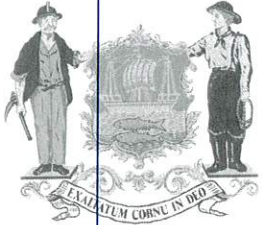


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## MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRf) HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), La Borde, the Mayor (Councillor Mrs Swain) and Mr John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor).

**ALSO PRESENT:** Forum Advisors Mr Richard Argall (volunteer tree warden) and Mr Paul Caruana (volunteers, badgers & foxes), Ms Sue Allen (Butterfly Conservation) and Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin (Truro in Bloom and Treffry Road Resident' Association)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Biscoe, Rabey and Ms Jade Neville (Friends of Coosebean and Cornwall Wildlife Trust).

**ABSENT:** None.

Also in Attendance: Richard Budge, Parks and Amenities Officer (PAO), Ben Slattery, Head Countryside Ranger, Anna Cormie Assistant 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. NEW MEMBERS

Following introductions round the table. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr John Faragher, and

**RESOLVED that** Ms, Sue Allen and Ms. Sarah Douglas-Martin be appointed external members to the Truro Nature Recovery Forum.

### 4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2025

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor La Borde, and

**RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 12 February 2025 were signed as a correct record. **NRF/24/1378**

### 5. BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE TRURO CITY COUNCIL RANGER TEAM

Ben Slattery, Head Countryside Ranger and Anna Cormie, Assistant Countryside Ranger introduced themselves to the Forum. Together they looked after a number of 'wild spaces' including Coosebean woodland, Daubuz Moor, Beechwood Parc, Treffry Road. This was guided by a management plan agreed by the Council which looked to increase biodiversity and public access, working with local friends' groups. Work included installing accessible pathways, benches, clearing up after storm damage, track cutting, conservation and woodland management. They had recently held community

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litter pick and tree guard removal events with the Friends of Coosebean and Friends of Daubuz Moor; events such as bioblitz took place in the summer.

**Actions;**

1. Circulate link to TCC wild area management plan to Forum for information (Committee Clerk) [Done].
2. Circulate copy of Daubuz Moor report to Forum for information. (Committee Clerk) [Done.]
3. Investigate if part of TCC website can be used as library of information for Forum. (Committee Clerk) [Done.]

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**6. REPORT BACK**

**a. Dr Spalding & Exeter University External Input Update**

The Committee Clerk advised that she had written to Dr Spalding about the Forum but to date no response had been received. Secondly, Councillor Sunderhauf (who worked in the Exeter University Sustainability Institute) had agreed to follow up potential representation within the department.

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**b. Feedback from Nature in Towns and Cities webinar**

A copy of Councillor La Borde's notes from Heritage Lottery Nature Towns and cities webinar had been circulated to the Forum in advance of the meeting.

A steering group had been established for those applicants which had been unsuccessful in their bid for lottery funding. The aims were to: enable towns and cities to learn what proved to work for nature recovery, provide free resources,

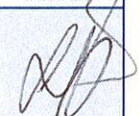
100 enable towns and cities to put access to nature at the heart of placemaking, help identify and deliver change and help unlock finance. The notes went on to outline the resources which were available, how local delivery would be supported and the first steps. This included a staged accreditation scheme, drop-in surgeries, talks, workshops and a conference. The main driver was change and to unlock finance to deliver change. She suggested that this process would assist the Forum in planning via the following stages: Visioning, partnership working, drafting a strategy and plan, and delivery. Key to this was codesigning with Truro's local community. The first step would be attending a webinar on accreditation on 1 April.

The Parks and Amenities Officer reminded the Forum of their role to develop a strategy and an action plan. South Gloucestershire Council had compiled a useful document for town and parish councils setting out comprehensive guidance for creating a local nature action plan

During discussion a number of points were raised including:

- a. A suggestion to arrange a social gathering of nature charities to talk with the Forum about local issues. Such an event could pique people's interest and encourage their input. It was emphasised that such an event should have a clear purpose.
- b. It was noted that Cornwall Wildlife Trust (CWT) already worked with a range of local interest groups. It was suggested that CWT could be asked to advertise the Forum's work.
- c. It was suggested that (a)workshop(s)could be used to develop a vision. Then the endorsement of other organisations could be sought by contacting senior representatives.
- d. Another idea suggested was drop-in sessions both in person and on-line.

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**Actions:**

1. Circulate link to 01.04.25 accreditation webinar to Forum (Committee Clerk). [Done.]
2. Chairman to contact CWT (Ms Jade Neville) to advertise the Forum's work.
3. Circulate South Gloucestershire Council Local Nature Action Plans: Guidance for town and parish councils. (Committee Clerk) [Done.]  
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**6. VOLUNTEER/ NATURE DAY SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025**

During discussion it was agreed that there should be a board asking the public questions about what they thought was important for nature. Secondly a leaflet should be produced, on one side setting out practical ideas for gardening for nature and the other side explaining what the Forum does requesting feedback from the public. A practical nature boosting activity was also suggested. Sponsorship from the Friends of Sunny Corner might be possible. Councillor La Borde offered to draft a vision statement which might also be included in the leaflet.

**Actions:**

1. John Faragher to design leaflet (Committee Clerk to supply TCC logo).
2. Chairman to provide nature activities eg bee bombs.
3. Councillor La Borde to draft vision statement.

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**7. NEXT STEPS**

The Chairman suggested that a moon garden could be installed to attract night-time pollinator. It was noted that this idea could be included in an action plan.

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**8. NEXT MEETING**

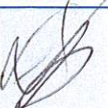
Wednesday 9 April 2025 starting at 7 pm.

Agenda items included potential accreditation scheme, draft leaflet, draft vision statement and planning for the Volunteer/Nature Day on 1 June. Mr Paul Caruana gave his apologies for this meeting

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The meeting closed at 20:19.

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