

North York Moors National Park Authority

22 September 2014

On the Record

1. Committee Dates Jan-Jun 2015

A copy of the Provisional Committee Meeting Dates, January-June 2015 for Members' approval appear at **Appendix 1**. Members are specifically asked to note that the May FRASC meeting has been moved to 1 June, this is a change to the previous draft circulated to Members.

2. Minutes from the National Parks England AGM

National Parks England AGM took place on 12 June 2014 the minutes from this meeting appear at **Appendix 2**.

3. Minutes from the UK ANPA AGM

UK ANPA AGM took place on 11 June 2014 the minutes from this meeting appear at **Appendix 3**.

4. Minutes from the North York Moors Local Access Forum

The North York Moors Local Access Forum met on the 10 June 2014 the minutes from this meeting appear at **Appendix 4**.

5. Minutes from the Primary Land Users Working Group meeting

PLUG met on 29 April 2014 the minutes from this meeting appear at **Appendix 5**.

6. Miscellaneous Items

a) Public Path Orders taking effect after their date of confirmation

<u>ID</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Took effect on</u>	<u>Description</u>
1355	5/17/CR21 0	12/05/201 4	13/08/201 4	Diversion of Footpath at Reagarth Farm, Helmsley
1352	4/18/DIV 1	31/10/201 3	15/08/201 4	Diversion of Bridleway at Seta Pike and Kirby Knowle Moor

b) Gates/stiles authorised under s 147 HA 80

- (i) 5' gate on Glaisdale Public Footpath 53 at River Esk NZ 74742 07354
- (ii) 12' gate on Westerdale Public Bridleway 76 at New House Farm NZ 65414 04563
- (iii) 5'6" gate on Newton Mulgrave Public Bridleway 39 off the B1266 NZ 77880 13650

- (iv) 4' gate on Newton Mulgrave Public Footpath 16 off the B1266 NZ 78560 13800
- (v) 5'6" gate on Newton Mulgrave Public Bridleway 29 off the B1266 NZ 78390
- (vi) 12' gate on Danby Footpath 108 at Beckside Farm NZ 73787 05995
13770
- (vii) 6' gate on Farndale East Bridleway 5 at Oak House SE 6573 9817

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7. Member Lunches

At the Special Authority Meeting on 28 July 2014, Members asked Officers to provide information on the costs to the Authority for providing Members Lunches. In recent years a decision was taken to only provide lunch after Planning Committee and full Authority due to the length of these two meetings, though occasionally other meetings do include lunch if Officers consider that the meeting will continue beyond lunchtime. Members allowance rates for lunch are currently set at £8.90, though few ever claim. This figure would be likely to rise substantially if lunches were not provided.

At present the Authority uses two lunch options depending on the nature of the particular meeting: Formal Committee Lunches are usually booked for Planning/NPA meetings at an effective rate of £6.55 per Member (the nominal charge is £9 per head but fewer lunches than Members are always ordered). Lesser informal working lunches cost £5.50 per head (but again the cost per Member will be considerably less than this), tend to be booked for working group meetings, seminars and training days. The Authority has tended to order a maximum of 16 lunches, to feed 22 Members, though this number should be reviewed in the future as Member numbers have recently dropped to 20. As a current working example of costs, Members are asked to consider the following:

Planning Committee - 12 meetings per year, formal lunch at £9 per head x 14 meals = £1512 per year

OR

Planning Committee - 12 meetings per year, informal working lunch at £5.50 per head x 14 meals = £924 per year

OR

Planning Committee – 12 meetings per year, individual claims at £8.90 by 20 Members = £2136 per year

Officers are conscious of the relatively low level of Members' allowances. Members (and Officers) frequently work through normal lunchtimes to finish committee business and working lunches are not uncommon. Some form of collective provision seems essential on at least some occasions. Officers request that Members use this information as a starting point for discussion on the issue of Members lunch provision going forward.

**North York Moors National Park Authority
Provisional Committee Meeting Dates
January-June 2015**

January	
Planning Site Visit	Monday 5 January
Planning Committee	Thursday 15 January
February	
FRAS Committee	Monday 2 February
Planning Site Visit	Friday 6 February
Planning Committee	Thursday 19 February
March	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 6 March
Members Training Day	Thursday 12 March
Planning Committee	Thursday 19 March
NPA	Monday 23 March
April	
Planning Site Visit	Thursday 2 April
Planning Committee	Thursday 16 April
ARB Forum	Monday 20 April
PLUG	Tuesday 28 April
May	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 1 May
CLM Forum	Wednesday 6 May
Planning Committee	Thursday 14 May
June	
FRAS Committee	Monday 1 June
Planning Site Visit	Friday 5 June
Local Access Forum	Tuesday 9 June
Planning Committee	Thursday 18 June
NPA/AGM	Monday 22 June

**NATIONAL PARKS ENGLAND
AGM**

Minutes of meeting held on 12 June 2014 between 9.00-11.00am at the Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby

Present			
<u>Directors</u>	<u>NPOs/ Chief Executives</u>	<u>NPAs</u>	
Jacquie Burgess (JBU) (in place of Stephen Johnson)	John Packman	Broads Authority	
Bill Hitchins	Kevin Bishop	Dartmoor NPA	
	Nigel Stone	Exmoor NPA	
Bill Jefferson	Richard Leafe	Lake District NPA	
Julian Johnson	Alison Barnes (ABa)	New Forest NPA	
Jim Bailey (Chair)		North York Moors NPA	
John Riddle	Tony Gates	Northumberland NPA	
Tony Favell	Jim Dixon	Peak District NPA	
	Trevor Beattie	South Downs NPA	
Peter Charlesworth	David Butterworth	Yorkshire Dales NPA	
<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Organisation</u>		
Paul Hamblin	National Parks England		
Amanda Brace (AB)	National Parks England		
Meriel Martin (minutes)	National Parks England		

AGM

Item		Agreed Actions
1.	Welcome and introductions The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies 2. Apologies were received from Stephen Johnson (Broads Authority), Margaret Paren (South Downs NPA), Andrea Davis (Exmoor NPA) and Andy Wilson (North York Moors NPA). Jacquie Burgess (JBU, Broads Authority) was attending in place of Stephen Johnson.	
3.	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4.	Election of Chair for National Parks England Jim Bailey was re-elected as Chair unopposed, with Bill Hitchins proposing and John Riddle seconding the motion.	
5.	Election of Deputy Chair(s) for National Parks England Bill Jefferson and Stephen Johnson were re-elected as Deputy Chairs unopposed, with Bill Hitchins proposing and Jim Bailey seconding the motion. SJ had indicated prior to the meeting that he was content to continue in the role.	
6.	Approve minutes of the last AGM The minutes were approved .	

