



TVNP Steering Group Meeting Minutes

10am Thursday 22nd September

Stewart Park, Middlesbrough

In attendance	Graham Clingan Stockton Borough Council; Ivor Crowther, HLF; Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Kevin Wilson, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Robert Woods, INCA; Sarah Scarr, Hartlepool Borough Council; Timothy Crawshaw, Darlington Borough Council
Apologies	Ben Lamb, Tees Rivers Trust; Graeme Hull Environment Agency; Paul Clarke, Middlesbrough Borough Council; Glyn Bateman, Natural England;
Acting Chair	Richard Gunton, North York Moors National Park Authority
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh; Tees Valley Nature Partnership Officer

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
B/01.01.16 Minutes and Matters arising	TVNP Board Meeting 17/11/14 1. JG confirmed 3-year funding for the partnership had been agreed to April 2019 2. IC confirmed Jodie Larder from HLF will give a presentation to the group at December meeting 3. JG updated on progress of Tees Valley Wild Green Places project	3. Sue Antrobus, manager of the Wild Green Places project confirmed attendance at next steering group meeting to up-date and evaluate progress.
B/02.01.16 Partnership Terms of Reference	1. RM brought to the attention vacant seats on the Steering Group: 2. LEP/Combined Authority (CA) 3. Health & Wellbeing 4. Youth representative. Alternative suggestion to have a reciprocal 'youth partnership'. Initially include an event at the annual TVNP forum. 5. Agreed on the name Steering Group rather than Board to better reflect the function of the group	2. RW approached Neil Kenley from CA. Accepted/name of rep TBC 3. RG to approach contact in Public Health England 4. Partners to forward youth contacts to RM. ToFR published on TVNP website
B/03.01.16 New Chair arrangements.	1. RG raised that a chair for a fixed term would aid the partnership rather than the previous system of a rotating chair 2. Discussion on a high profile 'figure head' chair. Group consensus that a patron from outside partnership and annual chair appointed from amongst the groups members	2. Tim Crawshaw to take up position of chair for the 1 st year. Group members to put forward suggestions for a patron
B/04.01.16 Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RW outline of Teesmouth Partnership & progress to date (see AOB). Discussions on links with TVNP mapping exercise. 	

update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS Focus at present on Local Plan • RG Outreach project linking Tees Valley ‘disadvantage’ families with the National Park. This Exploited Land, new Landscape Partnership. Local Development Plan consultation underway • KW Countryside Strategy & Biodiversity Action Plan published. Coastal forum underway again. Successful events; Guisborough Forest Festival & Festival of Thrift. Work under review; Eston Moor, Flatts Lane and possible Landscape Partnership Project. • IC HLF shows a significant investment in region & brought in extra funds e.g. £40m in 2015. Parks Forum, Landscape Partnership Forum. NE parks identified as most at risk in England State of UK Public Parks 2014. • GC Focus on; Local Plan, Open Space Assessment, Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Work with EA on Luscombe Beck & Billingham Beck • GH Environment Agency Partner Update supplied in advance • JG Next Life Skills programme due to start work with diversity of individuals who have challenges to their health & wellbeing. Update on Landscape Partnership River Tees Rediscovered 	
B/05.01.16 TVNP Development Plan	1. RM brief run through of new TVNP Development Plan. GC suggested moving some 2016/17 actions across to ‘medium term’ and review at each Steering Group meeting.	1. Plan up-dated and published on TVNP website
B/06.01.16 Update from working groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning & Nature WG; RM presented the Local Plan Assessment Nature & Biodiversity. This has been forwarded to the Tees Valley DPO’s/Lead Planners on the Local Plans. 2. JG update on Natural Assets WG (formerly Local Sites Partnership/WG). Proposed development of remit; ‘expert’ group to refer to on TVNP plans, opportunity maps, TV spatial plans & natural assets; broaden Local Sites remit to consider ‘Open Green Space’ designations & develop TV criteria for this. Recommendation for new Local Sites & amendments for Redcar & Cleveland & Hartlepool ratified 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local & National Park Authority partners to champion this assessment internally with planning colleagues 2. Heads of Planning for Redcar & Cleveland & Hartlepool have been informed in writing of recommendations
B/07.01.16 Annual TVNP forum	1. KW offered to ‘host’ at Kirkleatham Pavilion. Suggested spring 2017. Put on December agenda to develop	1. Partners to identify colleagues to assist planning & delivery & forward to RM
B/08.01.16 AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 30/09/16 Teesmouth MoU Framework & Impact Assessment workshop A possible extension to the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (TIN172) 2. 11/10/16 NE Landscape Partnerships workshop 3. Date, time & location of next meeting 4. Thanks to Richard Gunton for being Chair for the first meeting of the reconvened partnership 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up-date at 12/16 meeting 2. All members have been invited – output will form basis of TVNP Report 3. 2pm 9th December, Kirkleatham Pavilion.