

Dartmoor National Park Authority

Public Minutes of Standards Sub-Committee Meeting held on Friday 30 May 2025

Present:

Will Dracup, Corinne Farrell (Independent Person), Peter Harper, Gay Hill, Sally Morgan (Chair), John Nutley, Mark Renders, Mary Seddon, Catherine Shewan (Independent Person), Peter Smerdon, Mark Williams, Pamela Woods

Apologies:

None

Officers in attendance:

Kevin Bishop (Chief Executive (National Park Officer)), Angela Stirland (Head of Business Support), Neil White (Head of Organisational Development), Cath Burnett (Business Support – Minutes)

272 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

273 Declarations of Interest

None.

274 Public Participation

None.

275 Monitoring Officer's Update

In response to Member questions, the Head of Organisational Development & Monitoring Officer reported:

- no formal complaints have been received since December 2024.
- all four new Members have been invited to Induction training before the Annual Meeting (27 June 2025), and all being well, will be able to partake in the next meeting.
- he will take on board feedback about the length of time taken to complete the DNPA Member Appraisal form (reviewed in 2024).

RESOLVED: Members noted this update.

276 Standards Sub-Committee Annual Report

The Committee considered the Annual Report and had no questions.

277 Observation Reports

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that observation reports are provided by our Independent Persons after each meeting. No significant issues were raised. One or two minor issues which have been addressed informally. The Monitoring Officer thanked Catherine Shewan and Corinne Farrell for their diligence, support and advice on maintaining high standards.

Corinne Farrell addressed the meeting. Ms Farrell thanked Members for their support, advising there is usually very little to report, and it is mostly positive. She also thanked the Monitoring Officer for taking sensible actions based on feedback, and for valuing the role they play. Catherine Shewan reiterated the above, also thanking Members for taking note of what is reported.

The Chief Executive (NPA Officer) thanked Corinne Farrell and Catherine Shewan for their time, diligence and comments.

Members also thank the Independent Persons, advising that the role fits in perfectly with the Authority's values and embodies how to behave.

271 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 11 November 2025.

There being no other business the Standards Sub Committee meeting closed at 11:45