

Annual General Meeting (AGM) National Parks Partnerships

Date: 20 October 2021

Timing: 9.30am – 11.00am

Via video

Attendees :

Alison	Barnes	New Forest NPA
Trevor	Beattie	South Downs NPA
Sarah	Bryan	Exmoor NPA
Richard	Burnett	Yorkshire Dales NPA
David	Butterworth	Yorkshire Dales NPA
Naomi	Conway	NPP
Bill	Dickson	Broads NPA
Briony	Fox	North York Moors NPA
Tony	Gates	Northumberland NPA
Tegryn	Jones	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA
Andrew	McCloy	Peak District NPA
Catherine	Mealing-Jones	Brecon Beacons NPA
Robin	Milton	Exmoor NPA
John	Packman	Broads NPA
Gavin	Parker	New Forest NPA
Ian	Phillips	South Downs NPA
Will	Potter	NPP
Lisa	Sensier	NPP
James	Stuart	Loch Lomond & The Trossachs NPA
Vicky	Walker	Cairngorms NPA
Gordon	Watson	Loch Lomond & The Trossachs NPA
Emyr	Williams	Snowdonia NPA
Pamela	Woods	Dartmoor NPA

Apologies:

Tom Hind (North York Moors NPA); Richard Leafe and Mike McKinley (Lake District NPA); Grant Moir (Cairngorms NPA); Sarah Fowler (Peak District NPA); Jean Davidson (Northumberland NPA); Kevin Bishop (Dartmoor NPA); Catherine Hawkins (NPP); Justin Keeble (NPP).

COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

1. Appointment of Chairperson

Gordon Watson was proposed as Chair of the Meeting by Richard Burnett (Yorkshire Dales National Park) and seconded by Emyr Williams (Snowdonia National Park), both Designated Members.

This was unanimously approved by Members.

The Chair welcomed Members to the AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Chair's Welcome and Introduction

GW outlined that the aim of the AGM today is to approve the annual report and accounts, and to give a review of the last 12 months. Due to notable updates in this financial year, an update will be provided for more recent activity as well.

3. Quorum

With 23 Member representatives, including three Designated Members present, the meeting was declared quorate.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of Previous AGM

The meetings of the AGM held 30 October 2020 were approved.

6. Review of the last 12 Months (Annual Report)

GW highlighted significant achievements bringing on new partners in difficult circumstances. Heightened interest in the national parks due to sustainability and mental health benefits has led to more receptive and committed commercial partners.

Changes in Board: John Kennedy, Tim Barclay and Liam MacAleese stepping down. Sue Albion, Justin Keeble and Briony Fox (NYM) joined; Emyr Williams replaced Julian Atkins. Cat Hawkins stood down as Chair after serving two years and achieving huge progress, and remains on the Board.

Gordon has taken on the Chair on a temporary basis whilst plans are agreed for the new operating model. Final set of proposals to come to CEOs on NPP model in November. To confirm new Chair in early 2022.

COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

Ongoing partnerships with CLIF bars; Forest Holidays; Royal Mail; Harper Collins; Adventure Pins & Outdoor Scratch Maps were acknowledged. CLIF/Forest Holidays partnerships had to pause due to COVID.

NC discussed strategy, learnings and successes of past year. Net Zero With Nature has proved a positive way to attract commercial interest. The [REDACTED] partnership with Palladium offering critical expertise, converting interest in to funding from companies. Now in a position to be able to develop high quality nature restoration pilots locally with parks. [REDACTED] secured so far for this work. Santander and The Estée Lauder Companies UK & Ireland have been secured as founding partners.

Pamela Woods (Dartmoor NPA) asked when the Business Plan & Operating Model will be shared and asked for an update on any discussions with DEFRA. GW confirmed November for the operating model paper. NC confirmed that DEFRA engagement has been done via Richard Leafe to ensure no conflict with English NP grants. NPP were invited to put forward a proposal and await the outcome.

Alison Barnes (New Forest NPA): The NZWN initiative has offered a positive opportunity for NPA family to be proactive about this strategy to DEFRA and others, progress achieved by NPP was welcomed. Enquired about the [REDACTED]-partnership. NC outlined the Revere Ethics Charter and [REDACTED]

Tony Gates (Northumberland NPA) echoed Alison's comments and highlighted the importance of a new business plan for NPP in light of changes that are taking place.

7. Annual Accounts and Audit

No queries, members happy to receive the accounts. As things currently stand, these are not audited accounts.

8. Any Other Business

None.