

North York Moors National Park Authority

Item 5, Public minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2026

Present

Jim Bailey, Bob Marley, Malcolm Bowes, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, Jane Harper, David Hugill (late), George Jabbour, Patrick James, David Jeffels, John McCue, Steve Mason, Heather Moorhouse (late), Abida Nayyar, Clive Pearson, John Ritchie, Christine Robertson, Janet Waggott, Colin Williamson, Keith Wilkinson (Independent Person)

Apologies

Paul McInnes, Arnold Warneken

Officers in attendance

Tom Hind (Chief Executive), Pete Williams, (Director of Corporate Services), Joel Brookfield (Director of Recreation and Wellbeing), Briony Fox (Director of Conservation & Climate Change), Judith Seaton (Executive Support Team Leader), Paul Fellows (Head of Strategic Policy), Peter Jones (Head of Development Management)

Copies of all documents considered are in the minute book

24/26 Election of Chair

Following the nomination of two candidates, the meeting was adjourned in accordance with Standing Order 12 (e) to allow for informed consultation. Following the withdrawal of one candidate, Jim Bailey was elected as chair of the Authority.

Christine Robertson arrived during the adjournment.

Resolved: That Jim Bailey be elected Chair of the Authority, to take office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.

Jim Bailey in the Chair

25/26 Election of Deputy Chair

Resolved: That Malcolm Bowes be elected Deputy Chair of the Authority, to take office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority

26/26 Minutes

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2026, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record with the addition of Colin Williamson's report from FRASC being noted as read

27/26 Members Interests

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interests relating to any agenda item prior to its consideration

28/26 Committee Membership voting

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

Resolved: That Members

- Determine membership of the Committees and Forums list in **appendix 1**.
- Determine the Authority's representatives on outside bodies, listed in **appendix 2**.

29/26 Co-options to Committees and Forums

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive

Members commented that it is important to encourage young people to be involved in the National Park and suggested that a longer term be considered for co-options at the next review.

Resolved: That Members:

- Note the progress made towards the open recruitment of a second co-opted Member.
- Approve the extension of Luke Holmes' appointment as a co-opted Member for a further 12 months period.

30/26 Strategy and Business Plan annual report 2025/26

Considered:

The report of the Head of Strategic Policy

Members commented that it would be helpful to see an overarching narrative summarising the main cumulative trends in achievement of the five-year Objectives. The Forums should be used to support the work of the Authority by reviewing the delivery of annual milestones in relevant areas. These scrutiny sessions should take place prior to the annual Business Plan review at NPA. With the current Authority Business Plan reaching the end of its five-year cycle, Members and Officers discussed how to evolve the framework, noting the imminent review of the National Park Management Plan.

Action: Officers to recommend an approach to evolving the Authority's Business/Corporate plan from 2027.

Resolved: That Members note the contents of this report and offer any comments.

10.36 short break. Christine Robertson left

10.46 meeting resumed

31/26 Budget update 2026/27

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services (s151)

Members enquired about the mechanism for making further approvals for expenditure, notably following discussions at the Recreation and Wellbeing Forum. Officers noted that proposals would be developed by Officers for future approval by Members in accordance with the Authority's Scheme of Delegation.

Resolved:

That Members approve the additional £408k of expenditure over the next three years as laid out in **appendix 2**.

That Members approve the allocation of the surplus of £1.435m as follows:

- £142.5k to be ringfenced in reserves for year 2 and 3 delivery of the proposals as laid out in **appendix 2**.
- Unallocated balance of £1,312k is ringfenced in general reserves for future allocation to initiatives by Members.

32/26 Membership of UK National Parks Foundation

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive.

Members discussed the importance of collective working as a family of National Parks making a stronger unit.

Resolved: That Members resolve that the North York Moors NPA applies to become a member of the UK National Parks Foundation delegating the completion of the application process to the CEO.

11.39 Christine Robertson returned to the meeting.

33/26 Joint Minerals and Waste Plan – Options for review

Considered:

The report of the Director of Planning

Members considered whether political changes could affect National Parks particularly in relation to shale gas, noting that such protection is already included in the current Plan.

Members considered the financial implications of a joint approach as well as the ability to act independently. There will be a continued duty to cooperate with our partners.

Resolved: That Members:

- Assess the options for undertaking a review of the minerals and Waste Plan based on the issues set out in this report.
- Resolve to incorporate Minerals and Waste Policies as part of the new National Park Local Plan.

34/26 Local Plan – Notification of Intention to commence Local Plan preparation

Considered:

The report of the Head of Strategic Policy

Members requested an amendment to the resolution that Members *approve* (previously *note*) the review and document and *note* (previously *approve*) their publication.

Resolved: That Members approve the Intention to Commence Local Plan review and ‘Current Thinking’ document and note their publication.

35/26 Update to land management agreement rates

Considered:

The report of the Conservation Officer

Resolved: That Members approve the increase in payment rates for NPA Land Management Agreements set out in the table at paragraph 4.1 above.

12.00 David Jeffels left the meeting

12.07 David Hugill and Heather Moorhouse joined the meeting

36/26 Feedback from lead Members on committees and forums

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

The FRASC report from Colin Williamson was taken as read.

Patrick James reported on the Conservation and Climate Change visit to Fylingdales Moors on 23 April looking at the restoration progress and congratulated the efforts of Officers in securing funding.

Janet Waggott reported on two meetings of the Recreation and Wellbeing Forum which looked at accessible tramper routes, toilets and parking. A second meeting focussed on the Authority’s future generations work; this included a recommendation that consideration be given to allocate some of the additional funding to create capacity to support funding bids in this work area. This recommendation was endorsed by the NPA

Joel Brookfield noted that the EDI Group had discussed the Sutton Bank accessibility trail along with the new HQ entrance arrangements.

David Hugill reported on the Local Access Forum which, considered the Forge Valley Boardwalk, access to common land at Guisborough and Comondale and the Lyke Wake Walk. The LAF voted against this route being designated as a PRow as a whole route.

Action: Members recommended that the budget consider the recommendation by Recreation and Wellbeing Forum for additional resources as set out in the report on Page 96 of the pack.

Resolved: That Members note the report.

37/26 Reports from Members on outside bodies

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

Colin Williamson reported that the NYMNP Trust had appointed 2 new Trustees. He noted the funding received by the Trust, Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors and two National Landscapes from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority to extend the Natural Health Service project. The Stepping Stones project will be underwritten by the Trust from its reserves for a further year.

Resolved: That the report be noted by Members.

38/26 Chief Executive's report

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive

Resolved: That Members note the contents of the report.

39/26 On the record

Considered:

The report of the Executive Support Team Leader

Resolved: That That Members note the delegate attendance at the UKNP conference.

That Members note the dates proposed for 2027 and notify of any changes.

40/26 Other business

Jim Bailey thanked Patrick James and Christine Robertson for their contribution over the last 8 years and 4 years respectively.

.....(Chair)

28 September 2026