7.	<p>Approval of Stephen Moulds of Moulds & Co. as NPE's Auditors</p> <p>PH explained that Moulds & Co. had been the auditor for National Parks England for a number of years, following a competitive tender process. The recommendation to agree Moulds & Co. as auditors for the accounts was agreed. PH noted that the arrangement would be reviewed again in future to ensure continuing value for money.</p> <p>PC joined the meeting at this point.</p>	PH
8.	<p>Approve NPE's Accounts 2013/14</p> <p>PH introduced the covering paper and noted that NPE was due to set a balanced budget over the four year period. The accounts were approved. PH thanked the North York Moors NPA and its staff for their continued assistance and provision of financial services to National Parks England.</p>	

**NATIONAL PARKS ENGLAND
AGM AND GENERAL MEETING**

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General Meeting

Item		Agreed Actions
9.	<p>Approve minutes from meeting held on 26 March 2014</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>TF joined the meeting at this point.</p>	
10.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p><u>Yorkshire Dales NPA Article 4 Direction</u> PC gave an update and explained that the Direction would go through in January if all went well and the Secretary of State didn't object.</p> <p><u>Section 106</u> PH stated that NPE had submitted a consultation response and met with the officials providing advice to Ministers. CLG had received a good amount of evidence relating to impacts in rural areas more widely. BH gave an update on the meeting with Planning Minister Nick Boles MP in London on 10 June. This had been facilitated by Mel Stride MP. The Minister was in listening mode. It was noted that the original announcement had been made in the Chancellor's autumn statement so CLG would need to convince Treasury of the need for a change. KB explained that Dartmoor NPA had compiled data on the scale of housing developments and it would be helpful to have this data for other NPAs if available. It was agreed that NPE should continue to seek an exemption rather than an adjustment to the threshold.</p>	ALL NPOs
11.	<p>NPE Business Plan Update</p> <p>PH introduced the paper noting that it had been a busy three-month period with a lot of activity across all three aims of the Business Plan. On 'Reputation', NPE had briefed Lord de Mauley to assist with his wish to write to other Government departments. The accord with Mobile Operators Association helped to demonstrate that National Parks are open for business. A separate accord with Openreach had been agreed, with a commitment for a joint visit involving the Secretaries of State for DCMS and Defra to launch the accord in a National Park. PH noted that AB had done a lot to influence the Defra-commissioned work on the value of protected landscapes. Looking ahead, stakeholder prioritisation work was</p>	

	highlights the many ways NPAs already provide opportunities for public engagement; recognises that for many ultimate accountability comes through the ballot box; understands why Government is looking into this; and will work with them and any processes established as a result. It was agreed that NPE would not take a position or offer advice on which members should be displaced by any introduction of directly elected members. Individual NPAs would engage with Defra on any further issues that they considered to be relevant to their own circumstances.	
14.	NPE Staff Benchmarking exercise DB gave an oral update on the NPE staff benchmarking exercise. He reminded Members of the commitment they had given to carry out this piece of work at their AGM in 2012. He appraised Members of current progress with the review and said a paper would come to the October NPE Board meeting for their consideration.	DB
15.	NPE's response to LUC report <i>Maximising Revenue for Protected Landscapes</i> ABa asked NPOs to confirm whether they or other senior officers were able to attend the Ministerial workshop on Monday 16 June to discuss the recommendations of the LUC report. AB noted that much assistance from NPAs had been received, helping to draw out the recommendations that will be most useful for us. AB had prepared a draft covering letter to Lord de Mauley which drew out the power of competence issue as a priority.	
16.	Notes of E-NPOG Meeting 12 May 2014 PH explained that the notes would be circulated at a later date as they were not yet available.	MM
17.	Any other business <u>Tony Favell</u> The Chair noted that this would be TF's last meeting with the Board. The Chair thanked him for his wise counsel and input, and the connections that he had brought to National Parks England. TF stated that his role as Chair of the Peak District NPA had been the most complicated but important role he had ever held. TF underlined the importance of National Parks, which provide something essential for people. Through NPE's work Government was realising this, and this vital work could not be done by NPAs separately. TF thanked NPOs for their time commitment to NPE and thanked the Board. TF stated that he would be happy to help NPE in future. <u>Sky lanterns and fire risk</u> JD noted that this topic was being looked at by the England and Wales Wildfire Forum, overseen by CLG. The question of whether NPE would support campaigns on this was being asked. It was agreed that the Chair, JD and PH would put together a response focused on high level messages around safety and litter. <u>New appraisal process for Secretary of State members</u> JR noted that the new approach needed a lighter touch as annual assessment was not needed and the form provided was over-complicated. Others agreed with this assessment and it was noted that some NPAs had already adapted the form to make it more fit for purpose, following consultation with Defra officials. It was agreed that this should be raised in a meeting on Friday 13 June with Sarah Hendry and Tom Surrey (Defra). It was noted that the attendance of the Minister at the January NPE Board meeting was a key interface; and that the new form raised issues that needed further clarification around re-appointment of Secretary of State members.	JB / JD / PH PH / TB / ABa
18.	Dates of future meetings: The date of the next meeting was noted as: a) 21 Oct – National Parks England Board meeting (London)	
	The meeting closed at 11.00am.	

