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 16 December 2025.

Members Present:

Saira Ali, Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Richard Foster, Michael Hanley, Robert Heseltine, Daniel Holmes, Julie Hutton, Peter Jackson, Ian Mitchell, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Karin Sedgwick, Graham Simpkins, and Derek Twine.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

52/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Neil Heseltine, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Steve Shaw Wright, Nigel Swales.

53/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 September 2025

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 30 September 2025 having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

54/25 Public Question Time

Ruth Annison read out a public statement regarding the opportunities for 2026 to further the Authority's Statutory purposes during the 150 year anniversary of the opening of the Settle Carlisle railway.

The Chair responded to the public statement.

55/25 Declarations of lobbying

No declarations of lobbying were made.

56/25 National Park Authority Objectives for 2026-27

The Authority **Considered** the report and presentation of the Deputy Chief Executive.

Members raised a number of points:

- Can we ensure that we retain our convening role to influence our partners in delivering the objectives.
- Will Member get the chance to review the annual targets? The Deputy Chief Executive responded that a public report on the progress on all 40 objectives will

be provided to Members. The paper will have projected milestones and as part of a 2-step process, subject to Members views, details will be added to 26/27 targets.

- Is there monitoring of rivers to show where the pollution occurs? The Deputy Chief Executive responded by explaining there is an increasing amount of monitoring from different organisations e.g. The Environment Agency and data from government which is in the public domain providing overflow and sewage works information. There is also an increase in information from community groups that identify 'hotspots' areas of pollution.

- How are we going to measure how the Authority has contributed to all the objectives? The Deputy Chief Executive responded that it would depend on the nature of the objective. Different metrics are used, and they vary from objective to objective.

Resolved – To approve the Authority's draft objectives, as set out in the **Annex** as the basis for planning the Authority's work and resources for 2026/27 onwards.

57/25 Planning Enforcement Plan

The Authority **Considered** the report of the Head of Development Management

Resolved – To adopt the revised Planning Enforcement Plan as set out in the Annex to the report.

58/25 Review of Planning Code of Good Practice

The Authority **Considered** the report of the Head of Development Management

Resolved – To adopt the revised Planning Good Practice Guide in the Appendix to the report.

59/25 Adoption of the Clapham Cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2030

The Authority **considered** the report of the Head of Sustainable Development.

Resolved – To formally 'make' the Clapham Neighbourhood Plan, to comply with the Regulations relating to the making of the Clapham Neighbourhood Plan and its publication.

60/25 Recruitment of the Chief Executive

The Authority **considered** the report of the Director of Corporate Services.

A Member asked how they would be involved in the recruitment process.

The Director of Corporate Services responded that any comments, specifically on the use of focus groups, can be taken back to the Recruitment Agency/Panel and a member focus group could be established.

1. **Resolved –** That Members:

   i. Agreed the proposed process for the appointment of a new Chief Executive (National Park Officer) as outlined in the report;
   ii. Agreed the budget provision of up to £30,000, funded from salary savings in the current year – 2025-26; and
   iii. Agreed the establishment and membership of a Recruitment Committee and agreed to delegate the ability to confirm the appointment of the new Chief Executive (National Park Officer) to this Committee.

61/25 Appointment of Member Champion for Recreation Management,

The Authority **Considered** the Report of the Chief Executive.

Resolved – To appoint Lizzie Bushby as Member Champion for Recreation Management.

62/25 Local Nature Recovery Strategies

The Authority **Considered** the Report of the Director of Conservation and Community.

Resolved -. That the Authority:

a. approves the publication of the Lancashire LNRS;
b. notes the wider progress in putting in place the three LNRSs that cover parts of the National Park.

63/25 Joint working with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT)

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the presentation by The Chief Executive of the YDMT and the report of the Director of Conservation and Community.

Members raised a number of points which included;

- How do we ensure the Authority is not going for the same funding or overlap work with YDMT? The Chief Executive responded saying the challenge was a real one, particularly as the funding for the Authority's programmes is now more dependent on external sources of funding. However, there are processes in place which help manage the situation. In addition, YDMT as a Charity can

obtain funding that the Authority as a public body is not able to apply for. The Authority and YDMT work closely together to ensure that there is no overlap or conflict applying for funding.

Resolved - That Members noted the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's strategy for 2025-28 (in the **Annex**), and the ongoing and planned joint working between the Trust and the National Park Authority.

64/25 Chair's Report

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

65/25 Report of the Chief Executive

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

66/25 Member Feedback on Partnership Representation and Member Champions' Reports

The Authority **Considered** and **Noted** the report of the Committees Officer.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2:46 p.m.

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