

Minutes of the meeting held remotely in the Lifesize Virtual Committees Room, on Tuesday, 29 September 2020.

Present:

John Amsden, Mark Corner, Nick Cotton, Richard Foster, Kevin Frea, Richard Good, Neil Heseltine (in the chair), Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Sandy Lancaster, Carl Lis, Julie Martin, Ian McPherson, Ian Mitchell, Jim Munday, Stuart Parsons, Gillian Quinn, Karin Sedgwick, Neil Swain, Derek Twine and Richard Welch.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

The Chair formally thanked former member Chris Clark, who left the Authority in July 2020, for his past work on behalf of the Authority including as Member Champion for Sustainable Development; and welcomed Mark Corner and Derek Twine to the Authority, both having been appointed as Secretary of State members in July 2020.

20/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

21/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2020, having been printed and circulated, be amended to record the terms of appointment of both Chair and Deputy Chair until the annual meeting of the Authority in 2021 (not 2020) and to record the appointment of Kevin Frea as Member Champion for Promoting Understanding for a term of 3 years. The amended minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

22/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

A written statement had been received from Councillor Yvonne Peacock, in relation to item 6 on the agenda (Planning White Paper). This was read to the meeting and the Chair replied.

23/20 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

24/20 PLANNING WHITE PAPER

The Authority CONSIDERED the report and presentation of the Head of Sustainable Development and NOTED the proposed changes to the Planning System with many details still to be decided.

Points to be fed into the joint National Parks England response to Government included:

- National Parks had not been included in the definition of “protected areas” in the White Paper – if this was a deliberate omission, then it could result in automatic development in the National Park in “zoned areas”, which may have adverse impacts which are unforeseen at the time “zones” are agreed;
- If National Parks are to be included as “protected areas”, then it is particularly important that managed development is permitted within the National Park, to sustain communities living here, rather than development being prohibited;
- Concern was expressed about the loss of democratic input into planning decisions – particularly the removal of democratic input on individual planning applications. It was often only at the point of a full application that the implications / impact of a proposed development could be revealed, including the impact on the archaeology and ecology of the National Park;
- The White Paper proceeds on the basis there is a housing shortage. One issue which is not addressed within the White Paper is that there are currently a significant number of cases in which planning permission to build housing has been granted, but the developers have not completed the buildings to deliver the housing. One suggestion was that developers should be made to complete a development in a set time period, following the grant of planning permission;
- Design should be determined locally and not centrally – “Beauty” – a phrase used in the White Paper, particularly in terms of construction, is very subjective;
- The proposals would have a negative set back to our local plan, which is currently being developed;
- The proposed infrastructure levy could mean that levy raised inside the National Park would be used to build affordable housing outside the Park – bringing no benefit to local communities. A lot more detail would be required.

24/20 REVIEW OF FUTURE OF FARMING AND LAND MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CONSIDERED - the report of the Head of Land Management and the comments of the current Chair of this group;

RESOLVED –

- a) To approve the continuation of this working group for a further two years, with reports being brought back to the Authority as appropriate;
- b) That Kevin Frea be appointed as an additional member of the group;
- c) That the working group be re-named as the Farming and Land Management Policy Working Group.

(The Chair of this Working Group thanked officers working in the Land Management Team and Farming Team for their assistance to the work of the group.)

25/20 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS

CONSIDERED – the report of the Chief Executive and the statements of Carl Lis and Julie Martin.

RESOLVED – To appoint Carl Lis as the Member Champion for Sustainable Development and to re-appoint Julie Martin as the Member Champion for Cultural Heritage, each for a period of three years.

26/20 BYELAWS RELATING TO CARPARKS

CONSIDERED – the report of the Authority’s Solicitor / Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED –

- a) That a review of the byelaws relating to the use of the Authority’s car-parks be commenced;
- b) Draft byelaws be prepared by the Authority’s solicitor, after consultation with the Chair and the Member Champion for Recreation Management, for submission to DEFRA for provisional approval and amendment as necessary;
- c) Following receipt and consideration of DEFRA’s comments, the Authority’s solicitor be authorised to re-submit the byelaws to the Secretary of State for formal confirmation.

27/20 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

CONSIDERED – the report of the Chairman, Neil Heseltine, and verbal update to the meeting.

NOTED - the report of the Chairman.

28/20 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CONSIDERED and **NOTED** – the report of the Chief Executive, including the delegated decisions made by the Chief Executive under urgency provisions.

29/20 MEMBER FEEDBACK ON PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATION AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS’ REPORTS

CONSIDERED and **NOTED** - the report of the Committees Officer and the verbal report of Stuart Parsons on the meeting of the York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Infrastructure Programmes Board.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 14:40pm.