YORKSHIRE DALES
National Park Authority

AGENDA

MEETING:	**YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**
VENUE:	**The National Park Authority Office, Yoredale, Bainbridge**
DATE/TIME:	**Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 1.00pm**

✧ **Please see the attached "*NOTES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND AUTHORITY MEMBERS*"** ✧

BUSINESS

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5.	Climate Change	*(25 mins)*	***7***
6.	The Prioritisation of National Park Authority Work Programmes for 2020/21	*(15 mins)*	***17***
7.	Future of Farming Working Group	*(10 mins)*	***21***
8.	Adoption of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan	*(5 mins)*	***23***
9.	Appointment of Members to the Authority's Planning Committees and Member Champion for Sustainable Development role	*(5 mins)*	***27***

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10.	Swaledale Floods – verbal update - presentation	(*20 mins*)	_
11.	Young People and Careers in the National Park – Video presentation	(*15 mins*)	_
12.	Chairman's Report	*(5 mins)*	***31***
13.	Report of the Chief Executive	*(5 mins)*	***33***
14.	Member Feedback on Partnership Representation and Member Champions Reports	*(5 mins)*	***35***

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15. Urgent business – where the Chairman has agreed that there are special circumstances

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12 September 2019

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Committee Membership and Member Champions

as at 21 August 2019

Member	Appointing body	Planning	Audit & Review	Finance & Resources	Standards
M'ship/Quorum→		*17/7*	*12/6*	*13/6*	*5/3*
Amsden John	RDC	✓	✓		
Clark Chris	SoS(P)	✓	✓		
Cotton Nick	CCC	S2		✓	
Donovan Judith	SoS		✓		✓
Foster Richard	CDC	✓		✓	✓
Frea Kevin	LCyC	S1		✓	
Good Richard	RDC	S2	✓		
Heseltine Neil	SoS(P)	S1	✓		✓
Heseltine Robert	CDC	✓	✓		
Hutton Julie	SoS	S1		✓	
Ireton David	NYCC	✓	✓		✓
Kirkbride Allen	SoS(P)	✓		✓	S
Lancaster Sandy	EDC	✓	✓		
Lis Carl	CDC	✓		✓	
Manners-Armstrong Jocelyn	SoS	✓		✓	✓
Martin Julie	SoS	✓	✓		
McPherson Ian	SoS(P)	✓		✓	
Mitchell Ian	SLDC	✓		✓	
Munday Jim	SoS	✓	✓		
Parsons Stuart	NYCC				
Quinn Gillian	NYCC	S1		✓	
Sedgwick Karin	NYCC			✓	
Swain Neil	SoS	✓		✓	
Towneley Cosima	LCC	✓	✓		
Welch Richard	NYCC	✓	✓		

CDC= Craven District Council; EDC= Eden District Council; LCyC= Lancaster City Council;
RDC=Richmondshire District Council; SLDC=South Lakeland District Council;
CCC=Cumbria County Council; LCC= Lancashire County Council; NYCC= North Yorkshire County Council;
SoS=Secretary of State; SoS(P)=Secretary of State (Parish);

CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN		
Date elected	***Chairman***	***Deputy Chairman***
Authority (25/06/19)	Carl Lis	Neil Heseltine
Planning (09/07/19)	Julie Martin	Neil Swain
Audit and Review (09/07/19)	Judith Donovan	Jim Munday
Finance and Resource (30/07/19)	Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong	Nick Cotton
Standards (07/11/17)	Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong	-

MEMBER CHAMPIONS		
Area of responsibility	***Member appointed***	***Term of appointment***
Natural Environment	Ian McPherson	Nov15 – Dec21
Cultural Heritage	Julie Martin	Sep17 – Sep20
Recreation Management	Nick Cotton	Dec16 – Dec19
Promoting Understanding	Judith Donovan	June17 – June20
Development Management	Jim Munday	June18 – June21
Sustainable Development	Chris Clark	Sept16 – Sept19
Corporate Management	Julie Hutton	Dec18 – Dec21

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 1**

Minutes of the meeting held at The National Park Authority Office, Yoredale, Bainbridge, on Tuesday, 25 June 2019.

Present:

John Amsden, John Blackie, Chris Clark, Nick Cotton, Judith Donovan, Richard Foster, Richard Good, Neil Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Sandy Lancaster, Carl Lis, Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, Julie Martin, Ian McPherson, Jim Munday, Gillian Quinn, Karin Sedgwick, Neil Swain and Cosima Towneley.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

18/19 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY

The report of the Committees Officer was noted.

19/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Carl Lis and Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong were both nominated for the position of Chairman of the Authority They each made an address and answered Members' questions. A paper ballot was held.

Result:

Carl Lis – 14 votes

Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong – 7 votes

(1 abstention)

RESOLVED –

That Carl Lis be elected Chairman of the Authority, to hold office until the annual meeting of the Authority in 2020.

CARL LIS IN THE CHAIR

20/19 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Neil Heseltine and Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong were both nominated for the position of Deputy Chairman of the Authority. They each made an address and answered Members' questions. A paper ballot was held.

Result:
Neil Heseltine – 11 votes
Jocelyn Manners- Armstrong – 10 votes
(1 abstention)

RESOLVED –

That Neil Heseltine be elected Deputy Chairman of the Authority, to hold office until the annual meeting of the Authority in 2020.

The Chairman thanked William Patterson (EDC), Margaret Pattison (LCyC), Yvonne Peacock (RDC) and Caroline Thornton-Berry (RDC) who had recently left the Authority, for all their past work on behalf of the Authority.
He welcomed new Members John Amsden (RDC), Richard Good (RDC) and Sandy Lancaster (EDC) to the Authority.

21/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

22/19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

There were no public questions or statements.

23/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Richard Welch.

24/19 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

25/19 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AUTHORITY'S COMITTEES

CONSIDERED - the report of the Committees Officer.

RESOLVED –

That

(a) the Authority's Committees be established as follows -

Audit and Review Committee (12): John Amsden, Chris Clark, Judith Donovan, Richard Good, Neil Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Sandy Lancaster, Julie Martin, Jim Munday, Cosima Towneley and Richard Welch.

Finance and Resources Committee (13): John Blackie, Nick Cotton, Richard Foster, Julie Hutton, Allen Kirkbride, Carl Lis, Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, Ian McPherson, Ian Mitchell, Gillian Quinn, Karin Sedgwick , Neil Swain and the new Lancaster City Council member, when appointed.

Planning Committee (17): John Amsden, John Blackie, Chris Clark, Richard Foster, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Sandy Lancaster, Carl Lis, Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, Julie Martin, Jim Munday, Ian McPherson, Ian Mitchell, Neil Swain, Cosima Towneley and Richard Welch.

Substitute members for the Planning Committee to be as follows and in the order listed:
County – Gillian Quinn and Nick Cotton, District – New Lanc City Cncl rep, when appointed and Richard Good, Secretary of State – Julie Hutton, Parish – Neil Heseltine.

Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong be nominated and elected as the fifth member of the Standards Committee.

Allen Kirkbride be nominated and elected as the 'substitute' member of the Standards Committee for dealing with any member conduct issues.

Standards Committee: Judith Donovan, Richard Foster
Neil Heseltine, David Ireton and Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong.

26/19 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE AUTHORITY ON PARTNERSHIP BODIES

CONSIDERED - the report of the Committees Officer

Members considered the Authority's representation on each partnership.

RESOLVED –

That the representation of Members to the partnership bodies listed in the **appendix** attached to the report be confirmed, with the following correction:

Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong is the Member appointed to the Local Government York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Housing Board.

27/19 ATTENDANCE AT THE UK NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE 17-19 SEPTEMBER 2019

CONSIDERED - the report of the Chief Executive

RESOLVED –

That, in addition to the Chairman and Chief Executive, Judith Donovan and Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong be agreed as the two Member delegates to represent the Authority at the National Parks Conference in September 2019.

28/19 REVIEW OF SPECIAL QUALITIES, SPECIAL EXPERIENCES (RECREATION AND TOURISM STRATEGY)

CONSIDERED - the report of the Director of Park Services.

RESOLVED –

That the Authority adopts the revised recreation and tourism strategy 'Special Qualities, Special Experiences, as shown in the **Annex** appended to the report.

29/19 PLANNING APPLICATION VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

CONSIDERED - the report of the Head of Development Management.

RESOLVED –

That the revised list of Planning Application Validation Requirements for applications received from 1 July 2019 be adopted.

30/19 PROGRESS ON AUTHORITY OBJECTIVES IN 2018/19

CONSIDERED - the report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

RESOLVED –

That the progress made in 2018/19 towards achieving the Authority's objectives be noted.

31/19 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

CONSIDERED – the report of the Director of Conservation and Community.

Members received a presentation on the wide nature of work undertaken across the whole of the National Park and the involvement of many organisations delivering it. Concern was expressed by a Member on the lack of progress made in the number of housing completions.

RESOLVED –

That the initial progress made by a wide range of bodies in implementing the objectives set out in the National Park Management Plan be noted.

32/19 UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF FARMING AND LAND MANAGEMENT IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK

CONSIDERED - the report of the Head of Land Management

RESOLVED –

That the work undertaken by the task and finish working group to develop proposals for a local approach to supporting farming and land management in the Yorkshire Dales National Park be noted;
and that
the group will meet again to discuss potential ways forward.

33/19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

CONSIDERED – the report of the Head of Ranger Service

Members received a presentation on the work undertaken on rights of way during the last twelve months.

RESOLVED –

That the Rights of Way annual report in the **Appendix** to the report be submitted to CCC and NYCC.

34/19 JOING WORKING WITH THE YORKSHIRE DALES MILLENNIUM TRUST (YDMT)

CONSIDERED – the report of the Director of Conservation and Community

RESOLVED –

That the information in the **Annex** to the report be noted.

35/19 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CONSIDERED – the report of the Chairman

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

36/19 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CONSIDERED – the report of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

37/19 MEMBER FEEDBACK ON PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATION AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS' REPORTS

CONSIDERED - the report of the Committees Officer.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 5**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Purpose of the report

1. To update Members on progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the Authority, and across the wider National Park area, in advance of a more detailed plan for further action being brought to the December Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Members:
    a. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
    b. Note that the Authority's own emissions have been reduced by 62% since 2005, to the point where we are **already** a 'net zero carbon' organisation and have been for some time; and,
    c. Agree that a further report be brought to the December Authority meeting setting out a new organisational climate change objective, and a plan of action to achieve it.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and it's approved strategic planning framework:
    - ***National Park Management Plan vision***
      By 2040 [the National Park] will be resilient and responsive to the impacts of climate change, storing more carbon each year than it produces.

Background

4. The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) advises that carbon emissions must reduce globally by at least 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels) and reach net-zero by 2050 if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

5. In May 2019, the UK Parliament approved a motion declaring a climate change emergency and requiring the Government to achieve net zero emissions *before* 2050. Since then, many local authorities — including South Lakeland, Richmondshire and Eden District Councils — and other organisations have also declared a 'climate change emergency', and pledged to take action.

6. These commitments are being made by individual local authorities but also, often, for the wider area that the authorities cover. For example, this Authority has recently been approached by a partnership of organisations in Cumbria, and by North Yorkshire County Council to help to develop county-wide proposals.

Progress to date – YDNPA emissions

7. The Authority has been a national leader within local government on practical action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We have been measuring our own greenhouse gas emissions since 2005. We signed the Nottingham Declaration in 2007, and have been implementing carbon reduction initiatives ever since. In that time we have:
    a. Reduced our own greenhouse gas emissions by 62%;
    b. Directly funded projects in the National Park that are sequestering (removing) around 500,000 kg of CO_2e per year from the atmosphere; and, thus
    c. Reduced our **net** emissions by over 130%

8. These figures are set out in more detail in the two tables in **Annex A**;

9. The reduction of our own emissions has been achieved through a wide range of measures, summarised in **Annex B**. We have continued to reduce emissions in recent years despite the increase in the size of the organisation (staff and buildings) as a result of the extension to the National Park boundary.

10. As a result of these emission reductions and the direct investment in carbon sequestration projects (i.e. new woodlands), **the Authority has effectively been 'net zero carbon' since 2013**. By next year it is likely that we will be sequestering twice the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that we will be emitting.

11. Longer serving Members will recall that in 2012, the Authority won the Local Government Chronicle's national 'Low Carbon Council of the Year" award, for the range of measures to reduce our own emissions, and for pioneering initiatives like setting up and funding the Yorkshire Peat Partnership.

Progress to date – emissions across the National Park

12. Regular information on emissions is not readily available for National Parks (although it is for local authority areas). The most recent figures – collected in 2010 but showing emissions in 2008 - are set out in **Annex D**.

13. There are 3 headlines for Members to bear in mind from these figures:
    a. Total emissions from the National Park are low (because of the small population and relative lack of development);
    b. Emissions per head of population are high – because of the distance to services and the relative inefficiency of much of the housing stock;
    c. The most significant source of emissions – by a long way - is farming and land management

Next Steps

14. Despite being in a position that most other organisations can only dream of, it is important that the Authority should not rest on its laurels. Progress on reducing our own emissions has (perhaps inevitably) slowed in recent years – partly because of other priorities, and partly because of the extension of the National Park boundary (more staff, more buildings, longer distances to travel etc).

15. We no longer have a specific objective to reduce greenhouse emissions. The previous one – a 55% reduction compared to 2010 - was achieved in March 2015. Nor is there currently any specific action or initiatives planned (beyond our usual 'thrifty' attempts to reduce energy usage). New costed proposals for further action will, therefore, be brought to the Authority meeting in December.

