

Notes of the
CORNISH MINING WHS BID OFFICER WORKING GROUP

Held on Friday 22nd February 2002 10.00 – 13.00

At the Cornwall Centre, Redruth

Present: Nicholas Johnson (County Archaeologist, CCC)
Jeanette Ratcliffe (Project Co-ordinator)
Adam Sharpe (Project Manager)
Mike Hawkey (Head of Countryside & Historic Environment Unit, CCC)
Katie Hooper (Assistant Conservation Officer, Penwith DC)
Andrew Wetherelt (Mining Lecturer, CSM)
Carol Wilson (Environmental Manager, South West RDA)
David Edmonson (Senior Planning Officer, Caradon DC)
Barrie Collins (Chief Planning Officer, Kerrier DC)
Malcolm Pinch (Planning Policy Officer, Restormel BC)
Tim Selman (Manager, Tamar Valley AONB)
Frances Griffith (County Archaeologist, Devon CC)
Nicholas Molyneux (Inspector of Historic Buildings, English Heritage)
Alyson Cooper (Conservation Officer, Carrick DC)
Andrew Davey (Area Manager, National Trust)
Sarah Cawrse (Conservation Officer, North Cornwall DC)

Apologies Christopher Young (English Heritage)
Paul Aalsey (DCMS – Shelagh Evans now occupies this post & will attend future meetings)
Ian Morrison (English Heritage – Nick Molyneux attending in his place)
Philip Whitbourne (ICOMOS UK – he has retired, new secretary will attend future meetings)
Steve Edwards (Penwith DC – Katie Hooper attending in his place)
Philip Payton (Institute of Cornish Studies)
David Andrew (Devon CC)
Stephen Russell (West Devon BC)

**Agenda
Item**

1 Selection of Chairperson

The consensus that Nick Johnson should chair these meetings

2 Update on project progress

- General GIS mapping complete
- Historical context & significance text circulated to technical panels and constructive comments received back
- Initial draft Bid Area boundaries drawn
- Visit in January by Chris Young (English Heritage) to advise on these
- Detailed mapping and SMR record creation commenced within draft Bid Areas
- Web-site under construction (site to be launched at next Partnership meeting)

Actions agreed:

- Historical significance text to be circulated to OWG members
- Devon Historic Landscape Characterisation mapping for Recent Enclosed Land to be incorporated into WHS general mapping

3 & 4 Draft Bid Areas

Adam Sharpe used an LCD projector to present the GIS mapping relating to these, summarising the mining landscape components and issues relating to the different areas. OWG members discussed and fed back their comments on these.

Key general points that emerged were as follows.

- Landscape approach is absolutely the right one.
- Before consulting on the draft Bid Areas, need to define very clearly the criteria used to guide their selection/definition and produce a summary of the composition of each area.
- Selection criteria needs to be simple, consistent and robust.
- Need to consider buffer zones (the extent to which these will be needed is unclear as yet).
- Site visits will be vital in the definition of buffer zones because of the need to take account of view sheds and lines of site.
- Scattered mining remains within generally unchanged farming landscapes (eg in Zennor) – to what extent should these be included in the Bid
- Additional sites flagged up for possible inclusion – Wheal Butson & Wheal Davey (St Agnes area), Looe Canal & port of Looe, St Michael's Mount, Baldu/Threemilestone area.
- Stately homes/estates built on wealth of mining should be candidates for inclusion even if they are physically detached from the mines that generated their wealth
- Western side of Minions Bid Area – issue here on where to draw the boundary when there is no convenient hard boundary to use (in this case it is open moorland), answer may be to extend area up to available hard boundary (eg edge of enclosed land) even if this means including an area devoid of mining relating remains.
- Extent of Camborne-Redruth Bid area needs careful consideration given that this is the key focus for economic regeneration in Cornwall - if sites/areas earmarked for redevelopment are to be included in this Bid Area (which is the approach English Heritage favour) then the fact that this area is to be part of the WHS will need to be reflected in the economic regeneration that takes place here, and the RDA and GOSW will need to be fully engaged in this approach.

Actions agreed:

- Criteria for defining WHS Bid Areas - project team to draft document defining have been selected & circulate this to OWG Friday 1st March; OWG to email comments by Friday 8th March; criteria to be circulated to WHS Bid Partnership prior to meeting on 25th March.
- English heritage to set up meeting with RDA & GOSW re concordance between economic regeneration and WHS Bid within Camborne/Redruth area

5 Setting up of Area Panels

The OWG was asked to give advice on the process for setting these up.

Action agreed:

- Project team to produce a guidance note on the number, composition and remit of these panels for circulation to the Partnership prior to the meeting on the 25th March.

6 Format of next WHS Bid Partnership meeting

The following draft agenda for this meeting was agreed.

- Project progress report – short Powerpoint presentation
- Endorsement of selection criteria for WHS Bid Areas
- Presentation of Draft Bid Areas –project GIS mapping via LCD projector
- Setting up of Area Panels – process for this and no/membership/remit of these to be agreed
- Launch of WHS Bid web site

7 Commissioning of WHS economic baseline assessment

The OWG was asked to give advice on the process for this.

Action agreed:

- Project team to draft brief in next couple of months and circulate this to OWG for comment

8 Timing and Venue of next OWG meeting

10.00 – 13.00 Thursday 25th April 2002, Restormel Borough Council

9 AOB

The need for the targeted awareness raising exercises was re-iterated.

Action agreed: Project Co-ordinator to arrange the following

- WHS Bid Presentation(s) to District and County Council elected members
- WHS Bid Presentation to District Council Chief Executives
- Elected members trip to Blaenavon WHS