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DRAFT MINUTES - UK ANPA AGM and Executive Meeting
Wednesday 11th June 2014
Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby, Pembrokeshire Coast

Attending

Brecon Beacons	Julie James, Chair; John Cook, CEO
Broads	Jacque Burgess, Vice Chair; John Packman CEO
Cairngorms	Duncan Bryden, Convener
Dartmoor	Bill Hitchins, Chair; Kevin Bishop, CEO
Exmoor	Nigel Stone, CEO
Lake District	Bill Jefferson, Chair; Richard Leafe CEO (Lead Officer UK ANPA)
Loch Lomond & the Trossachs	Owen McKee, Deputy Convener; Tony McInnes, Head of Commercial Development
New Forest	Julian Johnson, Chair; Alison Barnes, CEO
North York Moors	Jim Bailey, Chair
Northumberland	John Riddle, Chair; Tony Gates CEO
Peak District	Tony Favell, Chair; Jim Dixon, CEO
Pembrokeshire Coast	Mike James, Chair; Tegryn Jones CEO
Snowdonia	Caerwyn Roberts, Chair; Emyr Williams, CEO
South Downs	Trevor Beattie, CEO
Yorkshire Dales	Peter Charlesworth, Chair; David Butterworth, CEO

Observers, speakers, guests

John Ashton	President, Faculty of Public Health
David Allen	CEO, Faculty of Public Health
Iolo Ap Gwynn	Deputy Chair, Snowdonia
Kathryn Cook	UK Director, UK ANPA
Andy John	Office manager, UK ANPA (minutes)
Paul Hamblin	Director, National Parks England

Apologies

Cairngorms	Grant Moir, CEO
Exmoor	Andrea Davies, Chair
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs	Linda McKay, Convener, Fiona Logan, CEO
North York Moors	Andy Wilson, CEO
South Downs	Margaret Paren, Chair

Item	PART ONE - AGM BUSINESS	Agreed Actions
	Tony Favell (TF) took the Chair as outgoing UK ANPA Chair until a new Chair was elected. TF welcomed participants to the meeting, and thanked PCNPA for hosting.	

<p>1.</p> <p>1.1</p>	<p><u>Elections</u></p> <p><u>Election of UK ANPA Chair</u></p> <p>TF explained that he was stepping down as Chair of PDNPA, so therefore will also step down as Chair of UK ANPA.</p> <p>As there were no volunteers, nominations were requested. Bill Hitchins (BR) nominated John Riddle (JR), seconded by Jim Bailey (JB).</p> <p>As there were no further nominations, John Riddle was elected as new UK ANPA Chair for the 2014/15 term. JR took over the Chairing of the meeting.</p> <p>JR thanked TF for his support during his time as Chair of UK ANPA. TF thanked Jim Dixon for his role as UK ANPA’s Lead Officer during his Chairmanship, which he had found extremely helpful.</p> <p><u>Ratification of Lead Officer</u></p> <p>On 1st April 2014, Richard Leafe took over the role of Lead Officer from Jim Dixon. RL will hold a two year term – thereafter the National Park’s date of designation listing will be used to fulfil this role.</p> <p>KC went on to explain that after consultation with all CEO’s at a recent meeting, the role of Lead Officer has been split into 3 separate factions: Lead Officer UK ANPA (Richard Leafe) Commercialisation (Alison Barnes) Visit Britain & Existing Partnerships (Jim Dixon)</p> <p>This decision was ratified by the Executive.</p> <p><u>Deputy Chairs for UK ANPA</u></p> <p>JR explained that because UK ANPA is being Chaired by a representative of an English Park, the Deputy Chair roles should come from Scotland and Wales. These are: Deputy Chair for UK ANPA (Wales Rep) – Mike James Deputy Chair for UK ANPA (Scotland Rep) – Duncan Bryden</p> <p>This decision was ratified by the Executive.</p>	
<p>1.2</p>	<p><u>Introductions and apologies for absence</u></p> <p>JR welcomed Emyr Williams to the Executive as new CEO of Snowdonia. JR also welcomed Tony McInnes and Owen McKee, both of Loch Lomond & the Trossachs, who were attending the meeting as representatives for Fiona Logan and Linda McKay. JR welcomed Jacquie Burgess to the Executive as Stephen Johnson’s representative, Chair of the Broads Authority Iolo Ap Gwynn, deputy chair of Snowdonia was welcomed as an observer to the meeting. A warm welcome was extended to the guests from the Faculty of Public Health, who would be looking into areas of collaboration as regards the Health agenda with the National Parks family.</p> <p>KC noted apologies as follows: Grant Moir, CEO, Cairngorms; Andrea Davies, Chair, Exmoor; Linda McKay, Convener & Fiona Logan, CEO, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs; Andy Wilson, CEO, North York Moors; Margaret Paren, Chair, South Downs</p>	

<p>1.3</p> <p>1.3.i</p> <p>1.3.ii</p>	<p><u>Minutes of the last meetings</u></p> <p><u>UK ANPA AGM and Executive July 2013</u></p> <p>Kathryn Cook (KC) explained that all actions / matters arising had been followed up with the exception of the amendments requested by BH – KC explained this was an oversight and would be followed up after the meeting.</p> <p>Caerwyn Roberts (CR) noted that he had been recorded as ‘deputy lead officer’, when in fact he is a ‘deputy lead chair’. This will be amended</p> <p>These minutes were approved, subject to noted amendments</p> <p><u>UK ANPA Executive January 2013 - Video Conference Meeting</u></p> <p>KC referred the Board to draft Minutes of the January 2014 video conference noting that all action points had been completed, with the exception of the amendments to the above mentioned minutes.</p> <p>BH enquired about the legal advice being sought in relation to Incorporation, and whether this info had been passed to the working group. KC explained that Chris Walledge, solicitor for Dartmoor NPA, is to seek advice from a colleague on the issue of transferring funds back to the NPs with a view to tweaking the articles & memorandum to facilitate this, and any findings will be passed on to the sub group once received.</p> <p>These minutes were approved.</p>	<p>KC to update minutes</p>
<p>1.4.</p>	<p><u>UK ANPA Work Programme 2013–16 - Highlights /Achievements Summary Report</u></p> <p>JR referred Chairs to KC’s report which summarised the key achievements in 2013/14 the first year of the 2013-2016 work plan.</p> <p>The report was noted without comment.</p>	
<p>1.5</p> <p>1.5.i</p>	<p><u>Finance and General Purposes Committee Report</u></p> <p>JR explained that as incoming Chair, he hasn’t had any involvement with the F&GP Committee and asked Tony Favell if he had any comments?</p> <p>TF’s only comment was to thank Kathryn and her team for their continued hard work.</p> <p>TJ referred to the Natural Resources Wales funding agreement being in its 3rd and final year. What was the development going forward for the next financial year? KC explained that future funding will need to be renegotiated on a year-by-year basis, much like Natural England.</p> <p><u>Item 1.5i – UK ANPA Accounts 2013-14.</u></p> <p>KC reported that a healthy surplus has been achieved. This will be carried forward into 2014-15 financial year to cover the shortfall in office rent, due to the NPW Policy Officer role being made redundant, plus expenditure on other key projects, as outlined in the 2014-15 budget.</p> <p>BH mentioned that as a healthy surplus has been achieved – will this be reflected in future subscriptions? KC referred Chairs back to the 2014/15 budget and where the surplus had been allocated, she also emphasised that current subscriptions fall short of covering basic staff costs and overheads by more than £20k so some serious discussions needed to be had over future subscriptions.</p> <p>OMcK enquired why UK ANPA accounts were not audited. KC responded that UK ANPA’s turnover is not large enough to require an audit, which is also a lot more expensive than financial accounts. OMcK further enquired whether UK ANPA is a taxable</p>	<p>AJ to enquire about tax status once UK ANPA becomes incorporated.</p>

