



Shropshire Hills  
National Landscape  
Partnership.

13 November 2024

9.30 am

Item

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**MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP.  
MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2024  
9.30 AM - 12.10 PM**

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**Present  
Local Authorities**

Shropshire Council

Cllr Heather Kidd  
Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)

**Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members**

Individual Member  
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Individual Member  
Town & Parish Council representative  
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Country Land & Business Association  
Environment Agency  
Longmynd Adventure Camp  
Long Mynd & District Bridleways Association  
Middle Marches Community Land Trust  
National Farmers Union  
National Trust  
Ramblers Association  
Shropshire Good Food Partnership  
South Shropshire Climate Action  
Upper Onny Wildlife Group

Alison Caffyn  
Rachel Cockett  
Adrian Cullis  
Francis Acton  
Tony Haighway  
Ruth Houghton  
Alex Carson-Taylor (Chair)  
Matt Lawrence  
Jim Bunce  
Sue Lee  
Nigel Jackson  
Carol Griffiths  
Charlie Bell  
Charles Edwards  
Jenny Rouquette  
Nick Read  
Leo Smith

## **Observers/Officers**

National Lottery Heritage Fund Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team	Emma Birks Phil Holden (Team Manager) Alison Kay (Administrator) Nigel McDonald (Sustainable Tourism Officer) Dougald Purce (Woodland Project Officer)
Telford & Wrekin Council	Ben Holloway (Biodiversity Technician)

## **22 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

- 22.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 22.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hilary Luff, Cllr Dan Morris, Rob Harris, Richard Grindle, Gillian Preece, Sue Manns and John Luck.

## **23 Minutes of the last meeting**

### **23.1 RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the National Landscape Partnership held on 19 March 2024 be approved as a true record.

- 23.2 There were no comments.

## **24 National Lottery Heritage Fund**

- 24.1 Members received a presentation from the representative of the National Lottery Heritage fund.
- 24.2 Members asked questions and it was confirmed that the slides of the presentation on new funding opportunities will be circulated together with details of grants to private land owners.
- 24.3 The National Lottery Heritage Fund representative confirmed that they were available to attend meetings of partner organisations and that their contact information would be supplied to partners by the National Landscape Team Manager

## **25 Ancient Woodland Restoration Project**

- 25.1 Members received a presentation of the Woodland Project Officer.
- 25.2 Discussion took place and it was confirmed that the presentation slides, with the addition of the sites map, would be circulated.

## **26 Update on Defra Policy and Developments**

- 26.1 Members received the verbal report of the Chair.

26.2 It was advised that there was a new ministerial team in place with Mary Creagh MP holding a dedicated portfolio for Nature-  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/ministers/parliamentary-under-secretary-of-state--278> It was confirmed that the National Landscapes Association will engage with relevant Defra ministers.

26.3 Discussion took place and members requested a future agenda item on the state of rivers in the area.

## **27 Brief Updates on Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team Activity**

27.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which gave brief updates on activity of the team and of the National Landscapes Association.

27.2 The chair advised that he had received very good feedback from attendees at the Summer Forum

## **28 Management Plan Review - Progress Update and Discussion**

28.1 Members receive a presentation from the National Landscape Team Manager detailing doughnut economics, highlights from the public survey and top priorities of partners.

28.2 Discussion took place and it was confirmed that the presentation slides would be circulated.

## **29 Updates from Partners**

29.1 The National Trust representative requested an agenda item at the next meeting to give a detailed update on the Stepping Stones project, as time constraints did not allow them to deliver their planned presentation.

29.2 Rachel Cockett was introduced as the new Chair of the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. She confirmed that £20000 had been granted to 14 projects and that information on these projects would be circulated.

29.3 The NFU representative brought attention to the current concerns of their members.

29.4 It was confirmed that the Shropshire Good Food Partnership's Good Food Trail was now live and that 50% of the required £120k funding had been raised by MMCLT for their latest project.

## **30 Date of Next meeting**

30.1 Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 9.30am

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Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: