

Notes of the meeting of the
CORNISH MINING WHS BID PARTNERSHIP
Held on Monday 25th March 2002 10.00 – 13.00, County Hall, Truro

Present: Oliver Cranfield (Cornwall Enterprise)
Colin Brewer (Environment Agency)
Andy Wetherelt (Camborne School of Mines)
Peter Rose (Historic Environment Service, Cornwall County Council)
Emma Taylor (Historic Environment Service, Cornwall County Council)
Colin Buck (Historic Environment Service, Cornwall County Council)
Dave Hooley (English Heritage)
Colin F. Murley (Cornish Heritage)
Hugh Rowe (The Cornish Stannary Parliament)
Katie Hooper (Penwith District Council)
JC Goodrige (Morwellham & Tamar Valley Trust)
Steve Crummay (Environmental programmes service, Cornwall County Council)
Caroline Vulliamy (East Cornwall Mining History Association & Parish Archives)
Ann Pattison (Spatial Planning, Cornwall County Council)
Tim Johnson (English Heritage)
Nick Molyneux (English Heritage)
Malcolm Pinch (Restormel Borough Council)
Anne Boosey (Restormel Borough Council)
Stephen Bohane (SouthWest RDA)
Tony Blackman (Cornwall Heritage Trust)
Roger Halliday (Duchy of Cornwall)
Tim Brooks (Cornwall Landowners Association)
Keith Withey (Cornish Institute of Engineers.)
Kate McCavana (Objective One Programme)
Frances Griffith (County Archaeologist, Devon County Council)
David Andrew (Devon County Council)
Mike Hawkey (Countryside & Historic Environment Unit, Cornwall County Council)
Collin Brewer (North Cornwall District Council)
Vernon Baldry (Trevithick Society)
Alyson Cooper (Carrick District Council)
Philip Payton (Institute of Cornish Studies, University of Exeter)
Cllr Burden (Tamar Valley AONB)
Keith Pascoe (Caradon District Council)
David Edmondson (Caradon District Council)
Martin Eddy (Caradon District Council)

Dr Keith Russ (Cornish Mining Development Association)
Gillian Hall (pp. Kevin Williams, Baseholdings Ltd)
Bill Lakin (St Just mines Research Group)
Neil Plummer (Kerrier District Council)
Barrie Collins (Kerrier District Council)
M. Kaczmarek (Cornwall County Council)
Barry Gamble (Freelance Geological Consultant)
Cllr Kenny Trembath (Penwith District Council)
Nigel Johnson (Russell Society)
John Fleet (CERES)
Sara Chambers (Royal Cornwall Museum)
Keith Menadue (Cornish Institute of Engineers & Trevithick Trust)
Ellie Peart (Morwellham Quay)
Tim Selman (Tamar Valley AONB)
SH Polglaze (Carn Brea Mining Society)

Apologies Christopher Young (English Heritage)
Paul Alsey (DCMS – Shelagh Evans now occupies this post & will attend future meetings)
Paul McCormack (DCMS)
Ian Morrison (English Heritage)
Philip Whitbourne (ICOMOS UK – he has retired, Susan Denyer will attend future meetings)
Richard Holder (Victorian Society)
Patrick Coleman (Calstock Local History Group)
Stuart Smith (ICOMOS UK/TICCIH)
Barry Kinsman (Federation of Old Cornwall Societies)
Andrew Davey (National Trust)
Keith Atkinson (Camborne School of Mines)
Joff Bullen (Cornish Mining Development Association)
Paul Richards (Cornwall Industrial Archaeology Advisory Group)
Rodney Nute (Cornish Stannary Parliament)
Debbie Smith (Cornwall Enterprise)

Agenda Item

- 1 Welcome** by Bert Biscoe (Partnership Chairperson)
Bert welcomed attendees to the third meeting of the Partnership (now comprising 121 members, representing 75 organisations) & outlined the focus and format of the meeting.
He expressed admiration for the professionalism of the Bid project team, emphasised that the data gathering they were doing was vital for future research, and stressed the need to ensure that the WHS resource was not used for speculative short-term gain.
- 2 Project Progress Report**

Project Co-ordinator, Jeanette Ratcliffe, reported on the progress made on the Bid since the last Partnership meeting in November 2001 (see printout out of Powerpoint presentation, slides 2-14)

Thanks were extended to Technical Panel members for the extremely useful and constructive comments they had provided on the Context & Significance texts.

Feedback from Partnership members

- Potential (following on from Bid project) for creating a database of all mineral rights owners.

3 **Draft selection criteria for WHS Bid Areas**

Nicholas Johnson(County Archaeologist) presented the various groups of criteria used to select the initial draft WHS Bid areas (see draft criteria document sent out prior to meeting and printout out of Powerpoint presentation, slides 15-20).

Feedback from Partnership members

- Need to highlight geological & mineralogical significance of Bid areas, and considering extending boundaries to include designated mineral sites.
- List of Cornish Mining landscape components and the WHS Bid areas need to be extended to include extensive water management systems that were a key part of the mineral extraction/production process – eg the leat systems in the Red River Valley.
- Also need to consider extending WHS boundaries to include areas of waste deposition/siltation (represent rich archaeological, scientific and ecological sites) – eg sub-tidal areas of Restronguet and Perran Creek.
- Sites outside the main Bid areas – probably good idea to keep these to a minimum in the interest of having manageable WHS boundaries, but as part of the Bid will need also to identify those key sites that, though falling outside the WHS, support and provide a context for it (these will sites will need to be cared for also, eg by protection via scheduling & listing).
- Need further guidance from English Heritage/DCMS re UNESCO requirement that sites included in the WHS must have ‘Authenticity’. Current understanding is that selected reconstruction based on accurate documentation is acceptable (particularly if it is aimed at consolidating or enhancing understanding of the remains).
- Query re whether tin streaming remains are being included in the Bid. No, unless they fall within Bid areas defining later mining remains. We have been advised right from the beginning that in order for the Bid to be successful we should concentrate on that period/aspect of Cornish Mining that was truly of world significance – ie 18th & 19th century deep lode mining.
- Query, in the light of UNESCO criteria ii, re endorsement of Cornish Bid by overseas interests. Yes, letters of support will be sought & form part of the nomination documentation.

The meeting endorsed the draft Cornish Mining WHS Criteria

4 **Draft WHS Bid Areas**

Adam Sharpe (Project Manager) presented GIS mapping of the draft Bid areas (see map sent out before the meeting), summarising the mining landscape components and issues relating to the different areas, and highlighting key outlying sites.

Feedback from Partnership members

- Need to map extent of Duchy Land and other relevant large estates as part of mapping for Bid areas, and the importance of the Duchy’s involvement in Cornish Mining will be discussed in the Nomination document (eg in relation to the extent that miners smallholdings were created out of Duchy land).

- Need to develop a mechanism for consulting smaller landowners on the Bid area boundaries & on the issue of public access to remains on their land – do this via the CLA, Area Panels & the public consultation that has been built into the Bid process.
- Since WHS status is not a designation in itself, need to demonstrate how statutory protection will be extended within the Bid areas.
- Best practice in terms of management of the WHS assets will be based on incentive and encouragement, not just designation – eg Countryside Stewardship grants to help protect miners small holdings.
- Need to consider the extent to which rivers themselves are included in the Bid areas.
- Question as to whether mining-related trackways (such as those in the Crowan area) can be included in Bid, no problem where these occur within or on the edge of the integrated mining landscapes that form the draft Bid areas. This is the sort of issue the Area Panels need to get to grips with when refining the draft boundaries.

The meeting endorsed the approach being adopted to define the Bid Areas

5 Setting up of Area Panels

Jeanette Ratcliffe presented the draft guidance for setting up the (7) Area Panels to assist in the refining of the WHS Bid Area boundaries (see draft guidance document sent out prior to meeting and printout out of Powerpoint presentation, slides 22-23).

Feedback from Partnership members

- Panels need to operate within strict criteria set out. Must be consistent right across Panel areas.
- Debate as to whether the Carnmenellis – Porkellis – Wendron draft Bid Area should be included in the same panel area as the Mount’s Bay – Gwinear Bid Area, rather than with the central mining Bid Areas.
- All suggested lead organisations agreed to take on the responsibility of convening and hosting a panel.
- Panel membership – needs to be a manageable number (up to 10), with a focus on those involved in spatial planning and land management.
- Important that Planning officers from LAs are senior ones.
- Where panel areas cross more than one district, slightly bigger membership may be required.
- CLA to advise on a representative for small landowners.
- Each panel to meet at least once before next Partnership meeting.
- Important that WHS Team member(s) attend each meeting.
- One elected member from each LA for each panel area – needs to be made clear that this is just the first stage in a longer process of consultation.

The meeting endorsed the revised guidelines for setting up the Area Panels (see revised guidelines document enclosed with these minutes)

6 Cornish Mining WHS Bid web site (www.cornish-mining.org.uk)

The meeting was given a preview of the website (developed to second tier level so far), prior to it going on line (that afternoon). The site will continue to develop as the Bid progresses.

7 Any other business

- A visit to Blaenavon WHS is being organised in order to explain the economic benefits of WHS status to District Council senior officers & elected members – total number of persons to go c40 (ie one coach full).
- Bid team also planning presentations to LA chief execs & elected members from all districts.
- Bid team may be giving presentation to Prince Charles at the Royal Cornwall Show on June 6th - the Lord Lieutenant (Lady Holborrow) is liaising with the Duchy Secretary (Bertie Ross) to identify ways in which HRH can support the Bid.
- Proposed Camborne - Pool - Redruth Urban Regeneration Company – essential that WHS Bid and economic regeneration proposals for this area are part of an integrated approach.
- European Geopark status for Cornwall – proposal that compliments WHS Bid.

8 Date & venue of next meeting

Friday 5th July 2002, 10.00 – 13.00, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Truro