<p>1.5.ii</p> <p>1.5iii</p>	<p>entity. KC responded that UK ANPA was not eligible for corporate tax, although this should be looked into going forward</p> <p>UK ANPA Accounts were approved</p> <p><u>Item 1.5ii – Portal Accounts 2013-14</u></p> <p>BH mentioned that again, a healthy surplus has been achieved by the portal group. Any reason for this? Nigel Stone (NS) responded as lead officer of the Portal Group. As part of the portal work plan, specific reserves are managed in order to overcome problems, replace hardware and to plan for the future. With such a large turnover, the surplus is relatively modest.</p> <p>The Portal Accounts were approved</p> <p>KC gave the Executive a brief update on Natural England funding. David Henshilwood has been in touch to confirm that UK ANPA will be receiving funding from Natural England in 2014-15. The amount itself hasn't been confirmed, but the budget will be based on 2013-14 level of £20,000</p> <p>KC recommended that UK ANPA continue to use Medina Lynch Accountants for the 2014-15 financial year. This was approved.</p> <p>KC stated that there had only been minor updates to the 2014-15 budget, as approved at the Exec meeting in January. The NPW office rent was amended due to the post being made redundant, and an updated surplus added to income & expenditure.</p> <p>KC reiterated that the current level of subscriptions does not currently cover the base costs involved in running UK ANPA – shortfall of more than £20k. Therefore could permission be given to the F&GP Committee to look into this matter? Additionally, it has been suggested that the agreed commitment made by NPAs in regard to Workshop funding be reviewed by F&GP and bring a recommendation to a future meeting?</p> <p>The Executive agreed that these matters should be taken forward by the F&GP Cttee.</p> <p>Kevin Bishop (KB) – Dartmoor NPA are due to host the 2015 Conference, and at a recent meeting with CEOs it was decided that this Workshop funding review would not affect the Conference policy, which is for each NPA to send 6 delegates at £600 each. Is this still the case?</p> <p>There was a brief debate on the ability of some parks to meet this commitment, due to Welsh NPAs soon to receive a substantial cut in core funding. It was suggested that both Scottish & Welsh parks drop their commitment down from 6 to 4, but the overall feeling given by the Executive was that in order for Dartmoor to plan and deliver a good quality conference, then a suitable and equal commitment should be shown by ALL Parks to ensure that there will be no financial liability to the host Park or UK ANPA. KB reiterated that Dartmoor is basing their budget on the pre-agreed financial commitment of 6 delegates from each park at £600 each. Scottish Parks agreed in principle to sending the full 6 delegates, but were wary of agreeing before discussing back at HQ. Brecon Beacons NPA will discuss the issues at their AGM and get back to Dartmoor as soon as possible with the outcome.</p>	<p>AJ to inform Medina Lynch</p> <p>BBNPA and Scottish NPs to contact Dartmoor directly regarding this agreement</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><u>Faculty of Public Health Presentation</u></p> <p>Richard Leafe welcomed John Ashton and David Allen from the Faculty of Public Health, who gave a presentation on the Health Agenda.</p> <p>A discussion followed which explored ways in which National Parks could link up to the Faculty of Public Health. RL/KC to follow up with DA/JA</p>	<p>RL/KC</p>

	<p>There was also a brief introduction by Julie James (JJ) into Brecon Beacons becoming a 'Dementia Friendly Organisation' and the possible roles that the other National Parks can take in collaborating to share ideas.</p>	
	<p>MEETING PART TWO – GENERAL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS</p>	
<p>2.1</p>	<p><u>UK ANPA Work Programme 2013-16 – Joint Activities Progress Report</u></p> <p>JR referred to the activity report prepared by KC and asked for any questions</p> <p>KB asked for an update on progress of the National Member Job Description. KC explained that this has been superseded by other priorities and stated that a revised job description will be released shortly.</p> <p><u>Trade Marking</u></p> <p>KC updated the Executive on the current applications lodged by Dartmoor on behalf of National Parks UK for a UK Trademark and EEC trademark.</p> <p>EEC trademark – no-one opposed our CTM application and our mark is now registered. Dartmoor will receive the certificate shortly and will arrange for the Mark to be transferred once NP UK is registered.</p> <p>UK Trademark – KC explained that the trademarks attorney managed to persuade the UK TradeMarks Registry hearing officer to reverse his previous decision to object to the BBS Trademark and written confirmation has now been received from the UKIPO that our application has been accepted. The next stage is that our application will be published in the TradeMarks Journal for a two month period and if it remains unopposed will proceed automatically to registration.</p> <p>KC thanked KB & Dartmoor NPA team, who were instrumental in this process.</p>	
<p>2.2</p>	<p><u>Corporate Partnerships</u></p> <p>AirWick - KC referred to her update report on the AirWick Partnership and asked if there were any questions forthcoming:</p> <p>David Butterworth (DBu) highlighted that an initial payment of £50,000 has been made by Airwick to the National Parks, what is the process/progress of any additional monies? KC responded that the agreement with RB states that the balance of sales will be paid in March 2015. KC further explained that initial quarterly sales figures are due at the end of June – and KC has convened a meeting to discuss this. Airwick are very happy with the partnership so far, especially the amount of press coverage.</p> <p>Outdoor Sector - KC reported that UK ANPA are currently in exploratory discussions with 3 outdoor sector companies: JD Sports, Cotswolds & Merrell. Meetings planned with all three over the next couple of weeks. The official agreement with Merrell has now expired, so this sector is now open for renegotiation.</p> <p>BP - KC explained that a partnership approach had been received from BP, but after initial discussion, KC was not impressed with their proposal in which the benefits to BP far outweighed any benefit to the NP family – there was also no financial incentive in the original proposal which focussed on brand awareness. The Executive agreed the proposal did not on the face of it warrant the potential risk to the UK National Parks brand.</p> <p>Visit Britain – JD will carry out a presentation on this the evening meal, but at present reported the partnership is going well.</p>	<p>KC to follow up with AirWick</p> <p>KC to continue liaison in order to achieve the best possible result in this sector.</p>

