

North York Moors National Park Authority

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on Monday 26 June 2017.

Present:

Leslie Atkinson, Jim Bailey, Malcolm Bowes, Ena Dent, Michael Dick, Alison Fisher, Janet Frank, David Hugill, Heather Moorhouse, Sarah Oswald, Caroline Patmore, Ted Sanderson, Andrew Scott, Jeremy Walker.

Apologies:

Guy Coulson, David Jeffels, Christopher Massey, Stuart Parsons, Clive Pearson

Officers in Attendance:

Andy Wilson (Chief Executive), Irene Brannon (Director of Corporate Services), Briony Fox (Director of Polyhalite Projects), Ian Nicholls (Assistant Director of Corporate Services), Chris France (Director of Planning), Richard Gunton (Director of Park Services), David Shaw (Director of Conservation), Richard Smith (Authority Solicitor), Vanessa Burgess (Committees & Customer Services Officer)

Copies of All Documents Considered Are In The Minute Book

27/17 Election of Chair

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 continuing support.

28/17 Election of Deputy Chair

Resolved:

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

The Deputy Chair thanked Members for their support.

29/17 Minutes

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2017, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

30/17 Urgency Minutes

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the Urgency meeting held on 8 March 2017, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

31/17 Public Question Time

There were no questions from Members of the public.

32/17 Members Interests

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

33/17 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 18 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1,2,3,4 of Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

34/17 Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies

Considered:

The report to the Committees Officer

Resolved:

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

Finance, Risk, Audit and Standards Committee

Secretary of State Members: Mr Scott, Mr Walker, Mr Sanderson, Mrs Dent

Local Authority Members: Mr Parsons, Mr Dick, Mrs Patmore, Dr Massey, Mr Bailey

Conservation and Land Management Forum

Secretary of State Members: Ms Fisher, Mrs Dent, Mr Sanderson

Local Authority Members: Mr Coulson, Mr Hugill, Mrs Frank

Awareness, Recreation and Business Forum

Secretary of State Members: Mr Scott, Ms Oswald, Mrs Dent

Local Authority Members: Mrs Frank, Mr Dick, Mr Jeffels

Urgency Committee

Secretary of State Members: Mr Sanderson, Mr Walker

Local Authority Members: Mrs Patmore, Dr Massey

Development Plan Working Group

Secretary of State Members: Mr Atkinson, Mr Walker, Ms Fisher, Mrs Dent

Local Authority Members: Mr Jeffels, Mr Coulson, Mrs Frank, Mrs Patmore, Mr Parsons

Management Plan Working Group

Secretary of State Members: Mr Walker, Ms Fisher, Mr Bowes
Local Authority Members: Mr Bailey, Mr Hugill,, Mr Pearson, Mrs Patmore

Personnel Appeals Panel

Secretary of State Members: Mr Walker, Ms Oswald
Local Authority Members: Mr Pearson, Mrs Patmore

Primary Land Users Group

Secretary of State Members: Mrs Dent, Mr Sanderson, Mr Atkinson
Local Authority Members: Mrs Frank, Mr Pearson, Mr Hugill

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

- **Campaign for National Parks** (1 representative) – Mr Jeffels
- **Local Access Forum** (1 representative) – Mr Atkinson
- **Local Government North Yorkshire, York & East Riding Housing Board** (1 representative and 1 substitute) – Ms Fisher (Substitute: Mr Hugill)
- **Minerals and Waste Plan – Joint Member Working Group** (2 representatives and 2 substitutes) – Mr Atkinson, Mrs Patmore (Substitutes: Ms Fisher, Mr Sanderson)
- **NYM Disability Advisory Group** (1 representative) – Ms Oswald
- **RAF Fylingdales Liaison Group** (Authority Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Chair of Planning and 2 Members) – Mr Coulson, Mr Atkinson
- **Tourism Advisory Board** (1 representative) – Mr Scott
- **Spatial Planning and Transport Board** (1 representative and 1 substitute) – Mr Scott (Substitute: Ms Fisher)
- **Welcome to Yorkshire** (1 representative) – Mr Coulson

Chief Executives Review Group – The Chair, Deputy Chair of the Authority and the Chair of FRASC

35/17 **Easy Access Routes**

Considered:

The report to the Director of Park Services.

Richard Gunton updated members:

- As detailed in the Director's report, all 8 routes had now been inspected, some with the help of DAG Members Ian Lawson. DAG members have seen the Director's report and were content with the work done.

Members commented on the following:

- Geography of the assisted routes - routes mainly located in South and East of the NP, any plans to create additional routes perhaps including Western and Northern areas?
- Promotion of/awareness building of Easy access routes or just promote all routes in general?
- Information in paper form, not just online?

Richard Gunton advised members that there had been little uptake of hard copy leaflets in the past, even though they had been promoted widely. Richard informed members that the route information would be included in the Authority's Out and About Guide in 2018.

Action: RHG/Julian Brown, Interpretation Officer to work with DAG members on how best to disseminate the route information to members of the public.

Resolved: Members approve the works set out in the report.

That officer's vire additional funding, in line with the Authority's financial regulations as required to ensure that all issues are addressed during the 2017/18 financial year.

36/17 **Apprentice Programmes**

Considered:

The report to the Assistant Director of Corporate Services.

Ian Nicholls updated members, paying particular attention to the issues listed in Section 3 of his report.

Members commented on the following:

- Disappointed by low number of applicants to the scheme
- Does advertising of opportunities take place at local shows, such as the Cleveland Show and via local groups such as the Scouts?
- Issues around Public transport – more services due via Esk Valley trains, which may help
- Levy Funds/Apprentice pay – are low levels of pay dissuading young people from applying, could funds from elsewhere free up funding to pay Apprentices a slightly higher rate of pay?

Ian Nicholls informed members that the Authority's Apprenticeship Scheme needed to be seen as a 'whole package', not just the financial reward, but that it was also about the training, experience received etc.

Action: IN to note for November NPA

IN informed members that the situation regarding Work Experience placements were being looked at Daniel Moncrieff, Head of Education and Youth Engagement.

Members commented on the following:

- Use Apprenticeships to encourage more people to stay in the local area
- Encourage older people to apply, giving a mix of ages within the NP
- Trailblazing – a good message to Government
- Knowledge/info sharing with other NP's

IN informed members that information/knowledge regarding Apprentice Programmes was shared at regular meetings with other NP's.

Resolved: Members noted the contents of the report.

Officers to report back later in the year with a fuller consideration and recommendations on how to deal with the issues raised in Part 3 of the report and give an update on Government plans for the mechanism for sharing apprentice levy funds.

37/17 Polyhalite Projects Update

Considered:

The report to the Director of Polyhalite Projects.

Briony Fox, asked members to note a correction to the figure at 3.1 of the report, the report should have read £604,890.

Briony informed members that a lot of work was now taking place above ground at the Woodsmith mine site and that the Authority was expecting some amendments to be made to the original application. Officers were now working on a compensation and mitigation plan.

Members asked about the following:

- Boulby mine – any more information on their plans?
- Tone of relationship between NYMNPA and Sirius
- Liaison Committee/Member involvement
- Section 73 – will this go to Planning committee?

Briony informed members that the Authority had a good, collaborative relationship with Sirius and that a communications strategy would form part of the mitigation plan. Officers have made contact with the Parishes impacted by the mine and arrangements would be made to visit them in due course. Briony informed members that the Authority would be looking for member involvement going forward to help support work on strategic projects.

Action: BF to take Delivery Plan to Sept NPA

Andy Wilson, Chief Executive reminded members that the forthcoming August evening seminar would focus on work towards the draft plan and also Sutton Bank

One member asked for an update on the changing market for Polyhalite.

Chris France, Director of Planning, informed members that an EIA scoping request had recently been received from Boulby mine and Officers were expecting a planning application, covering a further 25 year period, to be received from the mine in the autumn.

One member asked the Authority to consider encouraging the re-introduction of red squirrels to the local area as part of the s106 carbon offsetting/tree planting project.

<p>Resolved: the approach to the delivery of the s106 agreement outlined in the report was approved.</p>

38/17 Development of a Health & Wellbeing Monitoring Framework (Feedback from ARB) (Verbal Presentation – Sarah Oswald & Richard Gunton)

Richard Gunton, Director of Park Services and Sarah Oswald, Authority Member gave a joint presentation to members about developing a way to measure health and wellbeing.

Richard Gunton informed members that the April ARB meeting, involving a number of the Community Champions and held in Middlesbrough had been very worthwhile.

Sarah Oswald shared with members, some of the feedback from the meeting stating that those who attended the meeting had worked in small groups exploring ideas around what visiting the North York Moors meant to them.

Richard Gunton talked members through the next steps advising that, since the meeting took place, Officers had already completed some work in relation to how the Authority communicates with its Community Champions. Discussion followed concerning Officers request to seek paid external expertise to further help support the measurement aspect of the health and wellbeing work.

Members raised the following points:

- Good to collaborate, learn from others
- Possibility of a PhD student undertaking some of the work
- To what extent does the work sit within the Management Plan/Business Plan

Michael Dick left the meeting at 12.20pm

Briony Fox mentioned research which had been carried out in 1990's (J Burgess) – accessing the Peak District NP, suggesting it may be worth trying to contact the author.

Action: RHG to further investigate what research has already been done.

Richard Gunton informed members that the Authority was in a good place to take this work forward, especially now we had new youth engagement staff in post. The Authority wanted to invest in some outside help to assist with the measuring of health and wellbeing in the countryside.

Members confirmed they were happy for the Authority to commit £10K to further the work indicated above.

39/17 **Reports from Members on Outside Bodies** (Alison Fisher – Housing Board, David Jeffels – CNP).

Considered:

The report of the Committees Officer.

Members were asked to note a typo on the first bullet point at the top of page 55 of the agenda, bullet point should have read, protecting the funding of NP's for the next five years.

Resolved: Members noted the report

40/17 **On the Record**

Considered:

The report to the Committees Officer.

Andy Wilson, Chief Executive explained to members about the National Parks Partnership clothing deal which had been agreed with Columbia clothing.

Andrew Scott left the meeting at 12.45pm

41/17 **Parish Forum**

Considered:

The report of the PA to Chief Executive

Resolved: Members noted the issues which had been raised at the Parish Forums.

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25 September 2017

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**Public Summary of Items considered "in private"
at the meeting of the Authority
on 26 June 2017**

Private Minutes

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