Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 5**

Minutes of the meeting held at the offices of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

Present:
Liz Appleton Hall, Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Phil Dew, Richard Foster, Neil Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Peter Jackson, Ian Mitchell, Jim Munday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Yvonne Peacock, Jenny Purcell, Karin Sedgwick, Graham Simpkins, Neil Swain and Derek Twine.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

16/24 Membership of the Authority

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

17/24 Election of Chair

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

By unanimous vote, that Derek Twine be elected as Chair of the Authority, to hold office until the Annual General meeting of the Authority in 2025.

Derek Twine in the Chair

The Chair thanked Neil Heseltine for his achievements and contributions as Chair both locally and nationally during his 4 year term.
He also thanked both Secretary of State Members, Neil Swain and Jim Munday at the end of their term of office.
He particularly thanked Jim Munday, for his all his contributions as Member Champion for Development Management and Chair of Audit & Review Committee. In addition, he also thanked Neil Swain, Chair of Planning Committee for his contribution during his 8 years at the Authority.

18/24 Election of Deputy Chair

Steve Shaw Wright and Lizzie Bushby were nominated for the position of Deputy Chair.

A written statement was circulated to Members and those present at the meeting on behalf of Steve Shaw Wright in his absence.

A verbal statement was read out on behalf of Lizzie Bushby in her absence.

A paper ballot was held.

Result: Lizzie Bushby 14 votes
Steve Shaw Wright 6 votes

Resolved: Lizzie Bushby was elected as Deputy Chair.

19/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Allen Kirkbride, Andrew Murday, Stuart Parsons, Steve Shaw Wright and Lizzie Bushby (Late Arrival)

20/24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 2024

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 26 March 2024 having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

21/24 Public Question Time

Ruth Annison read out a public statement regarding public transport and asked a question as to whether there had been any substantive feedback on YDNPA's public transport ambition from the local councils in the past year".

John Spencer, Threshfield Village Development Concern Group, read out a public statement regarding the delay to the process for producing the Local Plan and asked if the new timeline will be published to aid communication with the local community.

The Chair responded to both questions.

22/24 Declarations of lobbying

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

23/24 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):
Liz Appleton Hall, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Ian Mitchell, Andrew Murday, Yvonne Peacock, Steve Shaw Wright, Graham Simpkins.
There is a vacancy for the Secretary of State (National) Member – yet to be appointed.

Finance and Resource Committee (13):
Libby Bateman, Phil Dew, Richard Foster, Neil Heseltine, Julie Hutton, Peter Jackson, Simon Myers, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Jenny Purcell, Karin Sedgwick, Neil Swain, Derek Twine.
There is a vacancy for the Secretary of State (National) Member – yet to be appointed.

Planning Committee (17):
Liz Appleton Hall, Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Richard Foster, Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Ian Mitchell, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Yvonne Peacock, Jenny Purcell, Steve Shaw Wright, Graham Simpkins, Derek Twine.
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 (National) – No substitutes until Secretary of State Appointments
Secretary of State (Parish) – Neil Heseltine

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

24/24 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.

25/24 National Park Management Plan – Annual Progress Report

The Authority **considered** the report and presentation of the Director of Conservation and Community, and **noted** the progress made in implementing objectives set out in the National Management Plan 2019-2024.

The Management Plan Steering Group had concluded that good progress was made last year on the majority of the objectives set out in the Plan, through the work of many different local organisations and individuals.

Members raised a number of comments and questions relating to Nature Recovery and specifically, Water Quality. These were areas where we need to push the Partnership to show more ambition and delivery, lessons for the new Management Plan. We also needed to be braver in our asks of the new Government. These changes/improvements cannot be achieved without greater resources and capacity.

A Member queried the lack of data on Land Use, the Director of Conservation and Community agreed to look into this.

Resolved: To approve the publication of the 2023-24 Progress Report.

26/24 National Park UK Conference September 2024 – Authorise Attendees

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

Following expressions of interest:

Resolved: That, in addition to the Chair and a delegate who could represent diverse audiences, the Deputy Chair - Lizzie Bushby, Neil Heseltine and Mark Corner represent the Authority at the UK National Parks Conference in Northumberland in September 2024.

27/24 Progress on Authority Objectives 2023-24

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

28/24 Rights of Way Annual Progress Report 2023-24

The Authority **considered** and **noted** the report and presentation of the Head of Park Management. The Member Champion for Recreation Management highlighted the role of volunteers and the value of short videos to illustrate the work of staff and volunteers.

Members thanked staff and volunteers on the substantial achievements made in maintaining and improving the public rights of way network.

29/34 Review of the Joint Working with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

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

30/24 Chairs Report

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

31/24 Report of the Chief Executive

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

32/24 **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.

The Member Champion for Sustainable Development gave a verbal update on the North Yorkshire Shared prosperity fund, stating that nearly all funds had been spent.

The Member Champion for Development Management added a correction to his report that the term showing as 'invalid' should read as valid.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1:16 p.m.