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MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

PRESENT: Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), Biscoe and Rabey.

APOLOGIES: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Swain) and Councillor La Borde (both personal).

ABSENT: None.

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

NRF/24/1059

2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND ANY DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

NRF/24/1060

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 11 November 2024 were signed as a correct record. **NRF/24/1061**

4. REPORT BACK

a. Submission of expression of interest to the National Lottery Nature in Towns and Cities Fund

The Parks and Amenities Officer reported that the Expression of Interest (EOI) for Nature and Towns and Cities funding had been submitted. The Nature Towns and Cities Team had received 276 EOIs with a total grant request of £170 million; the budget for this strategic initiative was £15M. Due to the high level of demand the Nature Towns and Cities Team extended the timeline to review submissions and undertook to respond to all EOIs by 31 January 2025.

NRF/24/1062

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

The Parks and Amenities Officer reported that a new duck pond policy was being drafted and would include the fishpond at Victoria Gardens and pond at Daubuz Moor. The Finance and General Purposes Committee requested that the Parks and Amenities Committee discuss the Leats at their next meeting in February.

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c. The Parks and Amenities Officer has suggested that the Council consider developing a tree planting strategy in the future

The Parks and Amenities Officer reported that a tree planting strategy would be a useful tool for the City Council to manage the Parish's trees. One example was the planting of macrocarpa trees at Boscawen Park and the need to plant a secondary row of replacement trees. Management of unsafe or diseased trees would be part of this strategy. Input from the Forum was welcomed.

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5. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Forum considered appointing up to five representatives of external bodies to become members of the Forum. It was agreed representatives of the Friends of Coosebean, the Friends of Daubuz Moor, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Exeter University Environmental Sustainability Institute and the West Country Rivers Trust could provide a mix of local interest groups and professional organisations.

Later in the meeting it was suggested that it would be useful to call upon the perspective of a geologist during the Forum's work in order to understand the local geology eg in relation to soil. Further it was suggested that Mr Richard Argall, volunteer tree warden, might wish to be involved in the work of the Forum.

Actions:

1. Administrator to contact the above organisations to seek the nomination of representatives to sit as external representatives on the Forum. Organisations to be provided with a copy of the Forum's Terms of Reference.
2. Administrator to contact Spaldings Associates and Camborne School of Mines to seek geologist future input.

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6. CITIZEN SCIENCE

The Chairman suggested and the Forum agreed that citizen science eg RSPB Garden Birdwatch and the Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count be publicised by the City Council were possible.

Action:

Administrator to flag up suitable publicity opportunities with the Council's Public Relations and Social Media Assistants and Countryside Ranger Team.

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7. NATURE AND HEALTH

The Chairman emphasised the connection of urban nature with positive health impacts. Its link to social prescribing was mentioned.

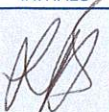
Action:

Chairman to talk to Councillor Unwin about 'blue health'. NRF/24/1067

8. NEXT STEPS

Action: Administrator to circulate a copy of the Forum Terms of Reference for information. NRF/24/1068

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12 February 2025 starting at 7 pm

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The meeting closed at 20:00



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