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To Councillors Swain (Mayor), Rabey (Deputy Mayor), Biscoe, La Borde and Southcombe.

Dear Members of the **TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF)**

The next meeting of the Nature Recovery Forum will take place on **WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025 starting at 7.00 pm in the Large Community Room, Second Floor, Library Building, Truro Community Library, Union Place, Truro**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024 (Appendix 1)

To **resolve** to approve as a correct record.

4. REPORT BACK

- a. Regarding submission of expression of interest to the National Lottery Nature in Towns and Cities Fund
- b. At the 25 November 2024 Council meeting Councillor Mrs Carlyon suggested that the fishpond at Victoria Gardens and the Leats be included in the Forum's future work.
- c. The Parks and Amenities Officer has suggested that the Council consider developing a tree planting strategy in the future.

5. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

To consider appointing up to five representatives of external bodies to become members of the Forum.

6. CITIZEN SCIENCE

Item added by Chairman. To support and encourage citizen science eg RSPB Garden Birdwatch and the Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count.

7. NATURE AND HEALTH

Item added by Chairman. To emphasis the connection to urban nature with positive health impacts.

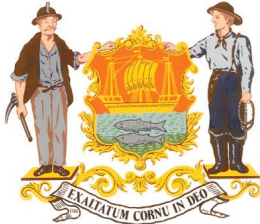
8. NEXT STEPS

9. NEXT MEETING



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**MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF) HELD ON
MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024 at 6.00 pm
in the Training Room, First Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Swain),
Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), La Borde and Rabey.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Webb.

APOLOGIES: None.

PUBLIC: One member of the public.

ABSENT: Councillor Biscoe.

Also in Attendance: David Rodda, Town Clerk MBE, Richard Budge, Parks, Amenities and Facilities Officer (PAFO) and Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

NRF/24/831

2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND ANY DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

NRF/24/832

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2024

The Parks, Amenities and Facilities Officer reported that he had located a copy of the Spaldings survey of Daubuz Moor. He or the Committee Clerk would speak to the Zero Carbon Officer regarding any other sources of relevant information.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Rabey, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 17 October 2024 were signed as a correct record. **NRF/24/833**

4. REPORT BACK

a. From contact with Cornwall Council

The Committee Clerk reported that she contacted the Nature Recovery Team at Cornwall Council and asked if they could assist the Forum with a visioning exercise. The Team responded that they could not assist because they were busy delivering the Cornwall Nature Recovery Strategy. However, they sent some resources which might be of assistance later on in the process and signposted Members to resources available on Cornwall Council's website. A copy of the email had been circulated to the Forum previously. The Chairman referred to the Natural History Museum in London which was undertaking a similar project in South Kensington.

Actions:

1. Committee Clerk to send copy of notes made of Cornwall Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy launch to Forum for information.
2. Chairman to circulate link to Natural History Museum project to Forum for information. NRF/834

b. From Parks and Amenities Committee regarding submission of expression of interest to the National Lottery Nature in Towns and Cities Fund

The Town Clerk reported that the draft expression of interest (EOI) had been reported to the Parks and Amenities Committee meeting on 4 November and the Committee had supported it. The EOI broadly covered the areas of benchmarking, data representation, community engagement, and improving accessibility. Since then, the draft document had been updated with positive feedback. The draft was now being finalised for submission by 12 noon 12 November. The submission of an expression of interest did not commit the City Council at this stage. The result would be announced on 13 December; if the Council reached the second round, then a more detailed submission was required to be made by 7 March 2025. The detailed submission would be considered by the Parks and Amenities Committee for recommendation to Council in January/ February 2025. The final decision would be notified in June. The Town Clerk was thanked for his hard work by the Chairman.

It was suggested that Transition Truro and the Clerk to St Clement's Parish Council (a former countryside officer) be added to the list of bodies referred in the EOI. The ERCCIS ID site showed that the red-listed European Eel had been spotted twice in the last five years. NRF/24/835

5. NEXT STEPS

Additional sources of information or data were suggested. Further it was suggested that one outcome of the Forum's work might be an increased vigilance to challenge as part of the planning process in relation to nature recovery.

Actions:

1. Councillor La Borde to locate link to estuary SSSI (Environment Agency), identifier app. (part of I Naturalist),
2. Mayor to locate Kingsley Development wildlife report and Wain Homes wildlife survey for Beechwood Parc. NRF/24/836

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 January 2025 starting at 6pm.

Actions:

1. Forum to consider expanding the membership of the Forum by appointing external members such as representatives of friends' groups.
2. Forum to consider detailed bid to National Lottery Nature in Towns and Cities Fund as necessary. NRF/24/837

The meeting closed at 18:46.

----- CHAIRMAN