16. We have already undertaken many measures – and, inevitably – the emissions that are left will be more difficult and more expensive to tackle. In broad terms, our main options will be:

    a. Installing renewable energy at more of our smaller buildings (note: none of these were considered to be value for money the last time they were assessed but other considerations may now outweigh financial ones);
    b. Improving the fuel efficiency of our vehicles – hybrid/electric?
    c. Reducing car journeys (especially between the main offices at Colvend and Yoredale) through more car sharing; video-conferencing etc;
    d. Reducing Volunteer mileage (but that would probably also mean reducing the number of Volunteers);
    e. Further direct funding of activity that absorbs carbon from the atmosphere (e.g. woodland planting and peatland restoration).

17. While this paper is focused on our own organisational emissions, it should be noted that the Authority and its partners are already planning significant wider action to reduce emissions across the National Park. The new National Park Management Plan includes a specific section on climate change, with the ambition of the Park being net zero carbon by 2040 at the latest. The ambition is supported by 8 shorter term objectives (including a radical increase in peatland restoration, and more woodland planting). There are several other objectives elsewhere in the Plan that will also have major climate change benefits – e.g. 'Dark skies'; new agri-environment schemes; nature recovery areas; reducing diffuse pollution from fertilisers; reinstating the Wensleydale Railway; promoting more sustainable tourism etc.) So, there is already an ambitious programme, with widespread local ownership, as the basis for driving forward progress across the National Park.

18. In addition, there are obvious opportunities to deliver further carbon benefits through e.g. policies in the forthcoming Local Plan, and the work the Authority and others in relation to improving the profitability of farming (see item elsewhere on this agenda), which could lead to significant reductions in emissions in the National Park.

19. In considering these issues, Members will need to have regard to our resources, and the organisation's capacity to take on further work beyond the financial and staffing commitments needed to deliver the existing NPMP objectives. As mentioned above, we are also being drawn in to a range of newly-formed climate change partnerships —

with local authorities in Cumbria and North Yorkshire, and with the other English National Park Authorities — all of which will require officer time.

Conclusion

20. The threat of climate change is real. The latest report from the IPCC indicated that we have 12 years to act to avoid warming of more than 1.5°C and thus avoid a major tipping point in terms of climate change.

21. The Authority can be justifiably proud of its track record in both reducing its own emissions, and in helping to set up and co-fund local partnerships (Dales Woodland Restoration Programme; Yorkshire Peat Partnership) that have delivered significant benefits across the National Park.

22. The Authority now needs to:

    a. agree a new plan for further reductions in its own emissions, taking us well beyond 'net zero';

    b. take advantage of the rekindling of wider enthusiasm for tackling climate change to work with local authority and other partners to deliver on the ambitious objectives set out in the National Park Management Plan.

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Gary Smith
Director of Conservation and Community

11 September 2019

YDNPA Greenhouse Gas Emissions ($KgCO_2e$)

	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2010-2011	2012-2013	2014-2015	2016-2017	2018-2019
Scope1								
Burning oil	168,142	56,272	76,575	73,273	82,130	21,144	15,070	22,770
Diesel (ad hoc use)			1,044	1,059	252	415	1,436	507
Gas Oil				0	0	0	0	2,358
LPG	9,523	5,993	9,274	4,273	0	261	230	331
Natural Gas	38,828	19,610	23,533	2,233	486	5,958	6,418	2,904
Woodchip				0	0	3,498	4,486	3,961
Petrol for hire car			51	0	11	0	0	0
Pool cars (medium petrol car) - leased				0	4,137	4,212	4,753	6,312
Pool cars (Small diesel car) - leased	9,048	8,390	8,525	7,507	7,077	6,306	7,435	4,411
Landrovers (large diesel car) - leased	37,551	38,223	37,362	36,073	30,958	21,217	23,337	29,336
Vans (small diesel van) - leased	26,802	26,245	27,491	22,009	18,210	9,058	9,179	10,021
Retail/ Maintenance van (large diesel van) - leased	10,226	10,226	12,668	12,022	5,938	2,790	3,555	2,263
Total	**300,120**	**164,959**	**196,523**	**158,449**	**149,200**	**74,859**	**75,899**	**85,174**
Scope 2								
Electricity	268,851	125,699	128,891	234,908	171,000	175,160	157,082	101,574
Total	**268,851**	**125,699**	**128,891**	**234,908**	**171,000**	**175,160**	**157,082**	**101,574**
Scope 3								
Business mileage - Officers	69,470	58,669	45,818	38,538	24,880	18,148	23,355	30,805
Business mileage - Members	12,032	13,556	13,259	11,369	7,430	7,296	6,998	4,191
Volunteers mileage	59,740	72,644	63,468	51,960	40,208	48,631	37,338	46,647
Rail travel - Members + Staff	5,844	5,844	5,519	1,370	3,115	2,298	2,452	3,282
Air travel	731	731	1,394	337	62	409	837	518
Total	**147,817**	**151,444**	**129,458**	**103,574**	**75,695**	**76,782**	**70,980**	**85,443**
Total	**716,788**	**442,102**	**454,872**	**496,931**	**395,896**	**326,801**	**303,961**	**272,191**

YDNPA net Greenhouse Gas Emissions

	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2010-2011	2012-2013	2014-2015	2016-2017	2018-2019
	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$	Total $KgCO_2e$
Total emissions	**716,788**	**442,102**	**454,872**	**496,931**	**395,896**	**326,801**	**303,961**	**272,191**
Carbon reduction projects in National Park								
Woodland creation[(i)]	-44,344	-147,753	-229,572	-297,753	-365,041	-419,160	-449,136	-462,871
Hydropower schemes					-38,333	-38,333	-38,333	-38,333
Total	-44,344	-147,753	-229,572	-297,753	-403,374	-457,493	-487,469	-501,204
Total net emissions	672,444	294,349	225,300	199,178	-7,478	-130,692	-183,508	-229,013

Notes:

Currently, only investments in overseas carbon reduction projects can be considered as offsets as part of formal accreditation schemes for organisations wanting to become 'carbon neutral'. Since any such investments would be unlawful for National Park Authorities, the NPAs collectively agreed an approach in 2011 to calculate equivalent 'carbon reductions' from their own activities and investment within the National Park.

It should be noted that the savings identified above, are based *pro-rata* on the Authority's own direct funding (not the wider achievements of the partnerships to which we contribute).

(i) The figures for woodland creation assume an average cost of £5,500 per hectare; and average annual sequestration rates of 5,000 kg of CO_2 per hectare. The latter is based on a recent Forestry Commission Woodland Carbon Code case study of 30ha of typical new Dales woodland over 100 years.

No estimate has been included for the £250,000 that the Authority contributed directly to the work of the Yorkshire Peat Partnership, nor for the substantial loans given to the Partnership subsequently.