<p>2.3</p>	<p><u>Commercialisation – Future Strategy</u></p> <p>Alison Barnes (AB) made a presentation giving a summary of the joint work carried out by Chief Executives on Corporate Sponsorship, and to set a framework on any future partnerships going forward. The Executive were asked to note the content of the report, and approve the key recommendations in order that the sub groups could progress:</p> <p><u>Approve the Branding brief to progress the brand evaluation – APPROVED</u></p> <p><u>Endorse the establishment of a new non-charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) to oversee the development –JR queried why Officers would be sitting on the board as opposed from Members. Tegryn Jones (TJ) explained that it actually means representatives of National Parks, whether they are Officers or Members – whoever has the expertise.</u></p> <p>Duncan Bryden (DBr) requested how will these decisions be recorded? These minutes will be referenced to in the future, so a decision should be made on the finality of the outcomes. DBr is under instructions from his board to agree in principle, but subject to the relationship between UK ANPA, the New CLG and the NPAs being explained more fully. Being a Member, and therefore responsible of a company & also being a Member of a National Park could conflict each other, so the Memorandum and articles of association should be clear on that.</p> <p>OMcK stated that the minutes should record that the endorsement has been agreed in principle, but on the basis of there being something put in that clarifies any potential conflicts re governance.</p> <p>KC suggested that as the next JNPOG meeting is due on 24th Sept, an additional meeting be arranged for Oct, preferably by videoconference.</p> <p>Tony Gates (TG) said a detailed governance report can be produced in this time frame, but will be based on the recommendation of a CLG, not any of the other recommendations as per report.</p> <p><i>After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that the recommendation be agreed in principle, subject to more detailed report of the governance of this new CL being presented to the October meeting of the Executive.</i></p> <p>AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SUBJECT TO DETAILED PROPOSAL REGARDING GOVERNANCE</p> <p><u>Endorse the Sponsorship Ethical Policy –</u></p> <p>AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON THE CONDITION THAT THE POLICY WILL AIM TO PROTECT THE VALUES OF UK ANPA AND ALL NATIONAL PARKS</p> <p><u>That each NPA contributes £10k in year 1, and identify that a further £10k within medium term budgets to fund initial setup costs - AGREED</u></p> <p><u>Agree the development of a prospectus - AGREED</u></p> <p><u>Agree that the branding working group can scope out & evaluate private sector involvement – AGREED</u></p> <p>AB – reiterated that in order to meet the ‘go live’ date of January 2015 we need to keep the momentum on this project. She emphasised that it was the responsibility of CEOs to keep their Chairs, NP teams and Members up to date with progress reports in order that deadlines could be met.</p> <p>JR thanked all CEO’s for their involvement in this research – probably the biggest task UK ANPA have been involved in since it’s inception.</p>	<p>CEO’s to look into governance issues of the new CLG</p> <p>AJ to circulate doodle poll for Oct VC</p> <p>TG to take forward Gov issues with sub group</p> <p>AJ to invoice £10k per park by end July.</p> <p>CEOs to keep their teams up-to-date with progress</p>
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<p>2.4</p>	<p>Country Reports</p> <p>National Parks England a full report has been provided in the meeting papers. No issues or queries raised</p> <p>Scotland – A full report has been provided in the meeting papers. There has been some development in the Land Reform Bill. The Minister is also taking a strong stance on Raptor poisoning. Scottish National Parks relationship with UK ANPA will be discussed in more detail after the referendum on Scottish Independence in September 2014.</p> <p>National Parks Wales – A full report has been provided in the meeting papers. There is a Governance review being taken into merging the 3 Welsh Parks into a single designation. Greg Pycroft has been seconded to Welsh Government to assist with this.</p>	
<p>2.5</p>	<p>All Party Parliamentary Group on National Parks</p> <p>PH – A full report has been provided in the meeting papers. Paul Hamblin (PH) stated that there have been a couple of developments since the report was submitted. There is due to be a draft bill into the governance of National Parks, specifically concerning direct elections of Members into National Park Authorities. The next APPG meeting will be concerned with this issue, and will take place in September 2014. Another APPG meeting, with the subject of National Parks & Business is planned for Jan 2015.</p>	
<p>2.6</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Jim Dixon highlighted the upcoming World Parks Congress, which will be taking place in Sydney Australia in November 2014. At the moment, there is no UK representation at the congress although there are volunteers who are keen on attending, largely at their own expense. It was proposed to support up to 2 individual's accommodation expenses once in Australia, which will total approximately £200-300 contribution per NPA. This proposal was discussed, and it was decided that this was not a priority at the current time and it was therefore rejected by the Executive.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at this point and participants left for the field trip.</p> <p>The Executive reconvened at 7pm – Jim Dixon gave a brief update presentation on the Visit Britain Partnership Work and Tony Gates presented on the Sill project in Northumberland.</p>	



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 10 June 2014.

Present: Catriona Cook, George Dawson, Bryn Griffiths, Peter Hay, Peter Hutchinson, Jan King, Muriel Mitchell, John Richardson and Brian Walker.

Apologies: Val Arnold, Catherine Cussons, Elizabeth Kirk, George Winn – Darley, Bryn Griffiths (from 11.30am)

Officers in Attendance: Stephen Croft, Karl Gerhardson, Richard Gunton, Malcolm Hodgson, Julie McLinden.

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At the start of the meeting, the Chair informed the group that Amanda Peacock had resigned from the group. Amanda wanted to inform the Local Access Forum that she felt it important that the cyclist's voice should be heard. On and off road cycling is becoming increasingly popular and a cycling representative would help to positively direct this sustainable way of accessing the park by cyclists.

Richard Gunton, Director of Park Services has written to Amanda on behalf of the group expressing thanks for her contribution.

01/14 Minutes

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 03 December 2013** having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

02/14 Matters Arising

Resolved:

That there were no matters arising.

03/14 Management of UURs

Karl Gerhardsen, Head of Access and PROW read a brief report from Sarah Blakemore, Access Officer on progress so far, the main points of which are as follows:

- Following an assessment of all routes, the nine highest priority routes are being monitored.
- Each route has a detailed Route Assessment Report detailing the impact of motorised use, assimilating information collected during 18 months of monitoring activity. Six reports are now completed.

