

MINUTES – MEETING WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 11:00 AM. DRAFT**Present:**

Mrs Philippa Foster-Back	Chair
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey (Secretary)
Dr Alistair Crame	British Antarctic Survey
Dr Suman Chowdhury	Ad hoc Member
Mr Stuart Doubleday	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Ms Elena Field	British Antarctic Survey (observer)
Mr Bob Headland	Royal Geographic Society
Mrs Rachel Morgan	Ad hoc Member
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Mr Paul Woodman	Expert Member
Mr Andy Willett	UK Hydrographic Office

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Prof Mike Bentley (ad hoc Member), Mrs Catherine Cheetham (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names), Prof. Julian Dowdeswell (Scott Polar Research Institute), Dr Mike Thomson (expert member), Mr Pat Geelan (expert member) and Ms Camilla Nichol, UK Antarctic Heritage Trust.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 April 2016

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Action point – The Secretary produced a 90th birthday card for Sir David Attenborough highlighting Attenborough Strait. The FCO Polar Regions Department added a message and sent to Sir David. Feedback is that the card was well received.

Review of APC policies - the Secretary has produced a paper for this [APC(16)21] which is included as agenda item 16 for the APC(16)2nd meeting.

Feedback received from Phillip Cottier about proposal APC(16)02 is that he is happy with the alternative names Pilatus Peak and Porter Peak applied by the committee, noting their Swiss connections.

Mr Bob Headland reported on progress with identifying suitable names for features in the northern Adelaide Island area, following discussion of APC(16)06. Existing names in the area are from Wegener's Greenland Expedition (1930-31). Study of material held at the Scott Polar Research Institute shows that all the glaciologists on the expedition have already been named. Similarly, nearly all important early glaciologists are already named in the Marguerite Bay area, following the 'Pioneers of Glaciology' naming theme.

Papers consulted include: Staff list from Wegener's Greenland Expedition 1930-31, a list of key early glaciology papers in Volume 1 of the *Journal of Glaciology* (1947) and research paper Roberts, B. 1962. Glaciologists and Antarctic Place-names. *Ice* (9) 10-18.

The Committee thanked Mr Headland for his detailed work so far and requested that the secretary and Mr Headland prepare a postal proposal paper with further input from Prof. Dowdeswell and Prof. Bentley (both absent).

The Secretary reported on progress with proposing a name for proposal APC(16)07. Dr Mike Thomson has compiled a detailed list, by year, of activity of US and associated geologists in Palmer Land and northern Ellsworth Land.

It was noted by the Committee that the 1957 *Polar Record* contains a history of geological expeditions in Falkland Islands Dependencies, which is a potential source of future place-name suggestions.

Action points

- **Secretary and Mr Headland to prepare a postal proposal paper to close APC(16)06 Adelaide Island.**
- **Secretary and Dr Crame to discuss further with Dr Thomson to identify candidate names and present in a postal proposal for APC(16)07.**
- **Secretary to include Dr Thomson's list of geologists and the *Polar Record* paper on early FIDS geological expeditions in the APC material on potential future names.**

4. Secretary's report [APC(16)11]

The Committee noted the Secretary's report.

Action points

- **Chair to contact the ACAN for comments on best practice for place-name selection – particularly with regard to potential duplicate Anglicised names from multiple sources and naming activity not related to mapping or scientific research.**
- **The Secretary will obtain the Terms of Reference for the SCAR SCAGI Working Group tasked with setting out guiding principles for place naming in Antarctica and will contribute to the work of this group as appropriate.**

5, 6. Place-names decisions [APC(16)12]

The Secretary had prepared a list and this was circulated at the meeting and will be added to the record papers.

7. US ACAN Comments for APC(16) 2nd Meeting

No comments received at the time of the meeting.

8. New Place-name Proposals – Elephant Island [APC(16)13]

The Committee approved the proposed names.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the names to the UK APC Gazetteer**

9. New Place-name Proposals – King George Island [APC(16)14]

Znosko Glacier and *Urbanek Ice Fall* – The names were approved by the Committee and the Polish origin and established use of the place names noted.

Action Points:

- **Assess the steepness of Polar Committee Glacier and decide whether this feature is an icefall or a glacier – Committee requests for a glaciologist to advise on this issue.**
- **Secretary to change Ladies Ice Fall and Urbanek Ice Fall to Icefall generic for consistency with Hattersley-Smith**
- **Secretary to include additional historical information to the description of Admiralen Glacier regarding the history of the factory ship.**
- **Secretary to add the names to the UK APC Gazetteer.**

10. New Place-name Proposals – Charcot Bay [APC(16)15]

The Committee approved the proposal.

