



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**

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward

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Present

Local Authorities

Shropshire Council

Cllr Heather Kidd

Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)

Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members

Individual Member

Individual Member

Individual Member

Town & Parish Council representative

Town & Parish Council representative

Town & Parish Council representative

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 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 Shropshire Hills Summer Forum.

28 Management Plan Review - Progress Update and Discussion

28.1 Members receive a presentation from the National Landscape Team Manager covering use of the Doughnut Economics model, highlights from the public survey and top priorities submitted by 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 gave a brief update on the Stepping Stones project, but 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 £20,000 had been granted to 14 projects and that information on these projects would be circulated.

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

29.5 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.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: