

MNAP Executive Committee Meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday 2 March 2022

On-line Meeting

MINUTES

In Attendance: Martin Brampton (MB); Di Keele (DK); Rodney Brewis (RB); Paul Tate-Smith (PTS); Lindsay Burr; Mark Thompson (MT) and Rebecca Wilkin (RW)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from; Faye Snowdon, Roddy Bushell, Jan Devos, Kenelm Storey and Ian Conlan (who may join late)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2021 were reviewed. It was noted that Jan Devos would have updated on the bank position if she'd been able to attend but an update will follow in due course.

3. Norton Skate Park

MB updated MNAP with two items (1) Keane Duncan had approached RDC with a request for £50k for the skateboard park in a political move. The next stage of this process will see MB meet with 2 x RDC officials to share MNAPs view. (2) Significant progress has been made with refurbishment proposals (excluding the half-pipe). A structural survey has held up progress with the half pipe but otherwise news is generally positive with a good meeting having been held between skate park users and NTC councillors.

DK added that the positive progress included NTC receiving 3 quotes from professional specialist skate site companies and decisions for repair works would follow in the next few weeks.

PTS queried why letters have been issued requesting private funding support if there was potential for RDC public funding. DK confirmed that this was likely to be to bridge a deficit in funding. Most units across the skatepark are currently covered for refurbishment but there is a small part that is not included currently. DK further explained that Keane Duncan had put a proposal forward late in the budgeting process and that there was protocol to follow and a process that requires an Officers Report for matters to progress. Following the meeting with MB next week officers will likely need to meet with RW on behalf of The Estate. DK advised that she had requested this was passed to the Policy & Resources Committee with a view to decision being made in approx. 3 weeks' time. MB added that even if funding is available this project should still include volunteer / supporters work and be a community effort.

4. NYCC Re-Organisation

Roddy Bushell had updated MB prior to the meeting stating that there was no real progress and a lack of receptiveness from those involved. Roddy had not heard anything new but was happy to continue pressing on.

5. Meeting with Phillip Spurr

MB confirmed no progress to report, but he would try to progress at his meeting with RDC officers on Monday.

6. Lady Spring Wood Signage

Relates to the following item and the meeting moved to point 7.

7. The banks of the River Derwent and Footpaths in the area

MB confirmed that David Ballington had called prior to the meeting and would not be attending.

RW updated that with regards David Ballington's fishing agreement an updated arrangement had been agreed in principle to amend the stretch of his riverbank and provide a reduced length ending outside of the Malton Town Council (MNAP) leased Lady Spring Wood area. This compromise position would therefore negate the involvement of David Ballington on the MNAP Committee.

RW further shared that the site is a SSSI and that although there has been no direct communication to the Estate from Natural England, we are aware that the 10-year inspection is pending and was due last year. It would be sensible for MNAP to consider mitigation options to manage Lady Spring Wood and manage the movement of people to minimise damage and with that in mind improved signage measures and guidance are needed.

RB added that in addition there are dangers when accessing the site particularly during flooding and that the erosion of the river banking also caused risk highlighting that the alleged damage was identified as being dogs entering the river. RW agreed and raised the question of there being a Management Plan for the site and whether consideration be made for closures in events of flooding or high winds.

MB confirmed that he had commissioned the fencing to re-direct (cut-off) access and guide walkers in the correct direction with a tall post upon which signage can be erected. Initial signage will be temporary and RW agreed to re-visit the signage proposal provided by MB and provide a formal response for appropriate longer-term signage to be put in place. If a site meeting is required MB suggested that Ian Conlan and Janice Gwilliam be invited to join. MB suggested a QR code could be included on signage directing to MNAP page for more information.

8. Consider co-option of David Ballington to the committee – Not now applicable.

9. Preliminary discussion of any other possible projects for the river side

MB will contact Charlie Beale to obtain an update on the children of Malton undertaking a wildlife survey. RB added that he has access to a previous survey and will forward it to MB for onward transmission to Charlie Beale.

10. Any other business

PTS offered to produce any temporary signage through his business; they can print and laminate up to A3 size. This was appreciated by all.

MEETING CLOSED