- The North York Moors Unsealed Route Management Advisory Group (URMAG) has been established. This comprises of a small group of Local Access Forum members and recreational motorised users with Bryn Griffiths as Chair.
- The Group will utilise their expertise and knowledge to offer advice to the Authority on appropriate management for each of the 9 UURs. URMAG have had site visits and given advice on four routes.
- Routes seen to date are Mill Lane (Scugdale to Raisdale) Kirby Bank (Lowna to Rawson Syke, lower Farndale) and Northdale Rigg (above Rosedale Abbey).
- Routes still to see are Seggimire Lane, (Ugglebarnby) One near Bennison House, (East of Sneaton) Reasty Bank, (Harwood Dale) Kitter Lane (Hutton Mulgrave) and Ainthorpe Rigg, Danby.

Bryn Griffiths, Chair of North York Moors Unsealed Route Management Advisory Group, gave a verbal report to the group as follows:

- The group meets before a walk and are briefed fully. Sarah's reports are excellent; very informative and clear meaning that we are well informed before each site visit.
- After inspecting a route, the group will meet again to discuss and form a conclusion. It is hoped that the routes will be completed by September 2014.
- The process is innovative and collaborative and will result in recommendations. Hopefully, implementation will follow.

4/14 **This Exploited Land**

Stephen Croft, This Exploited Land Programme Manager, gave a verbal report to the group as follows:

- The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded a £3m grant to protect, raise awareness and celebrate the impact of the industrial period on the landscape which has been largely unappreciated. The main focus will be the importance of the pioneering ironstone and railway heritage of Grosmont and Rosedale which is being eroded. It will also encourage rare wild daffodils, ancient woodlands and habitat connectivity along the River Esk.
- The landscape encloses railways and many mine sites, but the project will focus on 6 key industrial archaeology sites including the mine at Warren Moor and ironworks at Grosmont. There is no permanent exhibition of industrial heritage and a detailed educational programme will be created as well as an apprentice scheme to help stimulate business.
- The project will reveal the impact the sudden explosion of industrialisation had on the landscape, its national and international significance and will help to conserve, protect and record the fragile remains of this revolutionary age. Concentration will be from 1830 – 1930.
- Links will be sought with Teesside and York Universities to advance academic research.

Members made the following comments:

- Heartened that the project is of world importance. Another uncelebrated area may be the remains of rabbit warrening which are the best in the country at Dalby Forest. This was a commercial enterprise using 100 hectares of land with the rabbit fur used to make felt.
- British steel archives are available and are an excellent resource for research.

5/14 **Planned Management Plan for the Cleveland Way**

Malcolm Hodgson, National Trails Officer, gave a verbal report to the group as follows:

- National Trails are to be run as partnerships which mean that more people are engaged with the management of them.
- There is a new draft management plan for the Cleveland Way which is available online for you to comment on. Please log on to : <http://countryside.org/cw>
- 75% of National Trails Officer post is funded by Natural England.
- There are four principals which define objectives based on feedback from workshops; Experience, Enhancement, Engagement and Economy.
- Walk and talk for businesses have been offered along the Cleveland Way and businesses just outside the National Park boundary are keen to be engaged. Our role is to help businesses to realise what they have to offer and to encourage businesses to talk to each other.
- Stiles will continue to be removed and there are only four wooden ones left along the whole route.

Members made the following comments:

- Beware there is a cost to using volunteer labour.
- With regard to funding, the armed forces community covenant grant scheme outlines the moral obligation between the nation, the government and the armed forces. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/fulfilling-the-commitments-of-the-armed-forces-covenant/supporting-pages/armed-forces-covenant>
- Visit: [community-covenants-by-region](#) to find information on regional grants. Is there an opportunity to work with local Catterick community?

6/14 **Possible Funding Opportunities**

Stephen Croft, This Exploited Land Programme Manager, gave a verbal report to the group as follows:

- Core grant funding is being reduced and the Authority has to think differently about funding mainly how can we re-balance budgets through self-generating income?
- The Authority will continue to receive a reduced core grant from the government to help deliver statutory purposes. But ultimately, if the Authority has a charitable trust running alongside the core grant this will open up new opportunities and funding from other areas. A Charitable Trust would spend money at its discretion.

- All UK National Parks are working together to address this issue which has resulted in the first commercial sponsorship by 'Airwick'. This has the potential to introduce the National Parks to new audiences.
- Looking at potential activities along the coast to help create jobs and work with tourism businesses to promote the coast.
- A LEADER funding application has recently been completed. The previous round was community orientated but this round is primarily about economic outcomes. It covers the Howardian Hills, East Cleveland and the Vale of Pickering. Scarborough and Whitby are not included, but small market towns are included and could benefit.

7/14 **Huddle Training**

A user training guide was made available to the group for information.

Members made the following comments:

- Huddle can be frustrating to use but there are some interesting discussions and items of interest on it.
- There is good guidance available within a common community of interest to help with best practice.
- Amanda Peacock engaged with Huddle on a regular basis and brought up any items of interest or concern to this groups attention. As Amanda has now left, John Richardson has kindly offered to keep a watchful eye on Huddle and bring any items to the group for discussion.

8/14 **Minister's Letter**

Members made the following comments:

- Attention of the group should be brought to last sentence in Minister's letter on giving consideration on how to improve provision for horse riders.
- Over last 18months horse-riders have found it tricky to go with confidence to some places. There is a new area on the website for walking; it may be possible to create a link for horse riders.
- There are 12 new circular horse rides on the Ride Yorkshire website which are challenging because of the nature of the terrain.

For more information visit: <http://www.rideyorkshire.org/>

- Could alternative sources of funding be put into place to improve the network? There is for e.g. a new bridge at Westerdale which the bridleway group have funded. Is this an opportunity for other groups to fund the legal side of the upgrade of bridleways? As an e.g. of a new way of working, the Coast to Coast which is overseen by the Wainwright society, is working towards becoming a recognised recreational route to display on OS Maps. Local authorities say it needs to be way marked and legally defined etc. The Wainwright Society is willing to fundraise to help with the cost of this and in Cumbria has offered to fund public path orders.

9/14 **Report Back from the National Park Authority**

Richard Gunton, Director of Park Services, gave a verbal report to the group as follows:

Update on Financial Situation

- By the end of next year, staffing levels will be 44% smaller than five years ago.

- This is due to the Authority having to make £650,000 in savings. A report which outlines proposals for broad areas of savings has been agreed by Members on 23 June 2014.
- A paper outlining more detailed proposals for re-organisation and structures will be presented to Members at the end of July. Changes will then start to be implemented from September onwards.
- With an overall budget of £4.5million, there is likely to be fair sized reductions in ROW and access and recreation.