- **Secretary to add the names to the UK APC Gazetteer.**

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

The Committee approved the proposal

- **Secretary to add the name to the UK APC Gazetteer.**

12. News Place-name Proposals – Graham Coast [APC(16)17]

IAATO Islands

The Committee approved the proposal in principle, but requested a delay until the Action Points are completed.

Action Points:

- **Map requested, showing the extent of the proposed IAATO Islands.**
- **Mr Andy Willett to examine the local bathymetry and establish if these are safe waters for navigation and whether there are any natural topographic divides between the island groups.**

Field Cove

The Committee approved the proposal.

?? Cove

The Committee approved the place-name *Adie Cove* for this feature.

Smith Glacier

The Committee approved the proposal.

Duyvis Cove

The Committee approved the proposal.

Lettner Glacier

The Committee approved the proposal.

Hoek Bay

The Committee approved the proposal.

Splettstoesser Glacier

The Committee approved the proposal.

Action Points

- **Secretary to submit the full suite of names connected to the theme of "Early Pioneers of Antarctic Tourism" for subsequent approval by the Commissioner, once questions arising from a number of the names have been resolved.**
- **Secretary to add the names to the UK APC Gazetteer once approved by the Commissioner.**

13. New Place-name Proposals – Loubet Coast [APC(16)18]***Keith (Shackleton) Glacier***

The Committee approved the proposal on the basis that this place-name is a valid exception to the policy of avoidance of first names.

Demel Cove

The proposed name was approved with an amended location to the south east of Holdfast Point, Loubet Coast.

Lampe Cove and Lampe Glacier

The proposed names were approved by the Committee

Hopkins Cove

The proposed name was approved by the Committee.

Poncet Point

Proposed place name was approved by the Committee.

Action Point: Secretary to include further detail in the description as its namesake was awarded the Queen's Polar Medal.

Skog Cove

This place name was relocated to between Holdfast Point and Orford Cliff and amended to *Skog Bay* to reflect the greater topographic significance of this feature.

The original location of the Skog Cove place-name will be renamed *Widdowson Cove*, following Widdowson Glacier.

Phillippa (Scott) Glacier, Peter (Scott) Glacier

Committee approved the proposed place names with the first names used as the specific, on the basis that the names are valid exceptions to the policy of avoidance of first names.

Action Points:

- **Secretary to amend the position of Demel Cove**
- **Secretary to amend the coordinates of Skog Cove to reflect the Committee's decision and rename to Skog Bay.**
- **The Secretary to include the place-name Widdowson Cove.**
- **Secretary to submit the full suite of names connected to the theme of "Early Pioneers of Antarctic Tourism" for subsequent approval by the Commissioner, once questions arising from a number of the names have been resolved.**
- **Secretary to add the names to the UK APC Gazetteer once approved by the Commissioner.**

14. New Place-name Proposal – Fallières Coast [APC (16)19]

The proposed place-name was approved by the Committee.

Action Points

- **Secretary to add the approved name to the UK APC Gazetteer.**

15. New Place-names Proposals – South Georgia [APC(16)20]

Deadmans Cairn

The proposed place-name was recommended by the Committee.

Hodges Bowl

The proposed place-name was recommended by the Committee.

Sooty Bluff

The proposed place-name was recommended by the Committee.

Sundowner Ridge

The proposed place-name was recommended by the Committee.

Action Points:

- **Deadmans Cairn – Secretary to consult Hattersley-Smith to determine the correct use of apostrophes in place-names**

AJF: No explicit rule set out in Hattersley-Smith but apostrophes are not used; Neptunes Bellows, Sealers Passage in BAT, Whalers Passage South Georgia.

- **Action Point – The Secretary to amend the coordinates of the feature to reflect accurate placement.**
- **Action Point – The Secretary to amend coordinates to East of Mt Duse.**

- **Secretary to add the names to the UK APC Gazetteer once approved by the Commissioner for South Georgia.**

16. Review of UK APC place-naming policies [APC(16)21]

The Committee reviewed the paper on UK APC place-naming policies in detail.

Action Points:

Secretary to revise the policy paper APC(16)21 to include the amendments decided at the meeting and to circulate the revised paper with the minutes for the meeting.

17. Any Other Business

No other business was noted.

18. Date of next meeting Thursday March 23rd 2017 was set as the provisional date. This has since been amended to either 13th or 14th June 2017 due to insufficient material for a March meeting.