

Minutes of the meeting held at the offices of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

Present:

Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Richard Foster, Michael Hanley, Neil Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Peter Jackson, Allen Kirkbride, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Jenny Purcell, Karin Sedgwick, Graham Simpkins, Steve Shaw Wright and Derek Twine.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

44/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Yvonne Peacock, Simon Myers, Stuart Parsons and Ian Mitchell

45/24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2024

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 01 October 2024 having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

46/24 Public Question Time

Rob MacDonald read out a public statement regarding North Yorkshire Councils change to their School Transport Policy and the impact on parents and children in rural areas.

Charlotte Fowler read out a public statement regarding North Yorkshire Councils change to their School Transport Policy and the impact on parents and children in rural areas.

Steve Webb, read out a public statement on behalf of Threshfield Village Development Concern Group regarding the Local Plan.

Ruth Annison read out a public statement regarding public transport.

Mohammed Dhalech read out a statement about the importance of Inclusivity in the Authority's work.

The Chair responded to all public statements.

47/24 Declarations of lobbying

All members had been lobbied on Agenda item 7. Richard Foster had been lobbied both for and against item 7.

48/24 National Park Authority Objectives for 2025-26

The Authority **Considered** the report of the Deputy Chief Executive

A Member expressed surprise and frustration that the proposed objectives for 2025-26 did not seem to reflect the recent inclusion of the Outreach work programme as an Authority priority.

The Deputy Chief Executive responded that the draft National Park Management Plan and the Action Plan 2025/26 will be issued in the New Year and will reflect the priority for Outreach.

Resolved – To approve the revisions to the Authority’s objectives, as set out in the Annex.

49/24 Update on Local Nature Recovery Strategies

The Authority **Considered** the report of the Senior Wildlife Conservation Officer

A Member requested that the draft documents be circulated to all Members, before submission, to provide an opportunity to comment on the proposals. It was suggested a 7-day turnaround period would be suitable. This was agreed.

Resolved – To authorise the Director of Conservation and Community to respond on the NPA’s behalf to formal requests from Responsible Authorities for approval of Local Nature Recovery Strategies at the key stages outlined in paragraph 6 of this report. Responses to be prepared:

- a. In consultation with the YDNPA Chair and the Member Champion for Natural Environment following an initial consideration of the proposals by Members; and,
- b. Using the Authority’s adopted ‘Yorkshire Dales National Park Nature Recovery Plan’ to guide its submission.

50/24 Yorkshire Dales Local Plan Publication Stage and Report on Consultation of Housing Sites

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

Whilst recognising the difficulties in the provision of affordable housing within the National Park, most Members supported the work to date of the Member Working Group. A number of questions were asked in relation to: the impact of the new Government’s housing targets, the reasons behind the number of housing sites in the South of the Park and the lack of sites in other areas, carbon reduction implications of new building and the potential role for the York & North Yorkshire Mayor in helping deliver Local Plan.

Resolved – That Members had considered the summary of responses to the recent public Consultation on housing site options.

- a. note that officers are of the view that the consultation has not raised any materially new planning considerations that would change the recommendation on any of the preferred housing sites,

- b. authorise the list of preferred housing sites (see **Annex B**) for inclusion in the Publication version of the Local Plan,
- c. delegate authority to officers to finalise and progress the Local Plan text, mapping and background documents to Publication Stage (Development Plans Regulation 19), in the New Year.

51/24 Local Development Scheme update 2024-2026

The Authority **considered** the report of the Local Plan Project Officer.

Resolved – To approve the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the period 2024–2026 and publishes it on the website as the Authority's programme for reviewing the Local Plan.

52/24 Clapham Cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2030

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

Resolved – The Authority

- Agrees the modifications in the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan as specified in the report of the Examiner, and agrees to proceed to a referendum;
- Requests North Yorkshire Council (NYC) organise the referendum of the residents of Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood area; and,
- Delegates authority to the Director of Conservation and Community to 'make' the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan if it is passed in the referendum.

53/24 Appointment of co-opted young Members to Finance and Resources Committee

The Authority **Considered** the Report of the Director of Corporate Services.

The Member Champion for Corporate Management commended the work on the recruitment process and asked that any lessons learned should be examined by the Authority HR service.

Resolved – To appoint Katie Norgate and Zachary Anderson to serve as non-voting co-opted young Members on the Finance and Resources Committee for an initial two-year period.

54/24 Appointment of Member to Finance and Resources Committee

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

Resolved - Michael Hanley of Westmorland and Furness Council be appointed to the Authority's Finance and Resources Committee with immediate effect.

55/24 Appointment of member Champions for Corporate Management, Promoting Understanding and Cultural Heritage

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

Resolved – To appoint Julie Hutton as Member Champion for Corporate Management. Appoint Neil Heseltine as Member Champion for Promoting Understanding and David Noland as Member Champion for Cultural Heritage.

56/24 Chairs Report

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

57/24 Report of the Chief Executive

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

58/24 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 2:42 p.m.