YDNPA ACTION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SINCE 2005

As a starting point, we worked to engage with staff, encouraging suggestions that could be included in the Action Plan, and running a staff awareness campaign to improve working practices. We empowered staff to deliver these actions, something made much easier by everyone's enthusiasm for a greener approach. Projects were allocated as part of personal annual targets, with responsibility for the larger projects being given to the Estates Manager, and the monitoring of overall impact being undertaken by our Finance team.

The main outcomes achieved so far are listed below.

Buildings

- Installed a ground source heat pump and solar panels at Bainbridge; and biomass boilers at Grassington (winning first place in the 'Public Building Installation' category of the Yorkshire & Humberside Microgeneration Partnership Awards 2010) and the Dales Countryside Museum.
- Energy audits and monitoring (including through the Display Energy Certificate' process) of our buildings, with managers taking responsibility for energy savings
- Green Tourism Business Scheme accreditation for our visitor centres, which included examination of lighting and heating, recycling and the quality of 'green' information given out. Two of our centres attained the silver level, the other two achieving bronze.
- Replacing and reinsulating the roofs of the Grassington office and Aysgarth NPC;
- Many small scale improvements, including retro-fitting double-glazing, loft insulation, low energy lighting and foil-backed radiators; we've even issued staff with fleeces so that we can turn office heating down

Travel

- Recruiting volunteers locally to reduce travel distances;
- Incentivised car-sharing for staff and Member business journeys;
- Introduced video-conferencing to cut down on journeys
- Vehicle fleet changed to smaller, more energy-efficient vehicles

Recycling, Buying etc.

- Buying green electricity
- Recycle printer & toner cartridges, cardboard and paper across the Authority, and recycling food waste at Grassington and Tebay for garden compost
- Buying recycled consumables (including printer paper)
- Green Procurement Strategy - including the remit to buy more expensive versions of products if they are more sustainable

YDNPA ACTION TO SUPPORT REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ACROSS THE NATIONAL PARK

- We were a founding partner and funder of the **Yorkshire Peat Partnership**, which is led by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Since 2009, the Partnership has worked with local landowners to restore natural drainage across 19,000 ha of previously degraded peatland in the National Park. Exact figures are not available but it is reasonable to estimate that emissions from peat have been reduced by around 40,000t of CO_2 per year.

- The **Dales Woodland Restoration Programme** (with the Forestry Commission, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and other partners) has supported and funded local farmers and landowners to create almost 1,200 ha of new native woodland since 2005. This equates to around 6,000t CO_2 now being sequestered each year.

- Through our '**Sustainable Development Fund**', we have provided grants of over £600,000 to local community and business projects for renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. The total value of these projects is £1.8 million.

- In 2010/11, the Authority supported and co-funded the installation of 3 **hydro-power developments** (45kW, 40kW and 100kW). We also commissioned a report to identify the most viable sites for hydro-power in the National Park, and set up a 'Hydro Feasibility Fund', which provided grants to 8 businesses and community groups to support further development of projects.

- We supported the **Raydale Project**: a programme to address climate change, including a community-run hydro-electricity scheme (live in June 2011), supporting sustainable tourism initiatives and working with farmers to implement sustainable land management practices

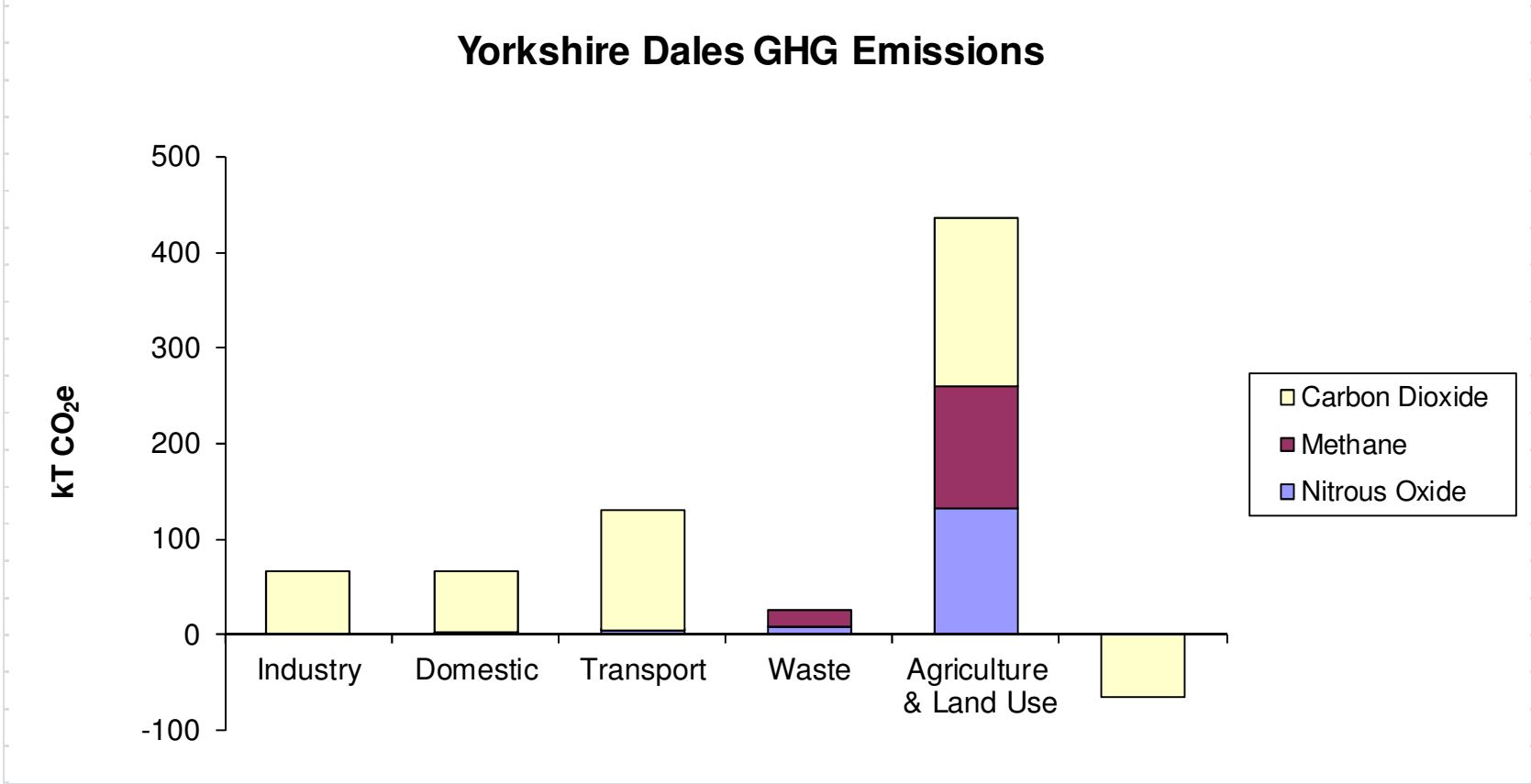
- We supported the **Yorkshire Dales Green Communities** project, which worked with five villages to produce Action Plans to reduce carbon emissions.