ROW, Access and Recreation

- The delegation agreement has been terminated and Karl Gerhardsen will be working on re-negotiation.
- This Exploited Land has been successful in securing a £3million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- The initial launch of Sutton Bank Bikes has taken place. Based at the Sutton Bank National Park Centre, Authority staff have developed more than 28 miles of trails, including three off-road trails, a skills park for younger children, six road routes and a cycling shop including bike hire.
- Around 200 sheep are going on display as part of the 'Lost Sheep in Pink Jersey's' campaign which runs until 20 September 2014. Businesses, individuals and schools have given their backing to the campaign by making pink sheep - to reflect the colour of heather moorland. The campaign will introduce a fun element to people's days out but also encourage new and repeat visitors to the area.

York Potash

Members of the public were invited to attend a pre-application presentation on 14 July 2014 at Ravenscar to Members on proposals for the development of a new potash mine on land at Doves Nest Farm/ Haxby Plantation near Whitby and mineral transport system (tunnel) from mine head to new port and mineral handling plant at Wilton.

- York Potash Ltd has announced that the planning application for the mine head development will be submitted at the end of September 2014 with the application for the mineral transport system (MTS). The company considers that there are planning and environmental advantages in the revised timescale which would facilitate a more robust determination process for the two applications.

10/14 Items for Future Meetings

Members made the following comments:

- Multi User Routes, including the best ways of using them and night cycling.
- Discussion about Scottish access.
- Use of Public Highways in between PROW.
- Confirmation of a cycling rep on LAF.

11/14 Any Other Business

There were no other items for discussion.

Date of next meeting: Tues 2 December 2014.

North York Moors National Park Authority Primary Land Users Group

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on **Tuesday 29 April 2014.**

Present:

Country Landowners Association	Jane Harrison
National Farmers Union	Ron Foster, Martin Burt
Forestry Commission	Crispin Thorn, Alan Eves
Natural England	Robert Burnett, Christine Robertson
Moorland Association	George Winn-Darley, Robert Sword
North Yorkshire County Council	Matt Millington
Environment Agency	Iain McDonnell
National Park Authority Members:	James Holt
	Mr Sanderson
	Malcolm Bowes
	Janet Frank
	Hawson Simpson
	Mrs Helen Swiers

National Park Authority Staff:	David Renwick
	Amy Thomas
	Bernie McLinden
	Simon Wightman
	Julie McLinden

Apologies:

David Newborn (Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust), David Shaw (Natural England), Laurie Norris (NFU), Paul Wilson (National Gamekeepers Organisation), Eleanor Baxendale (National Trust), Dorothy Fairburn (Country Business and Landowners Association).

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00/14 Mr Wheeler finished as an Authority Member on 31 March 2014. Mr Martin Burtt as Deputy Chairman agreed to act as Chairman for this meeting until a new Chair is elected at the next meeting on 30 September 2014.

On behalf of PLUG, Mr Burtt would like to thank Mr Wheeler for his work and commitment to the group.

Martin Burtt in The Chair

01/14 **Public Minutes of the meeting held on 01 October 2013.**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 01 October 2013, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

- The Chair queried had there been any progress on item 16/13 Action to combat unauthorised motor vehicles?

Members made the following comments:

- Rangers work closely with Police and carry out regular joint patrols giving advice to users. Rangers also convene a Rural Anti – Social Behaviour group to discuss issues and liaise with user groups such as TRF (Trail Riders Fellowship) to promote responsible use.
- **ACTION:** Request update from Director of Park Services at the next meeting.

02/14 **Matters Arising**

- **Sky Lanterns**
George Winn – Darley gave a verbal report outlining the problems caused by sky lanterns.

Members made the following comments:

- This is a national problem and there is a general lack of public awareness. The Authority receives requests from the public and they are advised not to release them because of the dangers they pose.
- TESCO is reviewing its decision to stock sky lanterns following increasing pressure on the supermarket to pull them off its shelves. Farmers Guardian's 'Say No to Sky Lanterns' campaign has been pressuring retailers to take action.
- A possible solution could be for the government to take the same approach as with litter i.e. gaining control through legislation.

For advice and guidance on issues surrounding the risk of using sky lanterns in the Lake District National Park visit, which provides a useful guide of relevance in other areas as well as the Lakes:

<http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/policies/chineselanterns>

- **ACTION:** Director of Conservation to write a letter from the chair of PLUG to DEFRA asking for action to be taken nationally.
- **ACTION:** Draft policy for using sky lanterns on own land and advise non-use.
- **ACTION:** Put Press Release on website to highlight risk and advise non-use.

03/14 **External Funding and Grants**

- **Update on identifying funding Opportunities.**
A power point presentation was given by Matt Millington, North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Partnership, a copy of which appears in the minute book. (Also include table).

Members made the following comments:

- In the current climate there is now increased competition for government grants and we need to maximise opportunities to bring funding in.
- It is good to see that there are many sources of funding identified, including small grants which both individuals and organisations can apply for.

- **Update on Agri-Environment Funding (New Environmental Land Management Scheme - NELMS) Natural England.**

A verbal report was given by Robert Burnett, Manager, Natural England, Leeds, a copy of which appears in the minute book.

Members made the following comments:

- A consultation on targeting through workshop sessions may potentially be a good way of capturing local issues and to feed into any national approach.
- The Authority has progressed work on landscape biodiversity and habitat connectivity corridors. The national framework sets limits and parameters and biodiversity and water management are likely to be key priorities of any new scheme.
- The new Rural Development Programme is worth £3 billion and will be more targeted and focused. With this in mind, PLUG must ensure that it understands what targeting of NELMS means in order to maximise potential for the National Park. Some 70% of the NELMS budget is already allocated to renewing existing agreements so the capacity to deliver new schemes will be limited.

For more information on stimulating growth in rural areas visit RDP webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/stimulating-economic-growth-in-rural-areas>

For more information on NELMS visit: <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/nelms.aspx>

- **Update on other Funding Programmes.**

Role of Local Enterprise Partnerships.

David Renwick, Director of Conservation gave a verbal report, the main points of which are as follows:

- We are working with the Tees Valley Unlimited (the Local Enterprise Partnership for the Tees Valley) and the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership to ensure that the economy is well represented.
- LEP's (Local Enterprise Partnerships) are writing strategies so that money flows through to organisations and businesses. This will enable opportunities to draw down money via European funding including apprenticeship work.

