

## North York Moors National Park Authority

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on Monday 19 December 2016.

### Present:

Leslie Atkinson, Jim Bailey, Malcolm Bowes, Guy Coulson, Ena Dent, Michael Dick, Alison Fisher, Janet Frank, David Hugill, David Jeffels, Christopher Massey, Heather Moorhouse, Sarah Oswald, Caroline Patmore, Clive Pearson, John Ritchie, Ted Sanderson, Andrew Scott, Jeremy Walker.

### Officers in Attendance:

Andy Wilson (Chief Executive), Irene Brannon (Director of Corporate Services), Ian Nicholls (Assistant Director of Corporate Services), Chris France (Director of Planning), Paul Fellows (Head of Strategic Policy), Richard Gunton (Director of Park Services), David Renwick (Director of Conservation), Richard Smith (Authority Solicitor), Michael Graham (Assistant Director of Park Services), Karen Iveson (s151 Officer), Jo Swiers (Performance Consultant), Alison Harris (Media & Communications Officer), Vanessa Burgess (Committees & Customer Services Officer), Donna Magson (HR/Administrative Assistant)

---

### Copies of All Documents Considered Are In The Minute Book

---

#### 58/16 Minutes

##### **Resolved:**

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2016, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### 59/16 Public Question Time

There were no questions from Members of the public.

#### 60/16 Members Interests

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

#### 61/16 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**

15

4,8

## 62/16 Management Plan Review

Considered:

The report of the Head of Strategic Policy and the Chief Executive

Paul Fellows, Head of Strategic Policy, updated members on the Management Plan Review:

- Legal requirement to review the plan every 5 years.
- Authority conducting a 'light touch' review.
- Received 10 responses, Plan fit for purpose with minor changes.
- Page 31 of agenda, Appendix 2 – amend text to read '**including** 28 special qualities'.

Members commented on the following:

- Traffic counter issues, figures very out of date – disappointing
- Monitoring Indicators – status of the landscape
- Strengthen wording in relation to Section 2.8 (Natural Flood Risk Management) and 2.9 (Tree Planting) on page 47 of the agenda.
- Recent change of title – This Exploited Land of Iron

**Action:** David Jeffels, with support from Caroline Patmore to follow up damaged traffic counter issues with NYCC.

**Action:** Paul Fellows to action additional amendments to text as indicated above.

The Chief Executive informed members that the Authority had had a good, productive meeting with RSPB colleagues regarding their management plan comments.

<p><b>Resolved:</b> Members agreed to adopt the proposed changes, including a small number of additional amendments as indicated above.</p>
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## 63/16 Adoption of the NPA Business Plan 2017 - 2020

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive

Andy Wilson updated members stating that the size of the Business Plan had been reduced compared to previous years. The new Plan would include a 13 page summary, 2-3 pages for each area of work and there would also be a 1 page summary of headline indicators.

Irene Brannon, Director of Corporate Services gave members a short presentation on the financial and staffing elements of the Plan.

Members commented on the following areas of the Plan:

- Members would welcome more Officer work on financial measures
- Plans for use of S106 money
- Pension fund valuation – delegation to Officers to respond to NYPF Funding Strategy
- Importance of continuing good partnership working to achieve priorities
- Existing staff capacity to deliver the Business Plan, use of volunteers, secondment of staff

- Concerns re: Connectivity
- Health and wellbeing
- Maintaining value for money

**Action:** AMW/IB to report further on financial measures at FRASC in 2017.

**Action:** AMW/s151 Officer to respond to consultation on Rates and NYPF Funding Strategy

**Action:** AMW/CMF to look further at Potash work/use of S106 money

David Renwick, Director of Conservation assured members that any Connectivity work would be considered on merit.

On the subject of Health and Wellbeing, Richard Gunton, Director of Park Services, advised members that work would focus on making sure that current delivery offered maximum benefit with good monitoring. This was an area of work which could be looked at by a future ARB forum.

The Chair, Jim Bailey thanked all Members/Officers involved in the Business Plan process for their hard work.

**Resolved:** Members reviewed and approved the Authority's Business Plan. Members also agreed to delegate to the CEO and the s151 Officer, the task of sending the Authority's response to the consultation on Rates and NYPF Funding Strategy, which was due to end 27 Jan 2017.

64/16 **Staffing for the Delivery of the Polyhalite Mine Project including Section 106 Agreement**

**As a Sirius Minerals Share-holder, Guy Coulson, Authority Member declared a prejudicial interest in the Polyhalite item and left the meeting room**

Considered:

The report of the Chief Executive and the Assistant Director of Corporate Services

Andy Wilson gave members some background information as to the reasoning for the additional staffing resource, stating that a small dedicated team was required to facilitate/administer the work arising from the content of the 106 agreement. The Chief Executive informed members that a panel consisting of the Authority Chair, the Chair of FRASC and the CEO would meet to appoint the Director post. Some discussion followed around how the posts would interact with existing teams, and how the money arising from the agreement would be spent.

**Resolved:** Members: noted the measures being taken to ensure that sufficient staffing resources were in place to manage the workloads arising from the commencement of the development; and Delegated powers to make an appointment to the Director level post described in this paper to the panel outlined in Paragraph 3.3 of the agenda and noted in the minutes above.

### **Guy Coulson re-joined the meeting**

#### **65/16 Feedback from Lead Members on Forums (J Bailey/A Fisher – BREXIT/CLM)**

Jim Bailey gave members a brief update, from the recent CLM meeting which discussed Farm Policy/BREXIT issues.

**Action:** Jim Bailey to e-mail a note of the conversation to members.

Members asked if it might be possible to be kept abreast of relevant news via the member's monthly bulletin.

**Action:** Jim Bailey and Vanessa Burgess to investigate the possibility of uploading relevant information to an area on the members extranet.

Alison Fisher updated members on a recent CLM meeting/site visit which discussed the Esk/Coastal Stream Catchment. The meeting was well attended, with some good discussions taking place. The next meeting will be held on 10 April 2017 and will discuss MMS.

#### **66/16 Reports form Members on Outside Bodies**

Considered:

The report of the Committees Officer.

Alison Fisher gave members an additional report from a meeting of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Board which took place on 12 Dec 2016. A copy of the report can be found in the minute book.

**Resolved:** Members noted the report.

#### **67/16 On the Report**

Considered:

The report of the Committees Officer

Jim Bailey and Andy Wilson gave a quick update on the Devolution issue, advising that the Authority still hadn't seen a copy of the draft SI.

Heather Moorhouse thanked Karl Gerhardsen for work done in respect of a TRO to an ancient local trod.

**Resolved:** Members noted the report and the additional verbal updates

#### **68/16 Parish Forum Update**

Considered:

The report of the PA to Chief Executive

**Resolved:** The issues raised at Parish Forums were noted.

**Christopher Massey left the meeting at midday**

69/16 **Interest Group – Volunteers (Maintenance Ranger Vols – Steve Sanderson, Andrew Godwin, & Brian Rodgers)**

The volunteers gave members a presentation on the work they undertake for the Authority in relation to the Coastal area of the NYMNP and the Cleveland Way.

Members welcomed the information and thanked the volunteers for all their hard work.

..... (Chair)  
20 March 2017

**Public Summary of Items considered "in private"  
at the meeting of the Authority  
on 19 December 2016**

**Sutton Bank National Park Centre**

The Assistant Director of Park Services, Michael Graham gave members an update on progress in relation to the Sutton Bank feasibility study final support.