



North York Moors

Local Access Forum

North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate,
Helmsley, York, YO62 5BP

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on Tuesday 11 September 2012.

Present: J Batt, S Borman, B Briggs, Mrs C Cook, Mrs C Cussons, P Hay, Mrs J King, Lady E Kirk, Mrs M Mitchell, Ms A Peacock, S Scoffin

Apologies: G Dawson, G Winn Darley

Officers in Attendance: Richard Gunton (Director of Park Services), Fiona Farnell (Committees Officer)

Copies of All Documents Considered are in the Minute Book

26/12 Election of Chairman

The Deputy Chair Mrs C Cook, took the Chair of this meeting only.

27/12 Minutes

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

28/12 Matters Arising

- **Review of the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire**

Resolved:

That Members noted the response sent.

29/12 Paths for Communities - Dalby Beck

A powerpoint presentation was given by Petra Young from the Forestry Commission.

Members made comments or asked questions as follows:

- Will the path be for multi users?
- Have the Cleveland Ramblers and Whitby branch of the British Horse Society been consulted?
- Will a new fence be required to keep livestock out?
- What is the proposed surface of path?

The Officer answered Members questions as follows:

- At present the track does not incorporate horse users as there are other tracks within Dalby specifically for these users.
- The Cleveland Ramblers and the British Horse Society have not as yet been consulted.

The Officer noted that CTC would be making the application to 'Paths for Communities', with possible match funding from Yorventure. The Forestry Commission would carry out the new fencing, signage and on-going maintenance. The Officer is currently working with Whitby and District Disablement Action Group and visually impaired groups within Ryedale with regards to landscaping.

The Director noted that the Authority was very supportive of the principle but had concerns regarding designating it as a public right of way as this would have long term maintenance implications for the Authority. However if the Forestry Commission were happy to accept responsibility for maintenance then this could be a possibility.

Resolved:

That Members supported the proposal.

30/12 **Future of Meetings**

Considered:

The report of the Director of Park Services

Members noted that it would be hard to have continuity with only two official meetings a year, but noted that the forum could hold informal meetings, working groups and use email to communicate with each other between official meetings.

In answer to questions from Members the Director informed the forum that a separate panel had been formed to deal with rights of way issues the 'Access and Rights of Way Panel'.

The forum decided to hold an informal meeting after the official meeting to discuss how information would be passed between Members of the Forum.

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Forum Members commented regarding the matters set out in the report.

31/12 **Report Back from the National Park Authority**

Mr Scoffin updated Members as follows:

- A bid has been submitted to English Heritage to assist with works to Ancient Monuments.
- A bid has been submitted to LEADER to promote 'Local Distinctiveness'.
- The Authority's Management Plan will be launched on the 30 November.
- The first iPhone App for the Authority is based on the 'Lime and Ice' project.
- The Coast Alive project is coming to an end with a celebration event to be held in Whitby on the 19 September.
- The Mosaic Project has also come to an end after 10 years. The Authority has appointed a Community Link Officer Marion Faraharny.

- The Authority is holding a 'Pre-application Planning' meeting for York Potash to present its proposals at The Raven Hall Hotel on the 28 September 2012.

32/12 Items for Future Meetings

- LAF Protocol
- Bracken Management

33/12 Other Business

Members requested a meeting of the forum without Officer presence to discuss the future of the forum. Members agreed to hold the meeting directly after the close of the forum meeting.

The Director informed Members that the Authority had made their views known to Defra with regards to the withdrawal of 'Asulox' for bracken control.

.....(Chairman)
4 December 2012