- We published a **Renewable Energy Guide** (July 2011) for developers and homeowners, to encourage take up of renewable energy options, and introduced planning policies that support small scale renewables and encourage development that minimises the use of energy and natural resources.

- We have worked with quarry companies to reduce **road haulage from quarries** in Ribblesdale by 37% since 2011.

- Through the **Catchment Sensitive Farming** programme – funded by Natural England and the Environment Agency – we have provided advice, training and assistance to hundreds of farmers on practical measures to reduce fertiliser usage (nitrous oxide) and soil erosion (carbon).

Yorkshire Dales										
	Sectors	Emissions in kT CO2e								
	Industry	**Domestic**	**Transport**	**Waste**	**Agriculture & Land Use**					
Nitrous Oxide	0.06	0.30	4.10	8.77	132.90	0.00				
Methane	0.76	1.60	0.13	16.55	127.91	0.00				
Carbon Dioxide	65.76	64.60	125.54	0.00	175.00	-64.56				



YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 6**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **THE PRIORITISATION OF NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY WORK PROGRAMMES FOR 2020/21**

Purpose of the report

1. To seek confirmation of the Authority's priorities for 2020/21, as the basis for developing the draft budget.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that Members confirm the continuation of the prioritised list of programmes that was agreed in September 2017.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework:

Corporate Plan objectives

34. *Plan and manage all aspects of the Authority's business so as to make the most effective use of our resources*.

Background

4. A robust system of prioritising the Authority's work programmes is an important part of our business planning. Identifying the areas of work that are most important to us, ensures that staff, partners and stakeholders are clear about where we will be directing our efforts. It also helps to guide the allocation of resources through the annual budget-setting process.

5. A fundamental review of priorities was carried out two years ago, setting the direction for the way in which the Authority's resources would be deployed for the following 3 years (2018/19, 19/20 and 20/21). The next fundamental review is scheduled to take place this time next year.

6. Between the three-yearly fundamental reviews, Members have agreed that an annual 'light touch' review should be undertaken. This simply involves identifying things that:

a. have changed since Members made their last decision on priorities: and,

b. have changed *so significantly* that officers believe Members might want to reconsider the priority of one or more programmes as a result

Reviewing the priority of the Authority's programmes

7. The current agreed priorities are set out in the **Annex**.

8. The considered view of the officers is that, whilst there have been numerous external changes over the last 12 months, these have served only to confirm the Authority's existing priority programmes, namelyt:

    a. Swaledale floods – the primary impacts for the National Park Authority relate to 'rights of way' and 'land management and biodiversity';

    b. Brexit – the primary impacts for the National Park Authority relate to 'land management and biodiversity'

    c. Climate change – as highlighted in the report elsewhere on this agenda, the primary external impacts relate to 'land management and biodiversity'. Any new initiatives to tackle our own organisational greenhouse gas emissions would form part of the 'Corporate' budget for 2020/21, which lies outside the priority-setting process.

    d. Affordable housing – the Authority's primary role is in providing sufficient planning permissions, which relates to 'Development Management.

9. Two other potentially significant factors have also been considered:

    a. The Comprehensive Spending Review – the Government recently announced a one –year 3.5% increase in funding for Defra so there is unlikely to be any significant strategic change in NPA funding before 2021/22;

    b. The Glover Review – whilst the conclusions of the Review are expected soon, the extent to which the Authority may need to adapt its priorities won't become apparent until the Government has responded formally to the proposals. This is likely to be several months away.

Conclusion

10. Over many years, Members have had to take difficult decisions about the priority of the Authority's various work programmes. The setting of *consistent* priorities has provided a strong framework for allocation of resources, enabling the Authority to continue to perform well in those work areas that Members consider most important.

Gary Smith
Deputy Chief Executive

10 September 2019

AUTHORITY PRIORITIES FOR 2018-19 ONWARDS

'Priority' programmes	
Access for all	Land management and biodiversity
Development management	Rights of way

'Adequate' programmes	
Dales Countryside Museum	Landscape features
Development planning	Tourism
Historical environment	Volunteering and apprentices

'Limited' programmes	
Car parks and toilets	Sustainable development
National Park Centres	Visitor management

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 7**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **FUTURE OF FARMING WORKING GROUP**

Purpose of the report

1. To seek approval for the working group on the Future of Farming and Land Management in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, to continue its work with a further review in 12 months time.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That members approve the continuation of the future of Farming and Land Management working group with reports to be brought back to the Authority as appropriate.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework:

- ***National Park Management Plan objectives***

A8 by 2022 develop a locally tailored locally delivered outcome focussed environmental land management scheme to maintain, restore and improve the outstanding natural capital and rural heritage of the national park.

Background

4. Members may recall considering a paper entitled 'Update on the Future of Farming and Land Management Group' at the June meeting.

5. The conclusion of this consideration was that this working group should meet further to discuss whether it was helpful to the Authority to continue the work of the group during this uncertain time for upland farming in the national park.

6. The working group met again in late July and considered the current position on upland farming nationally, regionally and within the Yorkshire Dales. This included specific papers on national developments, and in particular, details of the proposed Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS): the lessons learnt from the European Union funded RBAPS Pilot and the test and trials update; the 'Grow Yorkshire' initiative; an update on the farming and land management forum and a

discussion on the National Park Authority's role on communications to farmers, the local community and the public about the impact of post Brexit policies.

7. Not surprisingly, with such a complex and detailed agenda, the group thought that it should continue its work over this uncertain period. This was subject to the following changes:

    - The group to have a broader remit – to keep abreast of national developments on the future of farming as they impact on the National Park Authority's statutory purposes and, contributing responses to national and local proposals. The group felt that they were best placed to provide input into the development of a local ELMS.
    - Consider putting additional staffing resources into this area of work whether this be buying in expertise or developing a short term post. The best way forward in dealing with this matter is still being considered.
    - Developing a wider communications message for the National Park Authority to identify the opportunities we might have to provide information to the farming and land management community and the wider public, on the issues and challenges the area faces.
    - The Working Group will continue to report back to the National Park Authority as and when necessary.

8. In view of the experience and expertise of the recently elected Deputy Chairman of the Authority - Mr Neil Heseltine - the Chairman of the Authority felt he no longer needed to be a member of this group.

Conclusion

9. There are few issues facing the National Park more important than the future of land management and farming within the Yorkshire Dales. Over the past two years the farming and land management working group has developed particular expertise on what is a difficult, complex and quickly moving agenda.

10. It is felt appropriate, in order to best respond to these future challenges, to continue the work of the group, broaden its remit and report regularly back to the Authority.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

6 Sept 2019

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 8**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **ADOPTION OF THE GARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Purpose of the report

1. To formerly 'make' the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan, for the purpose of adopting it as part of the local development plan within the National Park.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Authority agrees:
   a. To formally 'make' the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan
   b. To comply with the necessary publicity requirements relating to the making of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework.

   - ***Corporate Plan objectives***
     33. Work with neighbouring authorities to produce a single, updated Local Plan for the whole of the National Park by 2023, which will help achieve the vision and objectives in the National Park Management Plan.

Background

4. In March 2014 the Authority resolved jointly with Craven District Council to approve the designation of Gargrave 'Neighbourhood Area' for the purpose of plan-making.

5. The Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework, which sets out a vision, objectives and planning policies for issues such as the release of new sites for housing, infill development, design matters and the conservation of green spaces.

6. As the majority of the plan area is outside the National Park, it was agreed that Craven District Council would be the lead body, supporting the parish council in its preparations and submission.

7. Last year the plan was submitted for independent examination. Subject to various modifications the Examiner concluded that the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan would

meet the necessary ‘basic conditions’ for formal adoption. The examiner recommended that the Plan should proceed to referendum of the Parish electorate. The Referendum was held on Thursday 30th May 2019.

8. 66.1% of those took part voted ‘yes’ and 33.9% voted ‘no’. In accordance with the regulations, since more than half of the votes supported the Plan, it is deemed to have been successful and can now form part of the statutory development plan up to 2032.

9. Craven District Council and the National Park Authority are required to formally ‘make’ (adopt) the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan, unless they consider that it would be incompatible with, human rights or other European Union obligations. Officers at Craven and the Authority do not consider that it would be incompatible.

10. At its meeting on the 8th July 2019, Craven District Council formally adopted the Gargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan in line with the regulations.

Conclusion

11. The Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan can now be adopted and used by the Authority to guide planning decisions within that part of the National Park.

12. In reality all of the settlement of Gargrave lies outside the Park. It is, therefore, likely that Craven District Council will have much more opportunity to use the Plan than the Authority.

13. The annex to this report contains the statement that the Authority must now publish on its planning policy webpage.

Peter Stockton
Head of Sustainable Development

10 September 2019

Gargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan
Regulation 19 Decision Statement
September 2019

(Section 38A(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In line with Regulation 19 above the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is issuing this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Gargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Plan successfully passed its referendum, held on Thursday 30th May 2019.

The Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan lies across the National Park boundary and therefore both Craven District Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are bringing it into force as part of the statutory development plan up to 2032.

The Plan can be inspected at:

- Craven District Council offices at Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1FJ. Opening Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 4.30pm Friday.

- Gargrave & Malhamdale Community Library, West St, Gargrave, Skipton BD23 3RD. Opening hours: Monday, 3pm to 6pm, Wednesday, 2pm to 5pm, Friday, 2pm to 5pm, Saturday, 10am to 1pm (closed Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday)

or online at:

- https://www.cravendc.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/planning-for-parishes/neighbourhood-planning/gargrave/
- http://gargravepc.org.uk/

For more information, please contact localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk or 01969 652334

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 9**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES AND THE MEMBER CHAMPION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ROLE**

Purpose of the report

1. To appoint a County 'group' Member to the Authority's Committees and to appoint a Member Champion to the Sustainable Development role.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That:

   (a) the Authority determines and appoints a Member to the Authority's Planning Committee;

   (b) the Authority appoints a 1st substitute to the Planning Committee;

   (c) the Authority appoints Stuart Parsons to the Finance & Resources Committee;

And that

   (d) Chris Clark is re-appointed as the Member Champion for Sustainable Development for a period of three years.

Background

3. Following the recent death of John Blackie, a vacancy now exists on the Authority's Planning Committee. Gillian Quinn and Stuart Parsons have both indicated that they wish to fill the vacancy.

4. If the County 'group' are unable to agree on a nomination for the role prior to the date of this meeting, Members will need to decide who they wish to fill the vacancy.

5. In addition, if the County are unable to agree on a nomination for as the 1st sub to the Planning Committee, the Members will need to decide on this appointment.

6. A vacancy also exists on the Authority's Finance and Resources Committee. The Authority needs to appoint Stuart Parsons to fill this vacancy. (He is the only Member eligible for the role.)

7. Members may recall that the current Member Champion for Sustainable Development, Chris Clark's, term of appointment is due to expire in September 2019 and Members will have received an invitation from the Chief Executive asking them to apply for the role, if they so wish.

8. No applications for the role have been received from Members, apart from Chris Clark who has indicated his willingness to continue; see **Appendix** attached.

Conclusion

9. It is recommended that Members be appointed to the roles as described above.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive
11 September 2019

Background documents: None

Sustainable Development Member Champion - Register of Interest

September 2019

I would like to register my interest for the position of Sustainable Development Member Champion.

A significant task for the Sustainable Development team will be bringing together the Local Plan. The Plan area, that now includes the Westmorland Dales, is now so large that it is likely that there will be a need to describe sub-areas. Congruently, the existing Local Plan will continue to be implemented.

As before and because of the continuing uncertainty, the Authority will have to continue to develop strategies for revenue generation and the almost certain requirement for the farming industry to cope with a significantly reduced support regime.

My background is in farming (although not from a farming family) and also as an advisor, for 25 years or so, to SME's that need assistance with establishment, development and management of their businesses. This role inevitably requires strategic input and a capacity to make decisions and solve problems and it is these skills that I believe I could put to good use as the Sustainable Development Member Champion.

Further, the requirement for Dales' communities to become more self-determining; taking more control, ownership & responsibility, is likely to increase. Anything that makes our farms, villages & communities more viable through sustainable development I would be enthusiastic to help foster.

My wife and I own and manage 170ha at Nethergill Farm. An eco-farm dedicated to truly profitable land management through balancing the needs of food, farming and nature. In addition, our aim is to help guests and visitors to leave more knowledgeable about those three disciplines than they were when they arrived. So, I am personally affected by, and therefore understand more fully, the decisions made by the Authority, particularly regarding farming, traditional farm buildings, the environment, sustainable energy and tourism. I would like to be involved in influencing those decisions.

I also have experience of working with;

- The Sustainable Development Fund, albeit as an applicant;
- LEADER, as a previous member of a Task & Finish Group;
- Community transport as a current Director of Upper Wharfedale Bus CIC;
- The conjecturing and management of future farming uncertainties as the Managing Partner in Nethergill Associates, a business management consultancy.

