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MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRf) HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

PRESENT: Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), the Mayor (Honorary Freeman Wells), Rich (Deputy Mayor) and Tucker.

External Members: 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 La Borde, Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin (Truro in Bloom and Treffry Road Residents' Association) and Mr John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor).

ABSENT:

Also in Attendance: Richard Budge, Parks and Amenities Officer and Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk.

1. COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Noted.

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2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2025

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Ms Sue Allen, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 29 May 2025 were signed as a correct record.

NRF/25/307

3. VOLUNTEER/ NATURE DAY SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025

There was a general feeling of slight disappointment there hadn't been a greater footfall, but it was acknowledged that people tended to be very busy, and it was generally difficult to encourage new volunteers. It was noted that work was already in progress for planning next year's event with more activities for children. It was suggested next time more thought could be put into what the Forum wanted to promote and what actions might come from engagement. The Committee Clerk reported on four responses to the QR code and the question asked 'What is your vision for nature in Truro?'.

[Councillor Tucker arrived in the meeting room at 19:08.]

NRF/25/308

4. TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

After some discussion it was generally agreed that the Forum could develop a draft strategy based on the learning and experiences of other town and parish councils. Advice from South Gloucestershire District Council had already been circulated to Forum members. It was suggested collectively members could draft a strategy facilitated by the Parks and Amenities Officer.

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5. TO CONSIDER JOINING THE NATURE TOWNS AND CITIES ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Information about the accreditation scheme had previously been circulated to members. Signing up to the accreditation scheme enabled access to specialist advice from experts; it might also open up future funding opportunities.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Tucker, and **RESOLVED** that the Truro Nature Recovery Forum sign-up to the Nature Towns and Cities Accreditation Scheme. **NRF/25/310**

[Councillor Rich joined the meeting at 19:30.]

Action:

1. Recirculate accreditation scheme information to the Forum for information. (Committee Clerk) [Done.]
2. Check if there was any timescale constraint in joining the scheme. (Committee Clerk) [Done.]

NRF/25/311

6. TO CONSIDER USING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO LEAD THE FORUM'S WORK ON DEVELOPING A STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

It was generally considered to be premature to consider using the services of an outside specialist consultant at this point in time. **NRF/25/312**

7. TO CONSIDER DRAFTING A VISION STATEMENT

During discussion, the purpose of a vision statement was discussed and an example of a vision statement produced by a local authority in the Wirral was referred to. 'Connecting people with the natural environment – making people aware of nature' was also suggested.

Action:

1. All Forum Members to bring their ideas for a vision statement to the next meeting so an initial draft statement could be agreed.
2. Councillor Rich to send the statement he read out to the Forum to the Committee Clerk for onward transmission to the Forum for information.

NRF/25/313

8. MAPPING EXISTING GREEN SPACES

The Committee Clerk shared a draft map showing the City Council's assets which had been digitally mapped; the intention was that the map would be available on the City Council's website in due course. The Countryside Ranger Team had experience of mapping and had some capacity in this area. **NRF/25/314**

9. TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM ON-LINE PRESENCE

It was suggested that the Forum had an on-line presence such as facebook or Instagram. It was commented that such sites generated a significant amount of work in terms of practical administration. The issue of safeguarding was also highlighted. The benefits of talking to people was also highlighted.

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Action: Committee Clerk to contact Town Clerk about the potential of arranging an on-line presence to be managed by Truro City Council. [Done.]
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10. NATIONAL BUTTERFLY COUNT

The National Butterfly Count was due to take place from 18 July to 10 August 2025. The results for the Truro area in 2024 were available to view on-line. The Countryside Ranger Team were also due to hold a similar activity – a bioblitz – with the Friends of Daubuz Moor on 12 July and with the Friends of Coosebean on 19 July, both 11:00 – 13:00.

Action: Sue Allen to email the Committee Clerk details of the national butterfly count for onward transmission to the Forum. [Done.]
NRF/25/316

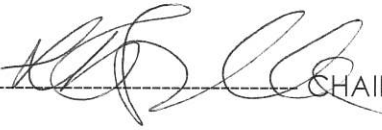
11. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 ~~June~~ 2025 at ~~21:00~~ 19:00 NRF/25/317

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The meeting closed at 20:23.


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