



Lake District
National Park

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Conservation Covenants Board

MINUTES of a meeting of the Conservation Covenants Board held on TEAMS and at the National Park Office, Wayfaring House, Murley Moss Business Park, Kendal at 10.00 am on 10 June 2026.

Present

Mr M Kidd

Apologies

Mr Jackson

Mr Walter

Julie Wood

No apologies received

Ms Drake

13/26 Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees.

14/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Jackson and Mr Walter

15/26 Review of Minutes

Decided: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2026 be confirmed.

16/ 26 Update on action log items 1, 2, and 3 from CCB meeting on 25 March 2026

It was confirmed that actions 2 and 3 had been completed (see Annex 1).

17/26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of a registrable interest or disclosable pecuniary interest relating to any of the business of the Committee.

18/26 Sowerby Woods Conservation Covenant application (Cumbria)

Recommendation to delegated officer: Approve subject to the applicant satisfying the legal expectations before entering into a conservation covenant.

Rationale: Westmorland and Furness Council is a credible landowner with high level of certainty over management. The site has strategic significance in relation to the Cumbria LRNS, it is a County Wildlife Site, and has close proximity to other important, high ecological value sites. It supports housing delivery, including addressing the 'snagged' delivery of the associated development site. The decision to enter into a Conservation Covenant was approved subject to pre-Conservation Covenant conditions being met and a satisfactory response being received to outstanding legal and environmental enquires.

19/26 Slag Banks Conservation Covenant application (Cumbria)

Recommendation to delegated officer: Approve that we enter into a Conservation Covenant in respect of Slag Banks and carry out the monitoring duties set out within the CC with conditions. It was noted there are several outstanding enquiries and pre-conditions still to be fulfilled before entering into a Conservation Covenant. In recognition of the level of pre-condition resources required, it was agreed that the Responsible Body Project Board will review the possibility, and level, of a pre-application fee and consider whether this could be applied to this application. It was agreed that the Nature Recovery Ranger would determine which of the requirements are required to be completed before entering into a Conservation Covenant.

Rationale: Westmorland and Furness Council is a credible landowner with high level of certainty over management. The site is near to other high ecological value sites and has good public access. The application also supports housing delivery. The decision to enter into a Conservation Covenant was approved subject to pre-Conservation Covenant conditions being met and a satisfactory response being received to outstanding legal and environmental enquires.

20/26 Pipeline Applications

Members were given an update of up-coming applications.

21/26 Update action Log

Two new actions were added to the action log (see Annex 1).

The Responsible Body Project Board to review the possibility and level of a pre-application fee.

The Nature Recovery Ranger to determine which of the requirements are required to be completed before entering into a Conservation Covenant.

The meeting concluded at 11:10.

Conservation Covenants Board action log

Meeting date	Action + target date	Lead	Completion date
25 March 2026 1	Annual review of fees with actuals against assumptions to be reviewed at least annually. By March 2027	Pete and Nick	
10 June 2026 2	Review the possibility and level of a pre-application fee.	RB PB	
10 June 2026 3	Determine which of the requirements are required to be completed before entering into a Conservation Covenant	Nick	

Committee – Recently completed actions

25 March 2026	Consider whether overheads can be increased	Pete	Completed 10 June 2026
25 March 2026	Produce an accumulative graph showing fees, growth assumption, costs and the net sum the Authority is holding at any point of time. This would be produced for each scheme and all schemes cumulatively.	Pete & budget holder (tba at RB PB)	Completed 10 June 2026 (this has now become a standing agenda item in Away Hour at Authority)