



**NATURAL ASSETS WORKING GROUP MINUTES**  
**2pm 06/03/19**  
**Tees Valley Wildlife Trust HQ**

<b>In attendance</b>	Dave Askey, Stockton Borough Council; Martin Allen, independent ecologist; Mike Leakey, INCA; Philip Roxby, Darlington Borough Council; Fiona Hurworth, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
<b>Apologies</b>	Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Simon Blenkinsop, Middlesbrough Borough Council
<b>Chair</b>	Graham Megson, Hartlepool Borough Council;
<b>Secretariat</b>	Rachel Murtagh, Tees Valley Nature Partnership

<b>Agenda Item</b> NA/Item.Meeting .Year	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>NA/01.01.19</b> <b>Minutes and</b> <b>Matters</b> <b>arising</b>	<p>Still outstanding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TVNP letter to Natural England – bring to their attention Durham Tees Valley LWS meets SSSI status for an under-designated priority habitat.</li> <li>2. <a href="#">Terms of Reference</a> for group circulate via e-mail.</li> <li>3. Letters from TVNP Chair to SBC &amp; MBC re outstanding LWS</li> <li>4. Inform ERIC of LWS recommendations.</li> <li>5. Single Data list.</li> <li>6. Biodiversity Opportunity Areas. Cited in Business Plan. Await further funding to complete.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>GM/RM</b> to draft and send.</li> <li>2. ALL to review and sign off before next meeting</li> <li>3. <b>GM &amp; RMM</b> to attend Planning Managers &amp; DPO's meeting 12/03/19 to discuss</li> <li>4. Send e-mail.</li> <li>5. <b>ALL</b> – send to RMM for publication on website.</li> <li>6. <b>RMM</b> – circulate East Cleveland statements for comment &amp; maps when ready. Add list of 'ancient meadows' to statements.</li> </ol>
<b>NA/02.01.19</b> <b>New sites, site</b> <b>amendments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) New LWS process - outstanding recommendations Durham</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>GM &amp; RMM</b> to attend Planning Managers &amp; DPO's meeting 12/03/19 to discuss. Also</li> </ol>

<p><b>and potential sites</b></p>	<p>Tees Valley airport &amp; Lower Ormesby Beck, no written reply received. Agreed that LPA should be given a reasonable length of time to formally respond (90 days).</p> <p>2) Potential site: Saltmarsh at Billingham (map &amp; note circulated from <b>ML</b>)</p> <p>3) Potential new grassland site – Hardwick Dene west of Hardwick Dene nature reserve.</p> <p>4) Hartburn Beck LWS (adjacent to six fields?)</p> <p>5) How do we record and highlight loss of LWS? No current resources to survey (5-year report was recommended in the past).  <b>Whose responsibility is it to monitor LWS? Local Authorities? Should we put a funding bid in for this work as part of our natural assets account work?</b></p>	<p>recommending LWS are added to information given out in new property searches. Feedback to Steering Group 13/03/19 to consider further action if necessary. Airport – Formerly request a steer on this matter from the TVNP steering group.</p> <p>2) 2 sites have been identified:  <i>Billingham Beck Salt Marsh North</i> NZ 46416 21189– identified by Cleveland Nats INCA – clarify ownership to potential access for survey to establish LWS. <b>ML</b> has had confirmation Scott Brothers own this land.  <i>Billingham Beck Salt Marsh South</i> NZ476202– INCA have surveyed passes criteria. <b>ML</b> has confirmed owners are Inter Terminals</p> <p>3) <b>DA</b> collate evidence on this site to submit to 12-06-19 meeting.</p> <p>4) Ian Bond has agreed to put out rafts to assess signs of Water Vole based on report Amy Carrick has provided. <b>DA</b> to draw up map of site.</p> <p>5) <b>MA</b> to start spreadsheet. Raise issue with TVNP steering group.</p>
<p><b>NA/03.01.19 TVNP Business Plan</b></p>	<p>The following actions have been assigned to NAWG:</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b>  <b>Protect What We Have</b>  <i>Activity 1.1:</i> Deliver our Local Sites process ensuring it is robust, clear and fully supported by the planning authorities.  Milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. By 29/03/19 TVNP to confirm to all LPA current process &amp; invite comment/points of clarification.</li> <li>ii. By 30/9/19 agree process with LPAs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Objective 2:</b>  <b>Enhance What We Can:</b></p>	<p>Agreed to actions identified to be developed/overseen NAWG. Brief for Natural Capital Account commission to be drawn up by NAWG.  <b>PR</b> identified Bright Water Natural Capital work.</p>

	<p><i>Activity 2.2: Develop and adopt a system of local biodiversity metrics to assess the value of current assets, set targets and measure future progress.</i></p> <p>Milestones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. By 12/06/19 produce a paper recommending a system of local biodiversity metrics</li> <li>ii. By 11/09/19 consult on adoption of this with LPAs and developers.</li> <li>iii. By 11/12/19 obtain adoption /MoU/Protocol/Concord at on use of the system</li> </ol>	
<b>NA/04.01.19 Tees Valley Local Plans</b>	TVNP Local Plan Assessment for Nature & Biodiversity. Darlington & Middlesbrough still to submit theirs.	<b>GM &amp; RMM</b> to raise at Planning Managers meeting.
<b>NA/05.01.19 National Lottery Community Fund Bid</b>	Successful round 1 bid circulated. Round 2 bid to be submitted for round 2 decision at the end of May. In summary: project is to be people led and involve more input from people at the grass roots level.	Congratulations to <b>RMM</b> for pulling together bid to date.
<b>NA/06.01.19 AOB</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Create a dedicated page on the TVNP website for NAWG.</li> <li>2) Congratulations to <b>PR</b> who is leaving DBC to join INCA in April.</li> <li>3) Welcome <b>FH</b> who has returned after maternity leave.</li> </ol>	1) Plan to update website to be more accessible and 'user friendly' as part of lottery project.
<b>2019 Meeting dates:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> June 21 <sup>st</sup> June - Tees Nature Conference TBC 11 <sup>th</sup> September 11 <sup>th</sup> December All meetings: 2pm TVWT meeting room, Margrove Park.	