

**YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

ITEM 3

Minutes of the meeting held at YDNPA offices, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 1:00pm.

Present:

Standards Committee Members:

Mark Corner, Neil Heseltine, David Ireton (in the Chair following his election), Carl Lis and Neil Swain

Also present:

Lynda Fothergill and Alex Rocke (Independent Persons)

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01/23 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The report of the Committees Officer was NOTED.

02/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR

David Ireton was nominated for the position of Chair of the Committee.

RESOLVED –

By unanimous vote, that David Ireton be elected as Chair of the Standards Committee to hold office until the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Authority in 2023.

DAVID IRETON IN THE CHAIR

03/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

04/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

05/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS

No notifications of public questions or of the intention to make a statement had been received.

06/23 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

07/23 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS – PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL ASSESSMENT

The Committee CONSIDERED the report of the Director of Corporate Services. Following discussion on issues raised by the report, including the role of the Independent Person if asked to give their views by a Member at an early stage of the process and the merits and disadvantages of having the same Independent Person throughout the process:

RESOLVED –

That the Committee recommends to the Authority that the revised Procedure for Local Assessment of Members' Code of Conduct Complaints is adopted.

08/23 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS – DETERMINATION PROCEDURE

The Committee CONSIDERED the report of the Director of Corporate Services. In response to Members' queries, she confirmed that:

- A Hearing Panel, being a sub-committee of the Authority, currently could not choose to meet remotely due to the legislation;
- There would be a briefing for the Hearing Panel before the meeting itself;
- Member training on Standards and the Code of Conduct was scheduled to take place later this year (2023).

RESOLVED –

That the Committee recommends to the Authority that the revised Procedure for Determination of Members' Code of Conduct Complaints is adopted.

09/23 PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Committee CONSIDERED the report of the Director of Corporate Services.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee recommends to the Authority that the revised Protocol relating to the Independent Person is adopted.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 1:40pm.