

North York Moors National Park Authority

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on 25 June 2012.

Present: Mrs V Arnold, J Bailey, M Bowes, B Briggs, Ms A Fisher, Mrs J Frank, D Hugill, D C Jeffels, M Knaggs, T Lawn, P Lawson, Mrs J Mitchell, E Sanderson, S Scoffin, A Scott, Mrs C Seymour, G H Simpson, B Suthers, Mrs H Swiers, R I Thompson, H Tindall

Apologies: P Wheeler

Officers in attendance: Andy Wilson (Chief Executive), Irene Brannon (Director of Corporate Services), Lisa Dixon (Monitoring Officer), Richard Gunton (Director of Park Services), Andrea McMillan (Planning Policy Officer), Fiona Farnell (Committees Officer)

Copies of All Documents Considered Are In The Minute Book

32/12 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

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

Jim Bailey In The Chair

The Chair thanked Members for their continued support and welcomed Ms Alison Fisher and Mr Andrew Scott to the Authority as new Members.

33/12 Election of Deputy Chairman

Resolved:

That Mr Philip Lawson be elected Deputy Chair of the Authority, to take office until the Annual General Meeting of the Authority.

34/12 Members Interests

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

35/12 Public Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 2012

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

36/12 Public Minutes of the Special Authority Meeting held on 24 May 2012

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

37/12 Public Minutes of additional committees requiring approval due to their cessation – Conservation Committee 3 April 2012; Access and Information Committee 16 April 2012; Members Training Working Group 26 April 2012; Standards Committee 1 May 2012; Performance, Monitoring and Management Committee 28 May 2012

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the Conservation Committee 3 April 2012; Access and Information Committee 16 April 2012; Members Training Working Group 26 April 2012; Standards Committee 1 May 2012; Performance, Monitoring and Management Committee 28 May 2012 having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

38/12 Public Question Time

There were no questions from Members of the public.

39/12 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of each of the items of business shown in column 1 of the following table on the grounds that each involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 specified in column 2:-

Item No on the Agenda	Paragraph No
19	1 & 2
20	1, 2, 3 & 4

40/12 Review of National Park Management Plan

Considered:

The report of the Policy Manager. The Planning Policy Officer presented this item. A powerpoint presentation was shown, a copy of which appears in the minute book.

The Officer informed Members of the changes that had been made:

- Following discussions with English Heritage a revision had been made to the Historic Environment target.
- New targets had been added to the local businesses section in relation to employment and allocated employment land.
- Grassland and woodland targets had been amended as previously agreed.
- Page 15 – Figure 2 table – ‘Open Access Land’ to be taken out of column 4 and put into column 6 headed ‘What should be avoided?’

The Officer noted a launch would take place in the Autumn with key stakeholders signing up to the Plan with the possibility of a wider launch with Defra. Members were asked for their views on the proposed front cover.

Members made the following comments:

- Support moving open access land paragraph although need to look at wording to allow the Forestry Commission to continue planting in their own areas and allow for open access rights to remain.
- Species rich grassland target is achievable
- Due to the eco systems approach more sophisticated monitoring will be required.
- Congratulations to staff on pulling together all information.
- It would be nice for local school children/communities to be asked to provide designs for front covers in the future.

In answer to Members questions the Officer and Chief Executive answered:

- Moving the 'open access land' paragraph ensures that bracken covered slopes could be potentially planted with trees.
- Page 38 of the Plan confirms the Authority's commitment to controlling bracken.
- The planning exception site policy is still contained with the Core Strategy.
- Under the Water Framework Directive the Environment Agency will be looking at measures to achieve 'good' status in the Parks rivers which could include addressing any issues of seals.

A vote was taken on the front cover for the Plan between 'The Night Sky' and 'Artwork'. 'The Night Sky' was chosen as the front cover and it was hoped to be able to use the 'Artwork' somewhere in the Plan also.

Resolved:

That Members adopted the new National Park Management Plan as contained in Appendix 1 subject to any minor amendments as officers consider appropriate or necessary.

41/12 **Business Plan**

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services. A powerpoint presentation was shown, a copy of which appears in the minute book.

Member made the following comments:

- Sustainable Development Fund - support widening the scope of the fund and not ring fencing the £130k's, potential to look at streamlining processes including not committing to regular panel meetings with a possible reduction in the panel while maintaining expertise.
- Promoting Park Plan – The Promotion and Tourism Officer is doing an excellent job would like an update on the direction of travel at the September Authority meeting.
- Hope still going to look at the role/principle of the parish forums and possibly a community forum and whether other organisations should be asked to attend.
- Can officers look into the appearance of Spout House, Bilsdale?

Resolved:

That Members:

- a. Approved the Business Plan, subject to amendments as agreed.
- b. Approved the sale of speciality alcohol at the National Park Centres as detailed in the report, subject to receipt of the necessary licences.

42/12 Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies

Considered:

The report of the Committees Officer.

