

MNAP AGM 2021

Malton & Norton Area Partnership

Annual General Meeting Saturday 15th September 2022 – Minutes

Present:

Chairman of MNAP: Martin Brampton

Executive Committee Members: Paul Tate-Smith

In audience: 3 members of the public.

1. Welcome from the Chair Martin Brampton

2. **Apologies for Absence** – were received from 13 people

3. **Minutes of the 2021 AGM** were approved.

4. Report on period since AGM 2021

a. Lady Spring Wood - work done, current status - Martin Brampton

Martin explained that since he took over as chair in 2019, the bridge over the cut washed down in a flood, so work was undertaken to reposition it, with much appreciated help from the drainage board, who installed 4 posts at the corners to anchor the bridge. It has taken a long time to get the last part of the repair, the ramps put in place, due to the difficulty in getting a company that would agree to do the work. A company has now been sourced, and we are now awaiting for that company to do the work. Other work that has been done includes a volunteer group this year working on tackling Himalayan Balsam: an area was cleared, but they are still a significant presence.

b. Norton Road Skatepark Half Pipe

It is a pleasure to report that the Skatepark has now been fully renovated, including the notable half pipe. This is a terrific community achievement. Completion of the work was followed by a very successful opening event, attended by around 300 people. The skatepark is in regular use, and has never been in such good condition.

c. Contacts with the new North Yorkshire authority – Roddy Bushell had submitted a report:

There has been a recent very encouraging development in the proposals for ‘local engagement’ post April 2023.

I attended a ‘webinar’ on behalf of MNAP on 5 th October 2022. The Webinar was hosted by NYCC and promised to disclose their proposals for ‘local engagement’ following the loss of the district and borough council layers of local government. Paul Shevin, C E of Craven DC and now Vice Chair of LGR implementation, described that local areas will abandon the current district and borough boundaries and move to ‘Areas’ based on parliamentary constituency boundaries. Therefore, Malton and Norton will be in the ‘Thirsk and Malton Area’. There was much encouraging talk of consultation, ‘local action’ and ‘delivering against priorities’.

The officer at NYCC most relevant to MNAP is Marie-Ann Jackson who is Head of Stronger Communities at NYCC. Ms Jackson is to set up ‘Community Networks’ in each Area. The specification for ‘Community Networks’ appears to fit MNAP’s specification and record exactly. Ms Jackson said that NYCC were aware that some areas already had Partnerships and NYCC would not ‘ride roughshod over existing ones’.

Ms Jackson announced a ‘Lets Talk’ campaign between September and the end of December 2022 and a consultation process for Community Networks is included.

Following the webinar, The Chairman wrote to Ms Jackson to put forward MNAP as ideally suited to the proposed structure and received a prompt and positive reply. A meeting has been arranged for MNAP to engage on the future of MNAP in detail with NYCC and Ms Jackson on Tuesday 18 th October 2022.

I would welcome the Partnerships endorsement to the Chairman and me to lobby NYCC to accept MNAP as the Community Network for Malton & Norton.

5. Treasurer's Report - Martin Brampton on behalf of Jan Devos

MNAP has received the residue of the Portas money from Ryedale District Council, an amount of £2,815. The only other transactions were bank charges, covered by donations from the treasurer. The balance at the date of the AGM was £3,126. A further £4,322 is held by Malton Town Council, largely earmarked for signage and similar in Lady Spring Wood.

6. Elections

- a. A business representative (there being no functioning chamber of commerce or similar): Paul Tate Smith was re-elected
- b. A resident of a parish adjacent to Malton/Norton: James Lindenberg was elected
- c. One other person from the meeting: Stephen Pritchard was elected

7. Open Discussion

Informal discussions included accessibility concerns for the boardwalk through Lady Spring Wood, the need for signage to be installed and the provision of dog bins.