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## MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF) HELD ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7.00 pm

in the Large Community Room, Second Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), La Borde, Honorary Freeman Wells (Mayor) and Rich (Deputy Mayor).

**External Members:** Ms Sue Allen and Ms Jade Neville (Friends of Coosebean and Cornwall Wildlife Trust)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Forum Advisor Mr Richard Argall (volunteer tree warden).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Tucker

**ABSENT:** Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin (Treffry Residents' Association and Truro in Bloom Committee) and Mr John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor).

**Also in Attendance:** Richard Budge, Parks and Amenities Officer, Anna Cormie, Assistant Countryside Ranger and Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk.

### 1. COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Noted.

NRF/25/581

### 2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2025

It was proposed by Chairman, seconded by Ms Neville, and

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 24 July 2025 were signed as a correct record.

**NRF/25/583**

### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All Sorts Event Sunday 7 September 2025

The Chairman reported there was a large nature area allocated at this event which included three tables and four gazebos. Volunteers were sought. The National Trust would also be attending. She was planning on focussing on wildlife habitat and feeding in winter and would be bringing instructions for making bug hotels and hedgehog houses. She would also be talking to the Museum and Library about potentially creating a public display to raise awareness.

NRF/25/584

### 5. SURVEY WORK

In the absence of Mr Matt Stribley this item, to talk about survey work, was deferred to the next meeting.

**Action:** Agenda item for next meeting.

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**6. LAND AT COMPRIGNEY HILL STEERING GROUP**

It was noted the Parks and Amenities Officer had commissioned an environmental survey but the optimum timeframe to conduct a survey had passed so the work would need to be undertaken from Spring 2026 onwards. A revised quotation would need to be reported to the Steering Group for onward recommendation to the Parks and Amenities Committee.

**Action:** Steering Group meeting to be convened. Item for future Parks and Amenities Committee meeting. NRF/25/586

**7. CORNWALL COUNCIL'S NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY**

Cornwall Council's nature recovery strategy's online maps prepared by the University of Exeter were viewed. It was generally felt the maps were a useful visual tool to look at types of land. It was suggested the Forum consider maximising links and corridors between areas. It was noted coloured areas were priority areas as modelled by the University. It was felt that using this map was a useful starting point.

**Actions:**

1. Committee Clerk to investigate obtaining copies of Cornwall Council's nature recovery maps electronically plus printing paper copies.
2. Committee Clerk to obtain copies of Visitor Information Centre maps. NRF/25/587

**8. TO DRAFT A STRATEGY FOR TRURO**

An example draft strategy and flyer created with Copilot AI was briefly discussed. It was generally agreed this example strategy provided a useful starting framework to begin to build a strategy to fit the Parish of the City of Truro. Forum members reminded themselves they were at the beginning of the process in drafting a vision.

It was noted that initial findings of the City Council's public consultation on priority setting identified that parks, gardens and open spaces were of high importance and received a high satisfaction score. Of the top priorities they were third on the list. The results of the public consultation would be published in due course. The need for good quality data was emphasized.

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**9. NEXT STEPS**

It was generally agreed the next stage was to identify a list of partners willing to develop ideas for the draft strategy, send a questionnaire to them and then analyse responses. A letter would be sent to potential partners (and potential co-signatories) asking if they would be willing to co-design a strategy. Partners would then be sent an appropriate questionnaire and the responses received would be analysed by the Forum with a view to inclusion in a draft strategy. This approach, it was suggested, might assist the Forum in achieving Towns and Cities accreditation.

It was also suggested potential individual partners might be matched with a particular area in the parish in a mini project e.g. Archbishop Benson School could be matched with Tremorvah Playingfield, St Marys School matched with Daubuz Moor etc. Potential organisations included schools, businesses (contact via Truro BID), places of worship, health sector and housing

providers.

**Actions:**

1. Richard Argall to devise three to four ideas for a mini project at Tremorvah Playingfield.
2. All Forum members to send ideas for potential partners to Committee Clerk.
3. Committee Clerk to draft initial letter to send to potential partners to be agreed by the Parks and Amenities Officer following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
4. Feedback responses to next meeting. Next meeting to agree consultation questions to be asked.

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**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 20 October 2025

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The meeting closed at 20:25.

  
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