Bay; 2) Point; 3) Island; 4) Bay; 5) Point and 6) Point. For features 1) Malle Bay and 6) Cape Pacheco, the APC will accept the Chilean names already in the SCAR Composite Gazetteer. The remainder of the features will be named after Pioneers of glaciology to continue the established naming theme in the area.

Action points

- **Secretary to amend the Chilean description for Cape Pacheco to better reflect the contribution of Suboficial Pacheco.**
- **Mr Bob Headland to compile a list of pioneering glaciologists for circulation to Prof Dowdeswell, Prof Bentley and other Antarctic glaciologists prior to a postal APC round.**

10. New Place-name Proposal – Palmer Land [APC(16)07]

The proposed name was not approved. The Committee agreed the feature does need a name as it is a type locality for a geological facies. The Committee suggested naming the feature after a principal geologist who has worked in this area in the past. It was noted that the area has no well-established naming convention.

Action point

- **Dr Mike Thomson to research potential names from geologists of the past**
- **Dr Alistair Crame to inform the proposer of the outcome of the proposal on behalf of the Secretary.**

11. New Place-name Proposal – Alexander Island [APC(16)08]

The Committee agreed to the proposed name.

- **Secretary to inform the proposer and the recipient of the outcome**

12. Place names from other agencies that are not in the BAT gazetteer, for approval or acknowledgement [APC(16)09]

The committee agreed that the 39 Bulgarian Place-names in the Crystal Sound to Grandidier Channel area supplied to the Committee in October 2015 will not be approved. The committee also decided that systematic remote naming across an area, without reference to new mapping or significant scientific research activity, is not a suitable process for place-naming. The committee require an update to the APC naming policy to reflect this decision.

The Committee decided that the area does need features to be named as BAS is producing a new published map of the area. The Committee decided that the theme for the place names in this area will be tourism in Antarctica, covering tourism vessels and personnel that have made a significant and sustained impact on tourism in Antarctica.

Action Points

- **Dr Adrian Fox (BAS) to decide which features are significant enough to need a name as part of work for the new BAS map of the area.**
- **Secretary to respond to the Bulgarians explaining why the names were not accepted.**
- **Mrs Rachel Morgan and Mr Bob Headland to supply a list of suitable tourism names for features in the area.**
- **Committee to discuss policy change stemming from this issue at next meeting.**

13. Bulgarian names: APC(16)10 Paper on Bulgarian names (Mr Paul Woodman)

Mr Paul Woodman introduced and summarized the paper. The Committee agreed to conform to the 2013 Romanization change highlighted by the research and already implemented by the UN, EU, PCGN and US Board on Geographic Names. This impacts on one

place name in the UK Gazetteer Srebarna Glacier. The Chair thanked Mr Woodman for this detailed research paper, drawing on his knowledge of international naming conventions.

Action points

- **Secretary to amend Srebarna Glacier in the UK Gazetteer.**
- **Secretary to implement the associated actions listed in the paper.**

14. Any Other Business

i) Antarctic Peninsula Information Portal (APIP). Mr Bradley Massey (BAS) demonstrated the APIP web map service. <http://add.antarctica.ac.uk/home/apip> APIP brings together topographic data, toponymy, and environmental information that are widely spread around the internet into an easy to use single resource. The APIP and BAT gazetteer web-map use a combined underlying web-map system.

ii) Work by FCO, IAATO and BAS on Visitor Site Guidelines and map for Point Wild, Elephant Island has shown that the conspicuous rock/small island to the north of Point Wild is not currently in the UK Gazetteer. The Committee agreed to name it The Gnomon, accepting a name first applied on a map from Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. A gnomon is the blade of a sundial.

The Committee decided to name the small island east of Point Wild Banjo Island. Shackleton allowed Leonard Hussey, the expedition meteorologist, to bring his banjo on the difficult journey to Elephant Island, realising its value for team morale. The Committee noted that the only person from Shackleton's expedition now without a place name is Hussey.

iii) Jane Rumble explained issues with Argentina's current policy of double-barrelled naming and the English versions of their place names.

iv) Jane Rumble proposed inclusion of a representative from the United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage trust to the APC. The Committee agreed.

v) The Secretary had received a request from the New Zealand Board on Geographic Names for comments on a proposal to name a peak previously mis-named Mt. Patrick, following Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition (1907-09). The Committee agreed with the new name Mt Cawley.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add The Gnomon and Banjo Island to the UK Gazetteer.**
- **The Committee to note that Leonard Hussey is the only member of the Shackleton ITAE without a named feature.**
- **The Committee to be more active providing place names for areas with low coverage.**
- **Jane Rumble to invite a UKAHT member to join the APC.**
- **Secretary to inform the NZ Board on Geographic Names that the APC agrees with the proposed name Mt Cawley and to thank them for including the APC in their process.**

15. Date and location of next meeting.

To be confirmed.