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## MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: Friday 27 September 2024 at 12.00 pm

Venue: Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: K Smith

Present: J W Berresford, M Beer, Ms R Bennett, P Brady, M Buckler, M Chaplin, Prof J Dugdale, C Farrell, C Greaves, A Gregory, L Grooby, B Hanley, Mrs G Heath, I Huddleston, D Murphy, A Nash, C O'Leary, K Potter, V Priestley, K Richardson, K Rustidge, Dr R Swetnam, S Thompson and Y Witter

Apologies for absence: A Hart, L Hartshorne, J Wharmby and B Woods.

### **78/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2024**

There was an amendment to the title of Minute number 73/24 to correct the spelling of Independant Persons to Independent Persons.

The minutes of the last meeting of the National Park Authority held on 26 July 2024 with the above amendment were approved as a correct record.

### **79/24 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

### **80/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present to make representations to the Committee.

### **81/24 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Members Declarations of Interest.

### **82/24 CHAIR'S BRIEFING**

The Chair of the Authority provided the following verbal update to Members:-

- Along with the Deputy Chair attended weekly briefings with the Chief Executive
- Attended two Planning Committee Meetings and 2 sets of Site Visits
- Attended one Programme and Resources Committee meeting

- Along with the Chief Executive met with Jon Pearce MP High Peak
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs meeting with the Chief Executive on current issues
- Met with the Executive Director of National Parks England
- Attended the Local Plan Steering Group in August
- Visited the Chatsworth County Fair and met with Lord Burlington and the new Mayor of the East Midlands Combined Authority
- Met with representatives from Derbyshire County Council to discuss the content and delivery of the National Park Management Plan
- Attended part of the Wider Management Team meeting at Over Haddon
- Attended the Planning Training for Members
- Along with the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chair and other members of staff attended the National Park Annual Conference held in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

#### **83/24 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (PM)**

There were no further updates to the report, however the Chief Executive did explain why the report mentioned the National Park UK Communications unit, how the PDNPA was heavily involved and the focus of the communications unit.

Since the paper had been written the Landscapes Working Group had been formed and will be taking forward the ideas for a bid to be submitted to the new National Lottery Heritage Fund 'Landscape Connections' programme.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To note the report.**

#### **84/24 LANDSCAPE AI - PRESENTATION**

The Strategy and Performance Manager gave a presentation on the subject of Landscape AI and the project undertaken by the Senior Data and Research Analyst. The justification for the project and the methodology were presented to the team along with the next steps.

The Team were thanked for the presentation and the fascinating work in this area. It was noted that the main barrier to further development is funding and that with further funding it would be possible to develop this for other protected landscapes. Members enquired as to the intellectual property rights of the work and whether there were any income generating opportunities available. The Authority Solicitor confirmed that she would review this and confirm the Authority's position. It was noted that in the future it may be possible to add in parameters linking to climate change and the team are working closely with universities who have access to more funding. The Chair mentioned that the Sheffield Centre Archaeological Society, along with the University of Sheffield and the Yorkshire Archaeological Society are planning an Aerial Photography Conference next year and if there was an opportunity here to showcase the project.

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**85/24 ANNUAL COMPLAINT PERFORMANCE & SERVICE IMPROVEMENT REPORT**

The Authority Solicitor introduced the report, confirming that a positive report had been received from the Ombudsman, that there had been no maladministration, nor any issues which had needed to be reported to the Information Commissioner.

There were no comments or questions from Members.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the complaint, information request and data handling statistics detailed within the reports and appendices be noted.**

**86/24 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF PROGRAMMES & RESOURCES - VERBAL UPDATE**

The Vice-Chair of the Programmes and Resources Committee gave a verbal update on the work of the committee from the last meeting where the following topics were discussed:-

- A couple of themes were covered at the last meeting the first being the Climate Change Aims incorporating the Race to Zero to get to Net Zero by 2040 instead of 2050 and how to measure the indirect emissions and the adaption needed to manage climate change.
- The Carbon Management plan annual update was given
- Occupational Safety and Health and the under-reporting of incidents was discussed at the last meeting
- Also looked at Insurance Renewal
- Knowle House Farm tenancy has now been let with a focus on environmental management and education and hopefully a visit there for members next summer.

**87/24 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF PLANNING - VERBAL UPDATE**

The Chair of the Planning Committee had circulated a paper to Members prior to the meeting detailing the recent work of the Planning Committee.

There were no questions from Members.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the report.**

**88/24 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES - NONE SUBMITTED**

No reports had been submitted.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm