

## North York Moors National Park Authority

23 March 2020

### On the Record

1. **Members Visit to the Lake District, 29 – 30 April 2020**

Thanks to all Members for responding to this invitation so promptly at the end of last year. A total of 13 Members and 3 Officers have confirmed their attendance and accommodation has been booked at Castle Green Hotel in Kendal [www.castlegreen.co.uk](http://www.castlegreen.co.uk). A draft Itinerary for the visit can be found at **Appendix 1**.

2. **Update on Topics for Training Days/Evening Seminars during 2020**

Please find at **Appendix 2**, an update on topics for this year. Members are requested to make sure these dates are in their diaries. Also, just an early mention, Members development discussion will take place towards the end of this year. See **Appendix 3** for further information regarding this.

3. **Next Supertask**

The next Supertask takes place on Wednesday 25 March and will be at Runswick Bay. The task will be step work. There will be a quantity of stone to move and volunteers will need to work as a team in order to move it to the required location. The hope is that the weather will be nice and it is then, volunteers should get fantastic views from the cliff top and hopefully lunch on the beach depending on tides! Any members interested in attending should contact Joan Childs, Head of Volunteering [j.childs@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:j.childs@northyorkmoors.org.uk)

4. **Members Evening Seminar – 15 April 2020**

An extra Members Evening Seminar is proposed to take place on Wednesday 15 April, in the Committee Room, Helmsley. The evening would focus on the timetable and process for the review and identifying information and evidence gaps that the Authority needs to fill as we move forward with the new Management Plan process. More information on the evening will be provided in due course, a buffet will be able prior to the event.

5. **Coast and Marine Environment**

Our business plan identifies an objective to secure funding for work on the marine environment. In 2019, East Riding District Council received some development funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop a marine management partnership which will help to protect and improve the wildlife and habitats along a 95-mile stretch of the Yorkshire coastline. This will bring together a wide range of partners to develop a shared vision and look at how a landscape (or seascape!) scale project could be brought together by partners and delivered under a wider partnership project in the future. The Authority will continue to work with the new Yorkshire Coast Marine Partnership through the development phase which runs until 2021 because, whilst this project extends beyond the original scope of the Business Plan, being part of a wider collaboration with a strategic approach to conserving the marine environment will deliver a much more effective and sustainable programme of work in the longer term.

6. **Woodland**

At a recent meeting with the North Yorkshire Moors Association (NYMA) concern was expressed about the lack of public influence on where afforestation occurs. The issue was initially raised in relation to a planting scheme near Fryup that was locally controversial because of its impact on landscape amenity and local folklore. In this instance, it was a countryside stewardship proposal that was subject to a screening process by the Forestry Commission to determine if an Environmental Impact Assessment was required. In National Parks, all afforestation projects on sensitive sites or over two hectares in size require prior screening. In these cases, the proposed planting is listed on the Forestry Commission public register and statutory consultees are informed. We were consulted and as part of the process, we brought the proposal to the attention of the Parish Council. We did not receive any feedback and after consideration of the information available to us we raised no objection to the scheme.

For our own Woodland creation schemes, we routinely consult with Parish Councils and work with them to ensure any issues or concerns relating to the proposed plantings scheme are addressed. In future, we will also include NYMA in our consultations.

## **7. Environmental Land Management Scheme**

A questionnaire that sought the views of farmers and land managers within the North York Moors National Park as to which public goods they feel willing and able to deliver was sent out in January. It was hoped that everyone managing land within the National Park will have had an opportunity to respond to the questionnaire if they wished but unfortunately we have no mechanism available to ensure that the opportunity would reach everyone. The questionnaire was promoted via the regional and local press, on social media, through farming organisations, at agricultural trading stores, at livestock markets and it was posted out or e-mailed to those we have contact details for.

We received an exceptionally high level of responses; over 500, of which 365 were completed to a level that provides sufficient data for analysis. Eight focus groups have been held subsequently to build on the responses from the questionnaire, covering all the main farming sectors active in the National Park.

The results of the questionnaire and the focus groups are currently being collated and analysed by Service Insights Ltd, the consultancy that was successfully appointed to assist in this element of the Defra Test and Trails contract.

