**Minutes of a meeting of the Freshwater East Liaison Sub Committee held on 17 January 2017.**

**Present.** Mr White (Chairman), Mr Bowling, Mr Colley and Mr Ridout.

 Mr T Jones PCNPA.

 Mrs S Mellor PCNPA.

 Mrs J Usoro FESCA.

 Mr A Parfitt FESCA.

 Mrs S Davies Govan Davies Estates.

 Mrs L Clark FESCA.

 Mr B Reynolds FERN.

 Mr S Cannon FWE Coastcare Group.

**In Attendance**. Mr Lewis Clerk.

 Councillor Hodgson.

 About 20 members of the public.

**Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Mr Gooch, Mr Lintern, Mrs Rees and Mr Taylor.

**Declaration** Mr Ridout declared an interest on item 5 as he is a Voluntary

**Of Interest**  Warden of PCNPA.

The Chairman advised those present that this was a meeting of the Freshwater East Liaison Sub Committee and not a public meeting and he welcomed all to the meeting.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 had been circulated.

 **Resolved.** The minutes be signed as a correct record of the

Proceedings.

**Matters**  **1.** There were no matters arising.

**Arising.**

 **2. Report from FERN.** Mr Reynolds gave a report as per Appendix 1.

 **3. Report from FESCA.**  Mr Parfitt gave his report as per Appendix 2. Mrs Usoro pointed out that the vote on the grazing extension was omitted from the report.

 **4. Report from PCNPA.** Mr Jones gave his report as per Appendix 3.

 **5. Grazing extension The Burrows.**  Print outs had been sent to all Members and further copies were made available at the

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 meeting. Sarah Mellor stated that there had been huge changes to the Burrows over a number of years as there had been erosion problems and the open sand dunes had been unstable. These problems have now been resolved and ponies have been grazing on the Burrows since 20013.

 Written requests to speak at this meeting were submitted by Mrs Clark and Mr Cannon who were Members of this Committee and by R Morris and R Neath who weren’t Members.

 The Chairman then opened the Meeting to questions and the following were amongst those who participated:-

 Rebecca Morris. She called for a Public Consultation as stipulated on Page 15 of the PCNPA Management Plan. The PCNPA is accountable through the Local Government Measure and to the Welsh Assembly. She stated that barbed wire wasn’t suitable for horses. A huge proportion of people are against the grazing extension. The cause of the bracken increase was due to PCNPA not cutting the grass in 2015 prior to the horses being on site.

 Steve Cannon. He stated that there was a lack of public consultation and also this was a dangerous precedent which was on a slippery slope.

 Anthony Parfitt. He asked if the gates could be removed when not in use.

 Michael Morris. He stated that the Burrows had been in private ownership for over 30 years when there no animals or gates and asked why it couldn’t revert to that. He also stated that he didn’t want the Burrows to look like a prison camp.

 Linda Jones. She stated that during the recent cold weather the ice had to be broken for them to have water. The horses have recently been kicking at the gates when they are being fed hay. She stated that the horses have also chased people walking.

 Linda Johnston-Bell. She stated that there has been no proper consultation and procedures haven’t been followed.

 Robin Neath. He stated that all avenues haven’t been explored.

 The bracken hasn’t been cut 3 times a year and horses shouldn’t eat it. Barbed wire was lethal for horses and he suggested that an electric fence should be installed.

 Linda Clark. She stated that she was a disappointed that there was still no map available as promised by last November. She also stated that is a need for a public consultation and PCNPA haven’t followed their own procedures and it is a backward step if the scrub is not controlled. She also referred to the LNR plan and nothing was said about people who use the Burrows to walk and enjoy and not only Freshwater East residents.

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 Tim Reynolds. He stated that he exercised his dog on the Burrows every day and the horses are there when the grass is

growing less and they are not eating properly. There should be no horses or fence.

 Sally Reynolds. She stated that the horses have given the gate a good kicking and these horses looked miserable.

Mr Tim Jones and Mrs Sarah Mellor replied to some of the points raised including stating that the gates could be removed when there are no horses on site and only 2-3 horses were involved and these weren’t to control the bracken.

Mr Tim Jones stated that he would probably delay this proposal until the 2018 Management Plan and was told by the Chairman that this would be pre-meditated. Mrs Clark stated that she was disappointed that the grazing issue was being postponed until the new Management Plan in 2018 and hoped that this plan would be more comprehensive and not just a paper exercise like last time. A full Public Consultation is needed for residents to air their views. Last time any comments not liked by PCNPA were dismissed as their word was final. Mr Tim Jones replied that this was not so.

**Next Meeting.** **7. The Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 7pm in Lamphey Village Hall**.

 The meeting ended at 8.15pm..

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