

MINUTES – MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2019 AT 11:00 AM AT BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY, CAMBRIDGE.**Present:**

Mrs Philippa Foster-Back	Chair
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey (Secretary)
Dr Mark Belchier	GSGSSI
Professor Mark Brandon	<i>Ad hoc</i> member
Dr Suman Chowdhury	<i>Ad hoc</i> member
Dr Alistair Crame	British Antarctic Survey
Mr Stuart Doubleday	Polar Regions Department, FCO
Professor Julian Dowdeswell	Scott Polar Research Institute
Mr Robert Headland	Royal Geographical Society
Mrs Rachel Morgan	<i>Ad hoc</i> Member
Ms Camilla Nichol	UK Antarctic Heritage Trust
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 Mrs Catherine Cheetham (PCGN), Dr Suman Chowdhury (*Ad hoc* member), and Professor Dame Jane Francis (BAS).

2. Place-names decisions [APC(19)04] and matters arising from APC(18) 2nd meeting and inter-sessional papers APC(19)01-03.**2.1. New Place-name Proposal – Palmer Land [APC(19)01]**

The Committee recommended the proposed name Tolly Nunatak.

Action Points

- **Secretary to write to Professor Aðalgeirsdóttir and Dr Smith about the result and update the gazetteer.**

2.2. New Place-name Proposal – Palmer Land [APC(19)02]

The Committee recommended the proposed names Hathway Point, Crampton Point and Farmer Point [APC(19)02].

Action Points

- **Secretary to write to Professor Crampton, Dr Hathway and the family of Mr Farmer about the results and update the gazetteer.**

The secretary was unable to trace Dr Hathway.

2.3. New Place-name Proposal – Deception Island, South Shetland Islands [APC(19)03]

The Committee recommended the proposed name Farrant Point.

Action Points

- Secretary to add the name to the gazetteer.

3. Minutes of the last meeting [APC(18)2nd] held on 8 November 2018

Actions had been completed and the minutes were presented for approval.

4. Secretary's report [APC(18)07]

Points resulting from the report

The Secretary will provide an update on the accuracy and future plans for the REMA elevation dataset at the next meeting, following attendance at the 2019 SCAR SCAGI meeting.

The Polar Regions Department will tweet about the 'Place-name of the Month' features in the BAS Ice Sheet magazine as they are published and added to the APC website.

The Norwegian Polar Research Institute has accepted the name Polargap Subglacial Highlands into the Norwegian Gazetteer for Dronning Maud Land, at a place-names meeting 17-18 September 2019.

5. US ACAN Comments for APC(19) 1st Meeting

The ACAN Secretary confirmed that ACAN members had no comments on the proposals.

6. New Place-name Proposals – Elephant Island, South Shetland Islands [APC(19)06]

The Committee rejected the names as proposed in paper [APC(19)06]. The Committee recommended the alternative names Appleton Point, Aguirre Point and Télléz Point, with reference to information on the crew of the Chilean vessel *Yelcho* provided by Mr Headland.

Action points

- Secretary to add the approved names to the BAT Gazetteer.

7. New Place-name Proposal – Marguerite Bay [APC(19)07] (Late paper presented at the meeting).

The Committee recommended the name: Walton Terraces

Action points

- Secretary to add the approved names to the BAT Gazetteer.
- Secretary to write to the family of Prof Walton

The Secretary wrote to Mrs Walton after the meeting. The name was announced at a memorial event for Professor David Walton held at BAS on 24 May 2019.

8. Update on South Georgia place names

The Government of South Georgia have been reviewing the collated material about recent place-naming on South Georgia supplied by the Secretary in May 2018 and March 2019. Three names recommended by the APC will be accepted by GSGSSI (Hodges Bowl, Sooty Bluff and Boatman Cove). Several other names require more background information before acceptance.

The Government of South Georgia is developing a formal policy for place names. New names will be taken on a case-by-case basis.

Helen Havercroft, Chief Executive of GSGSSI will write to the South Georgia Heritage Trust about the status of place names for South Georgia.

Action points

- **Secretary to liaise with GSG to supply more background information as required.**

9. Policy paper (presentation) APC(19)08]. The relationship between UK APC guidelines and SCAR place-names recommendations (1994 and draft 2019)

The Secretary presented for discussion a comparison between: 1) The APC guidelines reviewed in November 2016 (APC(16)21), 2) The *SCAR Proposed International Toponymic Guidelines for the Antarctic* (Rome 1994), and 3) Draft SCAGI review of SCAR Toponymic Guidelines for the Antarctic, (UNGEEN, 2019).

Following the meeting the FCO Polar Regions Department requested a summary document highlighting only the differences (supplied by the Secretary on 28 May 2019). The Polar Regions Department subsequently briefed the Secretary prior to his attendance at the SCAR SCAGI meeting in June 2019, which included a workshop to further refine the draft guidelines.

10. Any Other Business

For the information of the Committee, BAS 1:200,000 map Misc 14, South Shetland Islands, was published in early November 2019 and includes most of the South Shetland Islands names recommended in recent APC meetings. The secretary will provide copies of the maps at the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting

Friday 6 December agreed, following discussion with the FCO and Chair and Doodle poll of the APC members. Subsequently postponed until February 2020.

Dr Adrian Fox, MRICS
Secretary, Antarctic Place-names Committee