Chris Clark

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 12**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

ENGAGEMENTS

1. Since the last meeting of the Authority, the Chairman has been involved in the following:-

Events

- Attended the Annual Conference of the York, North Yorkshire, East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Attended the West Witton housing scheme 'breaking ground' ceremony .
- Attended the Campaign for National Parks' Park Protector and Year of Green Action Award Reception at the House of Commons.
- Attended the Gallery on the Green 10th Anniversary Exhibition in Settle.
- Attended a Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the 1949 Act - National Parks Big Picnic in Exmoor attended by HRH Prince Charles.
- Attended an event to celebrate the life of Jerry Pearlman.
- Along with Deputy CEO, hosted a low key visit by Lord Gardner of Kimble to witness the aftermath of the flood affected areas within the National Park and meet with those affected by it.
- Represented the Authority at the launch event for access improvements to the Old Courthouse in Shap which the Sustainable Development Fund contributed towards.
- Attended the Craven College Graduation Ceremony.
- Hosted the UK National Parks Conference 2019 at the Coniston Hotel, Skipton.

Meetings

- A meeting of the Local Government North Yorkshire & York meeting.
- A video conference of the NPUK Chairs to discuss a communications service level agreement.
- Attended a meeting of the Farm and Land Management meeting where future meetings were discussed.
- A Member Briefing Session for the UK National Parks Conference.
- Along with the Deputy Chairman, a RDC/YDNPA liaison meeting.
- A meeting of the Conference organising group.

Carl Lis OBE
Chairman

Background documents: None
3 September 2019

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 13**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

ENGAGEMENTS

1. Since the last meeting of the Authority, the Chief Executive has been involved in the following:-

Media

- BBC Radio York interview on the flash flooding event of 30 July

Events

- Attended the Bradford Literature Festival Dinner.
- Attended the W2Y event at the Great Yorkshire Show.
- A day with the Principal Planning Officer [Enforcement] to look at his area of work.
- A day with the Pennine National Trails Partnership Manager and his equivalent at Durham County Council to look at their area of work.
- Along with the Chairman, attended an event to celebrate the life of Jerry Pearlman.
- A day with the Countryside Archaeological Adviser to look at her area of work.
- Attended the Dairy Days exhibition launch at the Dales Countryside Museum.
- A day with a Planning Officer to look at his area of work.
- Attended the National Parks United Kingdom Conference 2019 at the Coniston Hotel, Skipton.

Meetings

- A meeting with Georgina Umney to discuss her role in the UK National Parks Conference.
- A discussion with the principal partner (Tarmac) of the UK National Parks Conference to discuss their role at the Conference.
- A meeting of the Authority's Senior Mangers to discuss the implementation of the new Investors in People (IIP) programme.
- Chaired two meetings [one by video conference] of the Europarc Atlantic Isles Board where the following were discussed: Progress against strategy; Activities – Updates; Europarc Federation; Relationship with agencies; ELearning discussion paper.
- A Meeting of the English National Park Officers' Group where the following were discussed: Last minute update on the Big Picnic; current major policy initiatives; meeting Defra Officials; Spending Review; Review of the NPE Business Plan; CNP

CEO invite; NPO Intelligence Exchange; NPO Away Days; notes and matters arising from previous meetings.

- A meeting with officials from the Dalesman magazine to discuss possibilities for future collaboration.
- A meeting with the CEO of CDC over matters of mutual interest.
- A meeting of the Chief Executive Group – North Yorkshire & York where the following were discussed: Brexit: Local preparedness; Climate Change; Rural Commission; a cultural Strategy for Yorkshire progress report; York & NY Devolution; Tourism; LEP update; YNYERH Spatial Framework; Report of YNYER Directors of Development; LGNYY; UCI Cycling World Championships; RSPB birds of prey crime figures; the countywide CCTV proposal; Government commitment to increase police numbers.
- Along with the Chairman and a number of other Members a Briefing Session on the UK National Parks Conference
- Along with the Chairman, a RDC/YDNPA Liaison meeting where the following were discussed: Growth (Economy / Housing); Attracting Young People Initiative; Call for sites/housing exception sites; Housing sites; RDC's Community Investment Fund, Small Business Grants and Apprenticeships; Wensleydale Cycle Trail – Feasibility Study; Yorkshire Dales Management Plan; Flooding in the Dales; UCI World Cycling Championships; Welcome to Yorkshire; Tees-Swale Project.
- Along with the Chairman, a meeting of the UK National Parks organising group.
- A Video Conference of all the Europarc Country Sections to discuss the Europarc conference and other matters of mutual interest.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

Background documents: None

2 Sept 2019

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 14**

Date: **24 September 2019**

Report: **MEMBER FEEDBACK ON PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATION AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS REPORTS**

Purpose

1. For Members to report back from meetings attended as representatives of the National Park Authority since the last Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Members consider and note the reports from the Authority's representatives.

Background

3. Members represent the Authority on a wide variety of Partnerships and, in order to keep Members and Officers updated on this representation, formal reports are brought to each full Authority meeting.

4. This provides the opportunity to update members on the work of the various partnerships we are involved, a chance to question member representatives and a means by which we can continually assess the value of these partnerships.

5. Reports from Partnership meetings attended by Members this quarter are included in the **Appendix.**

Julie Payne
Committees Officer

12 September 2019

Appendix

List of Partnership Meetings Jul – Sept 2019

Title	Member	Date	Attended	Report
Attracting and retaining young people	Chairman	31/07/19	Cancelled (due to floods)	-
Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum	MC for Sustainable Development	29/07/19	Yes	attached

Member Champion Sustainable Development
Member of the Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum (RCRF)

In 2019 the RCRF was established to fulfil Ripon Cathedral's desire to develop partnerships with significant rural stakeholders to enable wide ranging rural engagement based on a platform of understanding and knowledge of issues facing rural communities in order to have a credible rural voice. RCRF will:

- Identify current rural issue(s), challenges and possible solutions.
- Promote key message(s) going forward.
- Approve the Cathedral to 'champion' the identified issue(s) and message(s).
- Establishing a working group to facilitate promotion of the message(s) as agreed by RCRF.

There are 14 members of the RCRF, the inaugural meeting was held in April where it was agreed that RCRF would provide a valuable forum for diverse rural groups and policy makers to meet and work together in partnership. RCRF will be an advocate and lobbyist for the Rural in North Yorkshire at many levels.
To facilitate this an Executive Committee was formed consisting of:

Richard Flintoff (NYCC)
Rachel Bowles (HBC)
Chris Clark (YDNPA)
Bishop Helen-Ann
Dean John
Canon Barry

Executive Committee Terms of Reference

1. The stakeholder group which is RCRF will establish an Executive Committee of between 3 and 5 volunteers from their ranks
2. They will be joined by 2 members of the Cathedral Chapter and supported by 2 members of the congregation
3. They shall meet 3 times per annum, chaired by the Dean
4. They should meet for the purposes of agreeing the causes and issue on which the Cathedral will engage
5. They shall contribute to building of an action plan on how each 'engagement' is to be managed, produced, handled
6. At future meeting/s they will evaluate the performance of any such engagements
7. Bi-annually they will report back to the full Forum on the performance of the Forum's 'project' and seek approval for continuance and/or cessation
8. They will also receive from the full Forum advice and guidance on subsequent issues or themes to be pursued.

Chris Clark

Annual Report of Member Champion for Cultural Heritage

September 2019 Authority Meeting

Actions this year have included:

- Providing landscape input to the update of the National Park's recreation strategy, *Special Qualities, Special Places*;
- Attending a talk on barn conversions for members of Friends of the Dales, where I spoke from the floor to help explain and put in context the National Park's policies and approach;
- Chairing part of the National Park's annual Archaeology Day, held at Giggleswick School in March;
- With senior officers, meeting Dame Fiona Reynolds as part of the Glover Review;
- Helping to develop the brief for, and steer, the new Landscape Character Assessment that is in preparation;
- Initiating a visit to the National Park by Marian Spain, Chief Executive of Natural England, to be held in early November to discuss issues of common interest;
- Attending the opening of the *Shepherdess* exhibition at the Dale Countryside Museum;
- Attending part of the annual Joint Statement Meeting on the historic environment for officers from Historic England and other National Parks, hosted this year by YDNPA;
- Raising with officers the issue of the definition of 'environment' in the Draft Environment Bill (definition appears to exclude historic environment, which could prejudice future funding);
- Preparing a blog for the National Park's website about the work of our building conservation officers;
- Commenting on an early draft of the updated Cultural Heritage Strategy for the National Park which is currently in preparation;
- Continuing to keep an eye on issues relating to buildings at risk, including development of the Yore Mill planning application;
- Encouragement to Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust to initiate a new building preservation project within the National Park.

In addition, I have attended regular meetings of Member Champions, Conservation and Community Directorate Management Team, Sustainable Development Team, and the Supporting Farming Task Group.

In coming weeks I will be acting as host on a historic environment-focused tour as part of the National Parks UK conference; and I have recently been approached to ask if I would advise the National Trust (on a voluntary basis as a YDNPA member) on possible measures for assessing public benefits arising from landscape features as part of a Defra-funded agri-environment pilot.

Julie Martin, September 2019

Note of the meeting of Member Champions
Monday 19 August 2019

Present:	Carl Lis [CL]	(Chairman)
	Neil Heseltine [NH]	(Deputy Chairman)
	Julie Martin [JM]	(Cultural Heritage)
	Jim Munday [JMy]	(Development Management)
	Ian McPherson [IMc]	(Natural Environment)
	Judith Donovan [JD]	(Promoting Understanding)
Apologies:	Julie Hutton [JH]	(Corporate Management)
	Nick Cotton [NC]	(Recreation Management)
	Chris Clark [CC]	(Sustainable Development)

		Action
1.	<u>Welcome from Chairman</u> CL gave an update on Ministerial appointments directly affecting National Parks following the appointment of the new Prime Minister: Rishi Sunak - Chief Secretary to the Treasury Julian Smith - Secretary of State for Northern Ireland There has been publicity by ARC who has questioned the appointment of Julie Martin as Chair of Planning Committee. The Government is fast-tracking the Spending Review – NPE have put together a statement on behalf of all NPAs. NPE met with Julian Glover – interim statement has been circulated to Members for their information. The new Secretary of State has a copy of that statement. CL accompanied Lord Gardiner on a visit to Swaledale following the recent flooding.	
2.	<u>Action points arising from notes of meeting on 20 May 2019</u> Future of Farming Group – AJS will be circulating a note of the last meeting held on 22/7/19. CL has stepped down from the group. The Group will continue and its future remit will be considered at the September NPA meeting. <u>MC Job Descriptions</u> – minor revisions completed and all Job Descriptions re-issued to Champions. <u>Cultural Heritage</u> - CL had raised the 'role' of cultural heritage in the Environment Bill at the NPE meeting on 6 June.	GS/AJS
3.	<u>YDNPA Position on Climate Emergency</u> The Director of Conservation & Community had prepared a report for consideration by Member Champions giving some background to the Authority's position to enable discussion and consider options for the future. MCs will feed back their ideas to Gary Smith prior to consideration of a report to the NPA. CL to check whether the report is going to September or December NPA meeting. JD suggested a short statement should be on the Authority's website before the Conference takes place. She also suggested that tourism should feature in the statement, in addition to farming.	CL

		Action
4.	<u>Update on Conference Organisation</u> JD is providing a briefing for members who are involved with the conference (meeting taking place on 29 August). JD is involved with the Hawes Market Town tour. She commended staff for the phenomenal job being done with organization of the conference. CL to speak to DB on confirmation of Secretary of State attendance.	CL✓
5.	<u>Updates from individual Champions</u>	
	Corporate Management – Julie Hutton JH had circulated a note identifying her assistance with Recruitment of the Solicitor and Monitoring Officer; Commented on the recent update of the Review of Financial Regulations prior to reporting going to Finance and Resources Committee. She has provided comments and input to the format and details of the Performance Management report to Audit & Review Committee. Over the next few weeks she will be involved with the NP UK Conference and a Blog about being a Member Champion.	
	Promoting Understanding – Judith Donovan Cheese Festival taking place from 14-22 September. A new caterer taking over at Aysgarth Centre . A food took kit is due back from designers which aims to help businesses with marketing. JD feels better signage is required to promote parking at DCM and asked if this can be looked into.	
	Natural Environment – Ian McPherson The Tees-Swale project is being suggested for the landscape scale 'nature recovery area' (Objective C1 c – NPMP). It is felt this area would meet the criteria.. The Biodiveristy Forum decided to hold a Landscape Scale Conference – a working group is now planning this for next summer/autumn. IMc has attended a Land Management Section meeting looking at effects of rewilding on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve.	
	Cultural Heritage – Julie Martin Continues to be involved with Landscape Character Assessment study. Attended Sustainable Development away day/team meeting visiting Clapham Caves; a new CDC housing site (on the edge of the Park); development of a barn at Newby Cote. A great opportunity to talk to staff. Sadly a listed culvert at Grinton Smelt Mill has been destroyed in recent flash floods. Update on staff changes: new apprentice and replacement for Building Conservation Officer. Yoremill planning application was withdrawn due to need for parking on the site.	
	Development Management – Jim Munday Has helped prepare reaction statements where required, putting the record straight. The principle is now well established; putting positive planning stories out. He has been involved in the 'development management' induction for 3 new members. Publication of the annual monitoring report has been delayed. Currently looking at the pre-application service to see if it can be enhanced as a guide.	

		Action
6.	Future Communications issues Progress noted on comms action plan: IMc asked if the National Park 'factsheet' for Members could be produced as a small booklet to aid easier/quick reference. Judith Donovan offered to cover the winter blog – on the UK National Park conference. Neil Heseltine offered to cover Member Champions' Twitter Feed. He feels the use of info graphics could be used to promote positive messages.	
	Date of next meeting Monday 25 November at 2.30pm – Yoredale.	

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