The next piece of work required by the Defra contract is to develop a financial modelling tool that will model the economic impact of attaching different values (payments) to the delivery of different public goods and the impact this has on different farming sectors active within the NYMNP. A tender will be let shortly to engage a consultant to work with us to develop and test the modelling tool.



**Visit by Officers and Members of North York Moors National Park –  
Wednesday 29 April to Thursday 30 April 2020**

**In attendance**

<b>North York Moors NP</b>	<b>Lake District NP</b>
Andy Wilson - CEO	Richard Leafe - CEO
Chris France – Dir. of Planning	Steve Ratcliffe – Dir. Sust. Development
Catriona McLees – Head of Marketing & Comms	Mike McKinley – Chairman (SoS Parish)
Jim Bailey – Chairman (Ryedale DC)	Peter Allen – Deputy Chairman (SoS)
Malcolm Bowes – Deputy Chairman (SoS Parish)	Tony Watson – Head of Communications and Commercial Services
Ena Dent (SoS Parish)	Luis Martins – Deputy Head of Service - Commercial
Alison Fisher (SoS)	Andy McGirl – Team Leader – Information Centres
Janet Frank (Ryedale DC)	Simon Hill – Team Leader – Commercial Property
David Hugill (Hambleton DC)	Alan Barry (Cumbria CC) (29 <sup>th</sup> April only)
Bob Marley (SoS Parish)	Mark Kidd (SoS Parish) (30 <sup>th</sup> April only)
Shaun Moody (Redcar & Cleveland BC)	Michael Carter (SoS) (tbc)
Caroline Patmore (North Yorkshire CC)	Geoff Davies (SoS Parish) (tbc)
Clive Pearson (Scarborough BC)	
Andrew Scott (SoS)	
Jeremy Walker (SoS)	
Colin Williams (SoS Parish)	

**Wednesday 29 April 2020**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Leading</b>	<b>Notes</b>
12.30 – 13.00	Brockhole	<b>Arrival and Buffet Lunch</b>		
13.00 - 13.30	Brockhole	<b>Welcome and Purpose</b> Introduction: what each NP would like to get out of the session	Mike Mck/ Jim Bailey	
13.30 – 14.00	Brockhole	<b>Introduction to the Lake District</b> About LDNP, Vision, Partnership, Org Strategy, Climate Budget	Richard Leafe	Powerpoint to include Key Facts / Vision / Org Strategy
14.00- 14.15	Brockhole	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
14.15 – 14.45	Brockhole	<b>Our Commercial Journey</b> LDNPA work to improve commercial performance of our visitor services. Working with private operators. Managing Visitors in honeypot sites.	Tony / Luis	Gavin / Kerry to help with some supporting slides
14.45 – 15.45	Brockhole	<b>Tour of Brockhole</b> Site development programme to improve	Sam / Luis	

		commercial performance and carbon emissions.		
15.45 – 16.00		Travel to Bowness Bay Info Centre		
16.00 – 16.30	Bowness TIC	<b>Introduction to Bowness TIC</b> Making the TIC more commercial Visitor economy pressures	Andy McGirl	Glenridding may be another option to encompass CC
16.30 – 17.00		<b>Travel to Castle Green Hotel:</b> <b>Check in</b>		
17.00 – 18.30	Castle Green Hotel	Continue discussions informally		
19.30	Castle Green Hotel	<b>Dinner</b>		

**Thursday 30 April 2020**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Leading</b>	<b>Notes</b>
08.00	Castle Green	<b>Breakfast</b>		
09.00 - 10.00		<b>Check Out: Travel to Coniston Boating Centre</b>		
10.00 – 10.45	Coniston BC	<b>Coniston Boating Centre</b> Tour of Coniston Site and introduction to operations based there Developing commerciality in Commercial Property	Simon Richard Steve Tony	
10.45 – 11.45	Coniston BC	<b>Steam Yacht Gondola – leaves 10.45</b> 1 Hr Cruise – continuing discussions		
11.45	Coniston BC	<b>Continuing Discussions</b> Flood Management in Coniston Climate Change Commons Mgt	Simon Richard Steve Tony	
12.15	Bluebird Cafe	<b>Lunch: Bluebird Café</b>		
13.00 – 13.45	Bluebird Café / CBC	<b>Continuing Discussions</b>		
13.45 – 17.15		<b>Travel to Helmsley</b>		

**Subjects: Tourism/Climate Change and Increasing Resources**

## Appendix 2

Meeting	Date of Meeting	Chairs Briefing
<b>January</b>		
Planning Site Visit	Monday 6 January	
Planning Committee	Thursday 16 January	Monday 13 January @ 10am
CLM Forum	Monday 27 January	Topic: Ryevitalise
Planning Site Visit	Friday 31 January	
Members Evening Seminar	Thursday 30 January	
<b>February</b>		
FRAS Committee	Monday 3 February	Tuesday 28 January @ 10am
RAF Fylingdales	Wednesday 12 February	
Planning Committee	Thursday 27 February	Monday 24 February @ 10am
<b>March</b>		
Members training event	Sunday 8 March	
NPA *	Monday 23 March	Friday 20 March @ 1pm
Planning Site Visit	Friday 27 March	
Northern Parish Forum	Tuesday 31 March	
<b>April</b>		
Planning Committee	Thursday 9 April	Monday 6 April @ 10am
PLUG	Thursday 16 April	
Southern Parish Forum	Thursday 16 April	
ARB Forum	Monday 20 April	Topic: Education and Sutton Bank
Western Parish Forum	Tuesday 21 April	
Coastal Parish Forum	Monday 27 April	
Members Training Day	29 & 30 April – Lake District	(includes an overnight stay)
<b>May</b>		
Planning Site Visit	Monday 11 May	
CLM	Wednesday 13 May	Topic: TBC
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 20 May	Management Plan
Planning Committee	Thursday 21 May	Monday 18 May @ 10am
FRAS Committee	Tuesday 26 May	Wednesday 20 May @ 3.30pm
<b>June</b>		
Local Access Forum	Wednesday 10 June	
NPA/AGM *	Monday 22 June	Friday 19 June @ 1pm
Joint Parish Forum	June or early July	

<b>July</b>		
Members Training Day	<b>Wednesday 1 July</b>	<b>Accessibility/ Historic Environment</b>
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 3 July</b>	
ARB/CLM Joint Forum	<b>Monday 13 July</b>	<b>Topic: Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 16 July</b>	<b>Monday 13 July @ 10am</b>
NPA Scrutiny *	<b>Monday 27 July</b>	<b>Friday 24 July @ 1pm</b>
<b>August</b>		
Members Evening Seminar	<b>Thursday 20 August</b>	<b>Staff Updates (Moors Centre)</b>
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 21 August</b>	
<b>September</b>		
FRAS Committee	<b>Tuesday 1 September</b>	<b>Tuesday 25 August @ 10am</b>
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 3 September</b>	<b>Friday 28 August @ 10am</b>
PLUG	<b>Thursday 24 September</b>	
NPA Committee *	<b>Monday 28 September</b>	<b>Friday 25 September @ 1pm</b>
<b>October</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 2 October</b>	
CLM	<b>Monday 5 October</b>	<b>Topic: Farming (TBC)</b>
Northern Parish Forum	<b>Tuesday 6 October</b>	
Southern Parish Forum	<b>Thursday 8 October</b>	
Members Evening Seminar	<b>Tuesday 13 October</b>	<b>Future Projects summary / Management Plan</b>
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 15 October</b>	<b>Monday 12 October @ 10am</b>
Western Parish Forum	<b>Tuesday 20 October</b>	
Members Training Day	<b>Wednesday 21 October</b>	<b>Future Projects site visits</b>
Coastal Parish Forum	<b>Monday 26 October</b>	
<b>November</b>		
ARB	<b>Thursday 5 November</b>	<b>Topic: TBC</b>
FRAS Committee	<b>Monday 16 November</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 November @ 10am</b>
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 20 November</b>	
<b>December</b>		
Local Access Forum	<b>Tuesday 1 December</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 3 December</b>	<b>Monday 30 November @ 10am</b>
NPA Committee *	<b>Monday 14 December</b>	<b>Friday 11 December @ 1pm</b>