For more information on supporting economic growth through local enterprise partnerships visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/supporting-economic-growth-through-local-enterprise-partnerships-and-enterprise-zones/supporting-pages/local-enterprise-partnerships>

LEADER

Amy Thomas, LEADER Programme Manager gave a power point presentation, a copy of which appears in the minute book.

Members made the following comments:

- Six key priorities from DEFRA are targeted towards farming and forestry and there is a big emphasis on economic growth and jobs which is a significant change from the last programme. Ideas need to be submitted to the Authority now to help feed into the development of the new Local Development Strategy and any project ideas that may require funding.
- The changes outlined are significant and a major change for the future emphasis and make-up of a new programme.

This Exploited Land

A verbal report was given by David Renwick, Director of Conservation, the main points of which are as follows:

- The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded a £3m grant to achieve this project with an 18 month development phase with the rest of the funding to follow subject to a further approval.
- The main focus of the project will be the importance of the pioneering ironstone and railway heritage of Grosmont and Rosedale, which is being eroded by time but TEL is a landscape programme and therefore there are strong elements relating to the natural environment and access and interpretation. The Project is very much a partnership approach with the Authority acting as lead with strong community buy-in.
- Permission to start the project has been received and Louise Cooke, This Exploited Land Heritage Officer, is now in place. A landscape conservation action plan is now being written and it will take 4 – 5 years to deliver the project once we have submitted the plan for approval in October 2015.

04/14 Disease and Biosecurity

A power point presentation was given by Crispin Thorn, Area Director, Forestry Commission, a copy of which appears in the minute book.

Members made the following comments:

- Can crops be made more resilient through mono-culture diversification? Do woodland managers consider re-planting schemes?

For advice on species choice and selection visit FC Climate change webpage

Link: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-8m6hdl>

- For details of current pest and diseases visit FC Plant health webpages Link: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pestsanddiseases>
- 'Roots to Prosperity' – Headline report outlining FC working with sector to develop an action plan for economic growth in the forestry sector.

05/14 Access and Dog Management

A verbal report was given by Bernie McLinden, Head of Park Management. The main points of which are as follows:

- Bird nesting posters are erected on open access land each year. Rangers also give out posters and leaflets on request to keepers. 'Walking with Dogs' information is available on the National Park website and leaflets can be requested from the Rangers.
- Advice is given to the public by Rangers and Voluntary Rangers whilst on patrol.
- A one off poster for Rosedale Railway was recently produced and erected advising on responsible dog walking.
- This is a national problem and the Authority will continue to work collaboratively with land managers to address this issue.

Members made the following comments:

- There seems to be a national trend whereby the figures for dogs worrying livestock is going up. At Spaunton recently, a terrier caused fatal damage to sheep and was found with its dog lead still on. As a result of this incident both dog and sheep were destroyed. Not a happy outcome for owners.
- The problem is getting worse and there is not enough being done. Could the Authority take a lead role in addressing the problem on a national level?

06/14 **Update on Authority Business**

Crow Traps

Simon Wightman, Head of Natural Environment, updated members as follows:

- Paul Wilson, Head Keeper at Bransdale, previously raised the issue of vandalism of legal crow traps. SW discussed wording for a sign that could be attached to traps with Paul Wilson, George Winn-Darley and PC Gareth Jones, NYPP.
- It was decided to produce robust signs which could be attached to cage traps. They would incorporate logos and the non-emergency contact number for North Yorkshire Police.
- Signs will cost £1.20 each and the conservation team will be in touch with moorland managers to ask for numbers needed.

Public Rights of Way

Bernie McLinden, Head of Park Management, updated members as follows:

- Cut backs to the Authority's budget have meant that consideration has been given to the way in which the PROW network is managed.
- NYCC has legal responsibility for rights of way but they give these powers and duties to the National Park Authority under the terms of a delegation agreement.
- The delegation agreement which states what the Authority does on PROW has been re – negotiated. Under the new agreement we continue to be responsible for maintenance but we will no longer have responsibility for the definitive map – the legal record of public rights of way.

- We will still be able to do a few public path orders (diversions, creations and extinguishments) but those user groups seeking to add historic rights of way to the definitive map will need to apply to NYCC instead. This change took place on 1st April 2014.
- The delegation agreement ends on 31 March 2015. This does not mean that we will cease PROW maintenance, but it gives the Authority flexibility in deciding what it does on rights of way in the future, whilst looking at its priorities across all areas of work and how these are to be achieved given our shrinking budgets.

Members made the following comments:

- What will be the impact on the rights of way managed?
- Hopefully the Authority's ability to deliver on over 1400 miles of PROW will be addressed in the coming months.

Reduction in Funding

Andy Wilson, Chief Executive, joined the meeting to update members as follows:

- **Reduction in Funding.** By the end of 2016 further reductions will mean that our grant will be down by 40% in real terms. A cut to the Moorsbus service has already previously happened and there will be decisions about more reductions during the summer months.
- Voluntary and compulsory redundancies are likely to come into effect at the end of December 2014. The Authority is keen to retain grant giving ability but it is likely these will need to decrease.
- **Income Generation**
Our fees are lower than other authorities and we will need to adapt what we do in terms of grant aid. The Authority is expected to generate its own income and this takes time and a different skills set in becoming more entrepreneurial.

07/14 **Partner Updates**

Members made the following comments:

National Farmers Union

Fly tipping is becoming a big problem again. It is a nuisance, has the potential to pollute watercourses and to contaminate land and it can also be a danger to grazing livestock

NFU Link: <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/members/nfu/>

Natural England

- Resources are shrinking and the organisation is currently undergoing restructuring and voluntary redundancies with a move to an area based structure.
- The website will change to gov.uk address.
- Currently working at Staithes and Sandsend and on the Esk Project.

NE Link: http://www.naturalengland.gov.uk/about_us/default.aspx

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- We are continuing to engage on NELMS and landowners are awaiting decisions.

Forestry Commission

- Trying to make best use of current programme.
- A new report by CONFOR highlights threat of future for forest industry in Scotland.
For more information visit:
<http://www.confor.org.uk/NewsAndEvents/News.aspx?pid=23&id=2694>

08/14 Any Other Business

- The Chair requested that the Authority ask Mr Welford if he would like to remain on PLUG as he has not attended the last few meetings.
- **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 30 September 2014 at 10.00am.