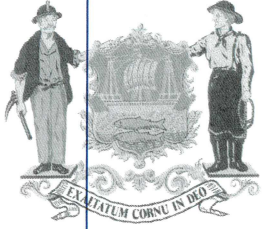


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MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2025 at 7.05 pm

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

PRESENT: Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman) and the Mayor (Councillor Mrs Swain).

External Members: Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin (Truro in Bloom and Treffry Road Resident' Association), Mr John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor) and Ms Jade Neville (Friends of Coosebean and Cornwall Wildlife Trust).

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Biscoe, La Borde and Rabey.

ABSENT: None.

Also in Attendance: Ben Slattery, Head Countryside Ranger and Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

Noted.

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2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND ANY DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

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3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2025

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Mayor, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 11 March 2025 were signed as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute NRF/24/1381 b. sixth line replacement of "11" with "100".

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4. REPORT BACK

a. Feedback from Nature in Towns and Cities webinar.

The Chairman reported she had attended a webinar on accreditation. A variety of free support services and resources were available to enable 100 towns/ cities to put access to nature at the heart of placemaking, to help identify and deliver change and unlock finance.

Actions:

1. To consider joining the Accreditation Scheme at the next meeting.
2. To formulate a draft vision statement at the next meeting.

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6. VOLUNTEER/ NATURE DAY SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025

The Forum was reminded that the volunteer day, organised by Mr Paul Caruana, provided an opportunity for community groups and charities etc to publicise their work and seek prospective volunteers. The Forum had a table

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for the day. It was noted that Cornwall Wildlife Trust had affiliated groups which could be invited to the Volunteer Day. The Chairman had agreed to do an activity such as making seed bombs. Members noted that South-west in Bloom shared nature as a theme.

Mr John Faragher circulated a logo he had designed for the leaflet which was generally agreed by the Members; he was awaiting a vision statement from Councillor La Borde. It was generally agreed that the question "What is your vision for nature in Truro?" appear on the leaflet which could also be asked via a QR code. An explanation of what the Forum does should also be included on the leaflet. Ideas for how people can garden for nature would be included on the reverse of the leaflet. An email address for the Forum was requested for potential feedback and use in a future communications plan.

Actions:

1. Members to send any suggestions of groups which could be invited to the Volunteer Day to the Chairman. Chairman to notify Mr Paul Caruana.
2. Chairman to complete site-specific risk assessment for activity(ies).
3. Committee Clerk to check with Deputy Town Clerk if volunteer organisations potentially sharing the TNRF table could be covered by TCC insurance, or not.
4. Ms Jade Neville to contact Falmouth and St Agnes Marine Conservation Groups about potentially attending the Volunteer Day.
5. Pencils to be provided at Volunteer Day (Committee Clerk).
6. Committee Clerk to enquire if any TCC budget available for 'freebies' which could be provided to children on the day.
7. Children's colouring sheets to be provided subject to budget, on day (Committee Clerk).
8. Ideas for potential activities to be circulated via email to the Forum. (All).
9. Chairman to finalise leaflet design with Mr John Faragher. Committee Clerk to confirm if any other TCC approval required.
10. Committee Clerk to enquire about the possibility of a Forum email address, subject to TCC budget. NRF/24/1508

7. NEXT STEPS

Agenda items for next meeting including:


1. To consider drafting a vision statement.
2. To consider joining the Nature Towns and Cities Accreditation Scheme.
3. To consider developing a nature recovery strategy based on experience of other town & parish councils.
4. To consider using an outside consultant to lead the Forum's work on developing a strategy and implementation plan. NRF/24/1509

8. NEXT MEETING

As early as possible in May following elections for the new Council.

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The meeting closed at 20:00.


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