



Minutes of meeting held 25th January 2024 via Zoom at 7:30pm

Present: Peter Cummings (PC), Laura Parker (LP), Mick Parker (MP), James Powell (JP), Stephen Phillips (SP), Jane Smart (JS), Michael Southworth (MS), Leigh Weston (LW).

Apologies: Wendy Carr (WC), David Howlett (DH), Jonathan Heath (JH), Rita Layton (RL), Paul McWhinney (PMc), Sue McWhinney (SMc), Judy Rogers (JR).

Presentation by the Education Officer for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park

The meeting was preceded by an interesting presentation (with discussion and questions) by the Education Officer for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park. The essence of the presentation is summarised in a video recording links to which will be supplied in due course to all MEG supporters.

AP1: PC to ensure this is received and circulated.

New Chair of MEG

JS, as the new Chair of the group chaired the rest of the meeting, which she introduced by saying that she would like, at the next meeting (which will be via Zoom), to have an open brainstorm/discussion what issues members are interested in and how and in what areas it could most effective.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th November 2023

The final minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2023 were agreed. Responses to all action points had been addressed in readiness for this January 2024 meeting except AP6 which is carried forward to the next meeting. **AP2: JS and LP to follow up on single use coffee cups.**

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Updates from:

- YWT has now provided a list of dates throughout the year when it will be holding volunteer days for tree planting and maintenance in 2024. These are 16th February, then 12/3/24, 09/04/24, 14/05/24, 11/06/24, 09/07/24, 13/08/24, 10/09/24, 8/10/24, 12/11/24, 10/12/24;
- YDMT has prepared a contract for the establishment of a tree nursery in Malhamdale. It is currently with the Chair of KMPC for approval by the PC. There are two tree planting plans YDMT is currently involved with in Malham and a third is being appraised at the moment. YDMT is about to embark on a House Bird Nesting project which it hopes MEG will become involved with.
- YPP (Yorkshire Peat Partnership). Guidance and on-site training was given in November 2023 and one volunteer now monitors two sites on Selside where more volunteers are welcome. Besides a new site at Calton that one volunteer will monitor, others trained are still seeking sites nearer Malham. **AP3: PC to contact YPP to try to identify a site in Malhamdale;**
- Tarn house & Malham Tarn Estate. A Malhamdale sub-group is working on this in co-operation with contacts at Friends of the Dales. Efforts will be made to find and speak to



possible contacts associated with the National Trust about a future use of the whole site which, it is hoped, will be for educational purposes. Finding the necessary investment and a new purpose that will attract such investment will be a challenge. Any MEG supporter with such contacts is invited to be in touch with JS with a view to setting up a dialogue with the NT.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

The hope was expressed that the North Yorkshire Council LNRS would incorporate the same targets as already laid out in the YDNPA Recovery strategy. The process for the preparation of the Council's Strategy is at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/conservation/local-nature-recovery-strategy>. All MEG supporters are encouraged to share their views at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/local-nature-recovery-strategy-consultation>

Curlew Monitoring

Grateful thanks were expressed to JH for doing so much of the work locally to complete last's curlew survey report and prepare the ground for much more thorough monitoring during the approaching breeding season. Support is available from contacts in the YDNPA and the RSPB and efforts are being made to recruit someone to do the necessary administration that needs to accompany effective monitoring and reporting. More volunteers to do monitoring would be welcome. There will be a curlew education day on 14th April in Malham to raise visitor awareness of the dangers to them and other waders. There will also be an exhibition on the subject in St Michael's church but the date has yet to be set. LW was thanked for her contribution also.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

Three applications under this Fund are underway in KM parish and being progressed as quickly as possible. A further funding opportunity has been identified by Fiona Protheroe (FP), from a North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and this being explored by the PC. He explained that UKSPF encourages the creation of "place-based decarbonisation plans for a 'whole-place-approach'", for example for a whole village. The research and preparation of these plans up to a cost of £20k would be carried out free-of-charge to the client if NYC in-house resources are used to formulate them. PC prepared two draft applications, the first seeking to address the need for upgrading aging housing stock in the Dale and the second to review the possibilities of renewable energy generation in the Dale. These were submitted to FP for comment. Attendees at the meeting agreed with the themes chosen – aging housing and local renewable energy generation - encouraging further progress to be made on an application for UKSPF. As a result all this feedback, a single combined application will be prepared which clarify more clearly the community benefit implementation of such plans might enable. **AP4: PC will write a new draft for circulation to MEG supporters and the Chair of the KMPC for comment and subsequent amendment as necessary with a view to gaining KMPC consent to submit a finalised application to NYC.** The sooner the finalised application is submitted, the more likely it will be approved.

Transport

JS reported that transport specialists at Friends of the Dales and Dalesbus are considering the issue of integrated transport strategies for the Dale and will be making a presentation at a future KMPC meeting. No further action at present by MEG.



TerraCycle

RL provided an email update. Terracycle do not supply plastic boxes anymore. One has to pay for cardboard ones which Terracycle will collect. This puts a public recycling point in Malham out of the picture. R suggests our option is for people to volunteer as a collection point for certain things. RL has registered as collecting Flash products so is happy to be a centre point for those and one other if necessary. The meeting was asked to find out if there is anyone else willing to volunteer for this. Any cardboard box can be used provided that it is no bigger than what Terracycle states on its website. When the box is full, print off a label and get a code for dropping off at a post point. There is one at Tesco in Skipton and probably others. It was decided to pursue this further at the next meeting. **AP5: PC to ensure this is on the agenda of the next meeting.**

Article for Parish News

This will be an apolitical piece on the climate and nature emergencies to stress how important the Mayoral elections in May will be in terms of the number of powers and the size of the budget that will be handed down to the new NY&Y mayoral authority. The article will be written in time for the March edition of the Parish News with a view to also sending it to the Craven Herald. **AP6: DH and JS to draw up the article.**

Future meeting dates

Future dates of meetings will be - 29th February **via Zoom**. Subsequent meetings: 4th April at Malham Village Hall. Venues for remaining meetings - 25th April, 6th June, 4th July, 26th September, 31st October, 28th November – to be decided at subsequent meetings based on a rotation of locations. One meeting may be at the Farm Shop. **AP7: JS to organise. AP8: MS undertook to approach Glencroft for a guest speaker re: the woollen industry in the Dales. AP9: PC to organise venues for 29th February and 4th April meetings.**

Summary of Action Points

Action	Details
1	AP1: PC to ensure Allerton Waste Recovery Park video received and is circulated. Email of thanks and specific request for the video sent 29/01/24. Follow up request sent 24/02/24
2	AP2: JS and LP to follow up on single use coffee cups.
3	AP3: PC to contact YPP to try to identify a site in Malhamdale. YPP by chance answered this question next morning, 26/01/24. See email from Emily East and comment to tis agenda item
4	AP4: PC will write a new UKSPF draft application for circulation to MEG supporters and the Chair of the KMPC for comment and subsequent amendment as necessary with a view to gaining KMPC consent to submit a finalised application to NYC. In progress as of 26/01/24
5	AP5: PC to include TerraCycle is on the agenda of the next meeting. RL confirms there is no further development on this from last month



6	AP6: DH and JS to draw up the next article for the Parish News. Done
7	AP7: JS to organise one MEG meeting at the farm shop. In progress
8	AP8: MS undertook to approach Glencroft for a guest speaker re: the woollen industry in the Dales for the meeting referred to in AP7. MS emailed off an enquiry on 26/01/24. JS now pursuing with CW.
9	AP9: PC to organise for 29th February meeting (via Zoom) and venue for 4th April meeting. Emails sent off on 30/01/24 to book both meetings. Zoom meeting link supplied. Meeting on 4th April at Malham Village Hall.