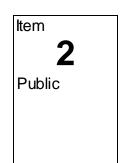
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9.30 am



MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP. MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2025 9.30 AM

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward Email: tim.ward@shropshire.gov.uk

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Present

Local Authorities Shropshire Council

Cllr Heather Kidd Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)

Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members

Individual Member	Alison Caffyn
Individual Member	Rachel Cockett
Individual Member	Adrian Cullis
Individual Member	Sue Manns
Town & Parish Council representative	Tony Heighway
Town & Parish Council representative	Stephen Pennington
Acton Scott Heritage Farm	Rachel Lambert-Jones
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Sue Steer
Country Land & Business Association	Alex Carson-Taylor (Chair)
Environment Agency	Matthew Lawrence
Forestry Commission	Wayne Barnes
	Alan Reid
Land Life & Livelihoods	Robert Harris
Long Mynd Adventure Camp	Jim Bunce
Long Mynd & District Bridleways Association	Sue Lee
/ British Horse Society	
Middle Marches Community Land Trust	Nigel Jackson
National Farmers Union	Carol Griffiths
Ramblers Association	Charles Edwards
Shropshire Good Food Partnership	Daphne du Cros
South Shropshire Climate Action	Nick Read
Upper Onny Wildlife Group	Leo Smith

Observers/Officers Shropshire Council	Pete Banford (Culture & Communities Manager) Tim Ward (Committee Officer)
Telford & Wrekin Council	Ben Holloway
Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team	Phil Holden (Team Manager) Joy Howells (Funding & Programmes Officer) Joe Penfold (Engagement Ranger)

42 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Francis Acton, Emma Bacon, Charlie Bell, Albert Benghiat, Sarah Farquhar, Harriet Halliday, Cllr Carolyn Healy, Ruth Houghton, John Luck and Councillor Hilary Luff.

43 Minutes of the last meeting

43.1 **RESOLVED**

That the note of the last meeting held on 13th November 2024 be approved.

44 Election of Vice Chair

44.1 The Chair advised the meeting that Sue Manns had agreed to fill the vacancy for a Vice Chair.

RESOLVED

The Sue Manns be appointed Vice Chair of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.

45 **Proposal to Transfer Waste Water from the Clun to the Onny**

45.1 The meeting received the following updates: -

Proposal to Transfer Waste Water from the Clun to the Onny

The Chair advised that following a discussion at the Strategy and Performance Committee it was proposed that he write to Severn Trent expressing concern and seeking more information on the proposals. This course of action was approved by the Partnership.

Landscape Connections Project Proposal

The National Landscape Team Manager gave an update on the Landscape Connections project proposal which was being led by the National Trust. He advised members that an expression of interest would be submitted shortly.

Land Use Framework Consultation Launch

The National Landscape Team Manager advised members that the government had recently launched a consultation on a new approach to land use, which was aimed at giving decision makers a toolkit to protect the most productive agricultural land and boost food security. He took the meeting through some of the key points of the consultation and stated that this would be brought back to a future meeting.

Test Case On 'Further the Purpose' Duty

The National Landscape Team Manager updated the committee on a recent judicial review where the government had admitted it had acted illegally when deciding on a development in a National Landscape without applying the statutory duty to further the purpose of the designation. He commented that this sets an important precedent for all National Parks and National Landscapes, as it made clear that all public bodies must comply with the new duty to seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing natural beauty in these areas.

Bishop's Castle Wind Turbine - Planning Application

The National Landscape Team Manager advised the meeting of an application for a single wind turbine situated within the National Landscape boundary near Bishop's Castle as part of the Bishop's Castle Heat and Wind Project and showed some details from the application. Members generally welcomed the project and agreed that the Partnership should not object. A member expressed concern regarding the infrastructure associated with such developments and it was agreed to check about any new overhead cabling resulting from the scheme.

46 Management Plan Review

46.1 The National Landscape Team Manager updated the meeting on the update of the Management Plan. Members then split into groups for a workshop session around recommendations and aspirations.

The National Landscape Team Manager advised Members that it was proposed that a next draft of the plan would be brought to the next meeting for approval to publish for consultation.

47 Dates of Future Meetings

47.1 Members were advised that future meetings of the Partnership would be held on:

Tues 18th March 2025

Thurs 31st July 2025

Thurs 13th November 2025

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Signed (Chairman)

Date: