Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Item 2

Minutes of the meeting held at the offices of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

Present:
Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Richard Foster, Michael Hanley, Neil Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Peter Jackson, Allen Kirkbride, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Yvonne Peacock, Karin Sedgwick, Graham Simpkins, Steve Shaw Wright, Nigel Swales, and Derek Twine.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

16/25 Membership of the Authority

The Authority **noted** the report of the Committees Officer and the update from the Chief Executive confirming Nigel Swales appointment to the Authority by Lancashire County Council.

17/25 Election of Chair

Derek Twine was nominated unopposed for the position of Chair of the Authority following his election address to Members.

Derek Twine was elected as Chair of the Authority, to hold office until the Annual General meeting of the Authority in 2026.

Derek Twine in the Chair

The Chair thanked Members for their support over the past year, which has been a challenging one and that it had been a privilege to work towards all the Authority has achieved.

The Chair welcomed Nigel Swales, the newly appointed Member from Lancashire County Council and Richard Ingram who was attending as an observer in the public gallery and is waiting for confirmation of his formal appointment to the Authority as a Parish Member by the Secretary of State.

18/25 Election of Deputy Chair

Lizzie Bushby was nominated unopposed for the position of Deputy Chair of the Authority following her election address to Members.

Lizzie Bushby was elected as Deputy Chair of the Authority, to hold office until the Annual General meeting of the Authority in 2026.

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19/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ian Mitchell.

20/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 March 2025

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 March 2025 having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

21/25 Public Question Time

Ruth Annison read out a public statement on the subject of public transport and securing the route of the former Wensleydale Railway Line.

The Chair responded to Mrs Annison's statement.

22/25 Declarations of lobbying

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

23/25 Appointment of Members to Committees

The Authority **considered** the report of the Chief Executive.

Resolved: That, the Authority's Committees be established as follows:

Audit and Review Committee (12 Members):
Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Simon Myers, Yvonne Peacock, Steve Shaw Wright, Graham Simpkins.
There is a vacancy for the Secretary of State (National) Member – yet to be appointed.
There is a vacancy for the Secretary of State (Parish) Member – yet to be appointed.
There is a vacancy for a Local Authority Member

Finance and Resource Committee (13 Members):
Libby Bateman, Richard Foster, Neil Heseltine, Julie Hutton, Peter Jackson, Ian Mitchell, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Karin Sedgwick, Nigel Swales, Derek Twine.
There is a vacancy for the Secretary of State (National) Member – yet to be appointed.

Planning Committee (17 Members):
Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Richard Foster, Michael Hanley, Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Ian Mitchell, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Yvonne Peacock, Steve Shaw Wright, Graham Simpkins, Derek Twine.
There is a vacancy for the Secretary of State (Parish) Member – yet to be appointed.

Substitute members for the Planning Committee to be as follows: -
Local Authority - Simon Myers (North Yorkshire Council) and Peter Jackson (Lancaster City Council) Secretary of State (Parish) – Neil Heseltine.

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Standards Committee (5):
Mark Corner, Allen Kirkbride, David Ireton, Ian Mitchell, and Steve Shaw Wright

24/25 Appointment of Members to Partnerships

The Authority **considered** the report of the Committees Officer.

Resolved: That the representation of Members to the Partnership bodies listed in the appendix attached to the report be confirmed with the exception of the LGYNY East Riding Housing Board which has ceased to exist as a Partnership and has been replaced with an officer working group.

25/25 Appointment of Member Champion for Natural Environment

Resolved: To appoint Mark Corner as Member Champion for Natural Environment.

26/25 National Park Management Plan 2025-30

The Authority **considered** the report and presentation of the Director of Conservation and Community and **noted** the process that the plan had gone through producing the National Management Plan 2025-2030.

The Management Plan Steering Group had concluded that a great deal of time and effort had gone into the preparation and production of the plan through the work of many different local organisations and individuals.

Members asked general questions in relation to the Plan's targets and priorities.
A Member queried the expiry of the previous National Wildlife Crime Strategy. The Head of Land Management confirmed that this is due to be relaunched June 2025.

Resolved:
a**.** To adopt the final set of objectives as part of the new National Park Management Plan, for implementation between 2025 and 2030;

b. To note the proposed long-term targets that will be published as part of the Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework.

27/25 Carbon Reduction Plan

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Director of Corporate Services

In response to a Member's question, the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that the Authority would be considering the addition of a further EV charging point in Yoredale car park during 2026/27.

Resolved: To adopt the proposed Carbon Reduction Plan 2025-2030

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28/25 Biodiversity Net Gain Section 106 Agreements

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Head of Development Management.

A number of Members requested further training on the topic of Biodiversity Net Gain; the Head of Development Management will to organise a briefing for all Members.

Resolved: To agree the delegation arrangements set out in the Appendix to enable the Authority to enter into s106 agreements for 'Biodiversity Gain Sites' within the National Park.

29/25 Yorkshire Dales Local Plan Submission

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Head of Sustainable Development

Resolved: That the Authority:

a. submit the Local Plan and its supporting documents listed in **Appendix 1** to the Planning Inspectorate for examination under Regulation 22 (The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012), and,

b. delegate to the Director of Conservation and Community – in consultation with the Member Champion for Sustainable Development – to sign off any minor modifications for the consideration of the Local Plan Inspector.

30/25 Yorkshire Dales Active Travel Plan

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report and presentation of the Access and Recreation Team Projects Manager and the Head of Access and Engagement.

Resolved:

a. To endorse the draft Active Travel Plan as the basis for developing a strategic active travel network into and within the National Park,

b. To delegate to officers to finalise and then publish the Plan.

31/25 White Rose Strategic Plan 2025-30

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Director of Conservation and Community, introduced by the Head of Land Management.

Resolved:

a. To note that a new White Rose Forest Strategic Plan (2025-50) has been developed and approved by the White Rose Forest partnership.

b. To endorse the White Rose Forest Strategic Plan (2025-50) to demonstrate the Authority's formal support.

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32/25 Progress on Authority Objectives 2024-25

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Performance Management Officer. A more detailed paper will be presented at the next Audit & Review Committee.

33/25 Public Rights of Way Annual Report 2024-25

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Head of Park Management

34/25 Cumbria Devolution

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Director Corporate Services

35/25 Joint Working with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Director of Conservation and Community.

Members asked for a further briefing on the work of the YDMT. The Director of Conservation & Community will arrange.

36/25 Chair's Report

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Chair.

37/25 Chief Executive's Report

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Chief Executive.

38/25 Member feedback on Partnership Representation and Member Champions' Reports – Natural Environment and Development Management

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report of the Committees Officer.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13:05 p.m.

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