

# Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Partnership Panel Meeting

## Lulworth Cove

### 15 September 2015

**Present:** Alistair Sommerlad (Chair), Jan Tomlin (National Trust), Roger Fisher (Stonehenge WHS Steering Committee), Colin Shell (ASAHRG), Andrew Williamson (Avebury WHS Steering Committee)

**In attendance:** Sarah Simmonds, Beth Thomas

1.0	<p><b>Apologies</b> Andrew Vines (Historic England), Stuart Wheeler (Wiltshire Council) Nick Snashall</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b> V3 of the minutes of the last meeting were approved. Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS has circulated his wider vision to PP members.</li> <li>• The Panel recorded their thanks to the Jurassic Coast Team for their assistance in planning the day's meeting at Lulworth.</li> <li>• The Panel expressed disappointment that not all members of the Panel could attend. Key partners need to be present to enable decision making.</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b>Management Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement</b> A number of organisations including Salisbury and Wiltshire Museums and Highways England have already formally endorsed the Management Plan by letter and others are in the process of doing so.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation</b> A short document which outlined the division of responsibilities within the Coordination Unit was tabled. This may change to reflect workloads and opportunities to progress actions but provides a useful summary of which Coordinator to speak to about key topics.</li> <li>• <b>Reporting</b> Partners will be asked at Steering Committee meetings to update the group on progress against their lead actions.</li> <li>• <b>WHSP Action</b> A short paper had been distributed before the meeting showing key actions which are the responsibility of the Partnership Panel. The Panel felt that a brand for the whole WHS could be important to strengthen the identity of the WHS but this might take some time. Budget to do this has yet to be identified. Further work needs to be undertaken on this. In the meantime the UNESCO WHS logo and the World Heritage symbol are to be used.</li> </ul> <p>Some costs have been put against the actions. The Panel noted that Wiltshire Council indicated that replacement WHS gateway signs could be absorbed within their existing budget for 2015/16.</p>	

	The Partnership Panel agreed the programme of work. The Coordination Unit will identify which elements can be achieved this financial year and the responsibilities of individual partners.	
4.0	<b>Funding of WHS Coordination Unit and implementation of the Action Plan</b> This item not discussed due to absence of key partners.	
5.0	<p><b>Review of the WHS Coordination Unit</b></p> <p>AS noted that the Coordination Unit have been focused on completing the Management Plan. It was now time to move to delivery of the Action Plan. The Unit should be fit for purpose and adequately resourced.</p> <p>As part of the review AS wanted to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The purpose of a dedicated Unit noting that a strong purpose would underline the necessity for continued funding of the Unit.</li> <li>2. Structure – Staffing / placement within the host organisation and management structure</li> <li>3. The resourcing of the Coordination Unit</li> </ol> <p><b>ACTION: Following discussion at this meeting AS agreed to prepare a draft statement of purpose for the Unit which can be circulated first to the Panel for comment and then to the funders for consideration.</b></p>	AS
6.0	<b>S&amp;A WHS PP Review</b> A summary of the review had been circulated before the meeting. Discussions are currently underway with English Heritage Trust to consider their role in the wider WHS.	
7.0	<p><b>Strategic projects</b></p> <p><b>A303</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As agreed at the last meeting Andrew Vines has worked with Historic England colleagues and DCMS to invite UNESCO/ICOMOS for an advisory mission. The dates and details of this will be announced when finalised.</li> <li>• CBA AGM 9<sup>th</sup> November – the WHSCU was alerted to this by AS. Key partners have been working with CBA on the panel discussion on the Management of Stonehenge which will include the issue of the A303. Information has been sent to the CBA including the new Management Plan. Details of who might attend have yet to be finalised</li> <li>• No further information has come from the Highways England project team as yet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Horizon Scanning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rollestone Camp (CAS)</b> CAS wanted to draw the attention of the Partnership Panel to the opportunities that there might be if Rollestone Camp is disposed of by the MoD. There might be opportunities for storage or archival and collection materials, residential study or other facilities that might benefit the WHS. WHSCU are aware of this opportunity and will work with colleagues</li> </ul>	

	<p>within Wiltshire Council and other partners to seek benefits to the WHS and meet the objectives of the WHS Management Plan if any such opportunity does arise in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EU Cultural Heritage to Work for Europe Report (CAS)</b> EU report, 'Getting cultural heritage to work for Europe', if the funding proposed within it is forthcoming this could be a significant opportunity for the WHS to attract major funding to employ people for a Project within the Coordination Unit which could raise the profile of the WHS itself. There is no fund available yet but this is an opportunity that could be considered perhaps in conjunction with the WHSCU intention to work with VisitWiltshire and Wiltshire Council to develop a bid that might be considered by the Wiltshire and Swindon LEP.</li> </ul>	
8.0	<b>AOB</b> N/A	
9.0	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Agreed to meet: December 2015 March 2016 June 2016 and an away day</p> <p>Proposed dates for the December meeting to be circulated for agreement</p>	<b>SS</b>