

# Malton & Norton Area Partnership

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Held Online  
7.30 pm Wednesday 17 November 2021

## Present:

Martin Brampton Chairman  
Ian Conlan Secretary  
Jan Davos Treasurer  
Roddy Bushell  
Charlie Beal (Malton School)  
Hendrik Klaver  
Paul Andrews  
David Ballington

## Circulation:

All members

## Apologies

Paul Tate-Smith  
Dinah Keal  
Rebecca Wilkin  
Kenelm Storey

Item	Description and Decisions made	Action by whom
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.	<b>Review disputed <a href="#">minutes from meeting held on 7 July 2021</a>.</b> Martin to correct	MB
3.	<b>Review minutes from <a href="#">meeting held on 20 October 2021</a>.</b> Agreed. <b>Matters arising</b> not already on agenda: <b>Item 4.</b> Letter to Ros Tierney has been sent by MB. <b>Item 7:</b> Letter has been sent to NYCC by Roddy Bushell	
4.	<b>Consider action, if any, to take on MNAP bank account following refusal by Metro Bank to open an account.</b> Jan Devos reported that Metro Bank would not accept our application, and that if we were to avoid charges from HSBC, on MNAP's existing bank account, we would need to change to Barclays, which would accept us. IC expressed ethical concerns about Barclays and their role in Third Energy/fracking and fossil fuels, but accepted the view of Jan and others that with such small amount of funds we didn't appear to have much choice, given how difficult it was in the present climate for even large organisations with bigger sums of money to open accounts, let alone modest outfits such as MNAP. It was agreed for Jan to pursue opening an account with Barclays.	MB
5.	<b>Appoint project team to implement new signage for Lady Spring Wood.</b> DB and IC appointed. MTC hold funds for this. DB kindly offered to make a financial contribution. There was a discussion about how signs could encourage the public to stick to the paths, responsible use of paths and reduce damage to wildlife, including birds and flowers, and the riverbank.	DB, IC

6.	<p><b>Preliminary discussion of possible projects for the river side.</b> RB pointed out that a project could be anything we want to do that can be defined. Some examples from the discussions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce damage to wildlife and the riverbank</li> <li>• Survey/monitoring of birds/provision of feed stations</li> <li>• Monitoring other wildlife and plants</li> <li>• Balsam removal</li> </ul> <p>CB offered to provide a large number of young people who have to do volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award, to carry out some wildlife monitoring. This was warmly welcomed. There was discussion on the importance of projects that can bring people together, referencing “stakeholders.</p>	CB
7	<p><b>Discuss potential projects and sources of grants for the immediate future, including reference to <a href="#">the "Towns Ahead" document</a>.</b> A number of projects issues were touched on in the discussion (some overlap with item 6). The availability of funding from the community levy on new housing developments was noted. MB to discuss the list in the Towns Ahead document with Philip Spurr Officer at RDC, accompanied by District councillors for Malton Lindsay Burr and Paul Andrews. PA again reiterated that RDC has funds for a limited time only, perhaps just 6 months, before their reserves get swallowed up in the new Unitary authority. Key concepts to access such funds were partnership and vision, with the need to identify time, money and people as 3 factors in the mix to enable projects to be approved and happen. Projects to improve wooded areas including the board walk had support, as were funds to establish more festivals (Meadowfest and Marathon du Malton were mentioned). MNAP being a vehicle for achieving a pedestrian/cycle footbridge over the level crossing was mentioned by JD as a potentially promising route to explore, in discussion with Network Rail.</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss projects further at the next meeting.</p>	MB, PA
8	<p><b>AOB: The next meeting was agreed for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 7.30pm</b></p>	