

**YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**NORTHERN OFFICE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Public minutes of the meeting held at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton on Monday, 10th January 2006.

**Present:**

Mrs A Brooks in the Chair.

TRN Harrison-Topham, C Lis and Mrs D Millward.

Co-opted members: G Dalton and D Heather.

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**1/06 PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**2/06 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No notifications of public questions or of the intention to make a statement had been received.

**3/06 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED -**

That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of Item Nos 7 and 8 on the agenda on the grounds that each involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 and 7 and 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

**4/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**5/06 DECLARATIONS OF THE EXISTENCE AND NATURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

None.

**6/06 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING**

None.

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**The remainder of business was considered in private**

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**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE**

**a) Private Minutes**

The Sub-Committee confirmed, as a correct record, the Private Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

**b) Northern Office**

The Sub-Committee considered a report from the Head of Finance and Resources, which asked members to consider an offer to purchase the Authority's premises at Yorebridge House, Bainbridge.

Members were reminded that the funding of the Northern Office project included the use of the capital receipt from the sale of Yorebridge House. The property had been on the market since August 2005 and the offer, whilst in excess of the figure included in the Project budget, was less than the marketed price.

Members were asked to take a number of issues into account, including:

- the legal duty on the Authority to maximise income from the sale; and
- the current state of the market for properties for which Yorebridge House could be used within its current planning use classes.

Members noted that the Sub-Committee's previous request to undertake further marketing of the property had not taken place, although there had been considerable work done to identify a possible vendor, the property falling outside the range of interest of most 'normal' commercial agencies. Members requested that a further valuation should be sought urgently for comparison purposes and, depending on the outcome of that exercise, the offer should then either be accepted or not.