\* Denotes NPA  
Committees/Meetings starting  
at 9.30am

## Member Training/Events Programme for 2020

Date	Training/Event	Lead Officer
Members attending either 23 or 24 January 2020 – am/pm session	Full standards and code of conduct training	Lisa Dixon
30 January 2020	Members Evening Seminar - need to explain proposed targets for additional year of BP; confirm what we have not done in current BP and agree why. Management Plan process and discuss initial thoughts for major themes/actions, plus initial discussions on Climate Change	Directors/Heads
17 February 2020 – am session	'5yr health check' with Chairs and Deputy Chairs, looking at all meetings and committees issues including procedures, premises, standards and behaviours	Lisa Dixon
Sunday 8 March 2020 – 10am-3pm	Views of Young People – Sunday event at Moors Centre with Young Rangers and Explorers	Mary-Jane Alexander/Tammy Andrews
29 & 30 April 2020 (includes an overnight stay in Kendal)	Members Training Event – <b>Visit to the Lake District NP</b>	Topics to be covered; Tourism, Climate Change and Increasing Resources
20 May 2020	Members Evening Seminar - Management Plan	Directors/Heads
June 2020 – date to be confirmed	Health and Safety for Chairs/Deputy Chairs	Ian Nicholls/Dom Passman
1 July 2020	Members Training Day – Accessibility/Historic Environment/H&S	Debbie Trafford/Briony Fox/Ian Nicholls
20 August 2020	Members Evening Seminar – Staff Updates – <b>Moors Centre</b>	Directors/Heads
8-10 September 2020	Members National Induction Course	Plas Tan y Bwch, Snowdonia National Park
13 October 2020	Members Evening Seminar – New Landscape Projects/Management Plan	Directors/Heads
21 October 2020	Members Training Day – Site visits – Landscape Projects	Directors/Heads
11 December 2020	Members Christmas Lunch	Authority Chair/VB

**Members are welcome to join in with any Volunteer super task days throughout the year. Information on these will be e-mailed to members as and when they are organised. Details for the first Supertask in 2020 are as follows:**

**Wednesday 25 March at Runswick Bay.** The task will be step work, there will be a quantity of stone to move and we will need to work as a team in order to move it to the required location. The hope is that the weather will be nice (reserve date late April just in case), we should get fantastic views from the cliff top and hopefully lunch on the beach depending on tides!

## Member Development Discussions 2020 – Guidance Note

At the FRASC meeting in September 2015 it was agreed to carry out Member Development discussions once every two years. This note provides information about the process and advice about preparing for your discussion.

The meeting involves a discussion between the discussion leader and one of his/her allocated Members. The discussion should follow a specific list of topics but, of course, you can raise any other matters during the meeting. The leads in this process are the Authority Chair and Deputy Chair and the Chairs of FRAS and the Planning Committees. Members have been allocated as follows:

Discussion Leads	Allocated Members
Jim Bailey	Peter Berry, Janet Frank, David Jeffels, Heather Moorhouse,
Malcolm Bowes	Ena Dent, Sarah Oswald, Caroline Patmore, Subash Sharma
Jeremy Walker	Alison Fisher, Shaun Moody, Clive Pearson, Colin Williamson
David Hugill	Vacant NYCC post, Patrick James, Bob Marley, Andrew Scott

The purpose of the discussion is to give Members the opportunity to comment about the performance of the authority, our future plans and your role as a Member. These discussions are confidential.

Meetings should include discussions on the following:

- What has been your main contribution to the Authority during the past year?
- What has gone well during the past year?
- What could have been done better?
- What training would you like to be involved in?
- What would you like to achieve next year?

Members are encouraged to prepare a few notes on these topics before their 1:1. At the end of the discussion the Discussion lead and the member he/she is meeting should agree:

- The main conclusions from the discussion.
- Any conclusions or suggestions to feed back to other Members.
- The main actions arising from the discussion and the person responsible for taking forward these actions.

When all meetings have been completed, the discussion leads will meet to discuss the main issues which have arisen and report back to Members.

Discussion leads to arrange meetings with each of their allocated members before Christmas 2020, with feedback to Members taking place in the New Year and any concerns/issues raised with Senior Officers thereafter.