Resolved:

That:

- a. Members agreed Membership of the Committees and Working Groups as follows:

Finance, Risk, Audit and Standards Committee

Secretary of State Members: Mr P Lawson, Mr R Thompson, Mr E Sanderson, Mr M Bowes

Local Authority Members: Mr B Briggs, Mr D Jeffels, Mr T Lawn, Mr M Knaggs, Mrs H Swiers

Secretary of State Substitutes: Mr S Scoffin, Mrs J Mitchell

Local Authority Substitutes: Mrs V Arnold, Mrs C Seymour

Conservation and Land Management Forum

Secretary of State Members: Dr P Wheeler, Ms A Fisher, Mr H Simpson

Local Authority Members: Mr D Hugill, Mr H Tindall, Mrs C Seymour

Substitute: Mr R Thompson

Awareness, Recreation and Business Forum

Secretary of State Members: Mr S Scoffin, Mrs J Mitchell, Mr A Scott

Local Authority Members: Mrs J Frank, Mrs V Arnold, Mr B Suthers

Substitute: Mr M Bowes

Urgency Committee

Secretary of State Members: Mrs J Mitchell, Mr R Thompson

Local Authority Members: Mr H Tindall, Mrs C Seymour

Secretary of State Substitutes: Mr M Bowes, Mr E Sanderson

Local Authority Substitutes: Mrs H Swiers, Mr M Knaggs

Development Plan Working Group

Secretary of State Members: Ms A Fisher, Mr S Scoffin, Mrs J Mitchell, Mr M Bowes

Local Authority Members: Mr D Hugill, Mr D Jeffels, Mr J Bailey, Mrs H Swiers

Secretary of State Substitutes: Mr P Lawson, Mr R Thompson

Local Authority Substitutes: Mrs V Arnold, Mr B Suthers

Management Plan Working Group

Secretary of State Members: Dr P Wheeler, Mr P Lawson, Mr M Bowes

Local Authority Members: Mr D Hugill, Mr H Tindall, Mr B Suthers, Mrs V Arnold

Secretary of State Substitutes: Mr S Scoffin, vacancy

Local Authority Substitutes: Mr M Knaggs, vacancy

Personnel Appeals Panel

Secretary of State Members: Mrs J Mitchell, Mr M Bowes

Local Authority Members: Mr B Briggs, Mr M Knaggs

Secretary of State Substitutes: Mr S Scoffin, vacancy

Local Authority Substitute: Mrs C Seymour and Mrs V Arnold

Primary Land Users Group

Secretary of State Members: Dr P Wheeler, Mr H Simpson, Mr E Sanderson

Local Authority Members: Mr T Lawn, Mrs J Frank, Mrs H Swiers

Access and Rights of Way Panel

Secretary of State Members: Mr H Simpson, Mr R Thompson, Mr S Scoffin

Local Authority Members: Mr H Tindall, Mr D Jeffels, Mr B Suthers,

Mrs J Frank

Secretary of State Substitutes: Mr A Scott, Mrs J Mitchell

Local Authority Substitutes: Mrs H Swiers, Mr M Knaggs

b. The Authority's representation on outside bodies be agreed as follows:

- **Captain Cook Tourism Association Management Board** (1 representative plus 1 substitute) – Mr Thompson (Substitute : Mrs Seymour)
- **Campaign for National Parks** (1 representative) – Mr Scoffin
- **Local Access Forum** (1 representative) – Mr Scoffin
- **NYM Disability Advisory Group** (1 representative) – Mrs Seymour
- **North Yorkshire and Cleveland Coastal Forum Executive** (3 representatives and 1 substitute) – Mr Thompson, Mr Jeffels, Mrs Mitchell (Substitute: vacancy)
- **North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership** (1 representative) – Ms Fisher
- **North York Moors Historical Railway Trust Board** (1 representative) – Mr Lawson
- **North Yorkshire Moors Historical Railway Trust Liaison Meeting** (Authority Chairman or Deputy and 2 Members) – Mr Tindall, Mr Knaggs
- **LGA Rural Commission** (1 representative) – Mr Bowes
- **RAF Fylingdales Liaison Group** (Authority Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Chair of Planning and 2 Members) – Mr Sanderson, Mr Scott
- **Ryedale Community Strategy, Local Strategic Partnership** (1 representative) – Mrs Arnold
- **Ryedale Tourism Advisory Group** (1 representative) – Ms Fisher
- **North Yorkshire Housing Board** (1 representative and 1 substitute) – Mr Hugill (Substitute: Mr Sanderson)
- **Sub Regional Planning and Transport Board** (1 representative and 1 substitute) – Mr Lawson (Substitute: Mr Scott)
- **Sustainable Development Fund Advisory Panel** (1 representative) – Mr Lawson
- **Welcome to Yorkshire** (1 representative) – Mr Jeffels

43/12 **Member Code of Conduct and Framework for Dealing with Member Complaints**

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services. This item was presented by the Monitoring Officer.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that Members would receive training with regards to the new code.

Members were pleased to see the retention of an Independent person; a typographical error was noted at Appendix A point 2 removal of the word 'is'.

Resolved:

That Members commented and approved (amended as agreed)

- a. The draft Code of Conduct at Appendix A
- b. The proposed framework for dealing with allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct at Appendix B.

44/12 Performance Plan

Considered:

The report of the Director of Corporate Services

Resolved:

That Members noted the contents of the report.

45/12 Tourism Task and Finish Group Update

Considered:

The report of the Head of Promotion and Tourism

Members noted that the update confirmed what had been agreed to in the Management Plan and noted the work the officer was doing.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

46/12 On the Record

Considered:

The report of the Committees Officer

The Chief Executive updated Members that the Environment Agency had agreed to undertake more salmon monitoring over the summer, as there was currently limited base line data which was causing concern for the River Esk Action Committee.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

47/12 Reports form Members on Outside Bodies

Considered:

The report of the Committees Officer

An additional report was circulated at the meeting and a copy appears in the minute book.

Resolved:
That the report be noted.

48/12 **Parish Forum Update**

Considered:

The report of the PA to Chief Executive

Resolved:
That the issues raised at Parish Forums be noted.

.....(Chairman)
24 September 2012

**Public Summary of Items considered "in private"
at the meeting of the National Park Authority
on 25 June 2012**

Private Minutes of meeting

Members agreed that the private minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Private Minutes of Performance Monitoring and Management Committee

Members agreed that the private minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.