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MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF) HELD ON THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026 at 19:00 in the Large Community Room, Second Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro

PRESENT: Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), La Borde, Rich (Deputy Mayor) and Sunderhauf.
External Members: Ms Sue Allen, Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin (Treffry Residents' Association), and Ms Jade Neville (Friends of Coosebean and Cornwall Wildlife Trust).
ABSENT: John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor).
ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Carlyon.
APOLOGIES: Councillor Honorary Freeman Wells (Mayor) (business).
Also in Attendance: Anna Cormie, Assistant Countryside Ranger, Stephen Kirkpatrick Head Countryside Ranger, and Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk.

1. COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
Noted. NRF/26/917

2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None. NRF/26/918

3. MINUTES
It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Sunderhauf, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 16 June 2026 were signed as a correct record. **NRF/26/919**

[Ms Sue Allen entered the meeting at 19:05.]

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE
It was **noted** that the Parks and Amenities Committee adopted the amended terms of reference at its meeting held on 7 September. NRF/26/920

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The Chairman reminded the Forum that a leaflet for the Tremorvah Playing Field mini-project would be developed and considered in due course. NRF/26/921

6. DRAFT TRURO NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY
On 28 July the Ranger Team met with the Forum for a plan drafting session. A copy of the draft plan was circulated to the Forum. The Ranger Team took the Forum through the draft Strategy page by page on screen, highlighting gaps to be filled and making a number of amendments with the Forum's agreement.

A number of comments and amendments were suggested and recorded on-screen:

- It was acknowledged that the Strategy would need to be edited to reduce repetition in due course.

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- The clearly specified actions were welcomed.
- Replace the current limited map of the Parish with a link to a plan on Cornwall Council's Nature Recovery Strategy or a link to Cornwall Council's interactive mapping tool.
- Page 1 The Town Clerk had posed the question: how will we measure success and what was the baseline. It was suggested that the strategy itself couldn't measure success, but the forthcoming implementation plan could measure activity.
- Add a reference be added to Cornwall Council's current streetlight switch-off policy and a link to Cornwall Council's website be added Street Lighting - Cornwall Council
- Add a reference to shop/premises lighting at night in City Centre.
- Page 8 Add reference to developing new allotment at Treffry Road. Change reference of Foxes Corner to Cornwall Council (reverted to owner). Councillor La Borde to provide information about New Beginnings Community Association. Contact Community Development Officer re. community allotment association. Add information re. management Nancemere Orchard.
- Page 12 Share Place of Worship section with church contacts for feedback and input.
- Add reference to food security and role of gardens and allotments providing local produce.
- It was suggested a polytunnel at Idless Nursery could be used to grow vegetables.
- Add reference to companion planting such as nasturtiums to garden and residential area chapters.
- Share draft strategy with school contacts for feedback and input.
- Check if Moresk Woodland Project still exists. Check if this area is in Parish.
- Consider producing strategy summary leaflet on Strategy and Implementation Plan developed.
- Ask residents to ensure that food waste bins are locked to prevent access by wildlife to harmful contents.
- Councillor Southcombe to draft information for Residential Area section.
- Combine Private Garden and Residential Area Sections to reduce duplication etc.
- Councillor La Borde to provide information re. different organisations involved in maintenance of various estates and housing developments.
- Add link to suitable invasive species information.
- Consider adding if a resident wishes to volunteer to help maintain a local area they should contact the relevant landowner for permission. It was noted that the Ranger Team was covered by TCC insurance for volunteer activities. Friends' groups also had their own insurance to cover their activities. It was not the role of the Forum to provide legal advice.
- Page 37 add Donkey field, owned by Cornwall Council, TCC cut grass, emptied bins and maintained area as sports field for Bosvigo School in school hours. Treveth plans for development behind Old County Hall and landscaping of Donkey Field referred to. TCC does not currently

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have a licence from Cornwall Council.

- Councillor Rich to provide brief information on Cornwall Council stance on County Farms and working with farms to reduce run-off into the Fal Estuary.
- Add link /reference to Neighbourhood Priority Statements and opportunity to protect land from development.
- Page 41 consider adding information regarding riparian rights. Add reference to Port of Truro removing derelict boats from river system.
- Page 45 last line add "ferns" to end of sentence.
- Add (native wildflowers) after references to "weeds" to reduce stigma.
- Add Cornwall Butterfly Conservation Group to volunteer directory.

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[Councillor Rich arrived at the meeting at 19:50.]

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor La Borde, and **RESOLVED** that the updated draft Strategy be agreed. **NRF/26/923**

7. STRATEGY FRONT COVER

The Council's Communications Team supplied a mock-up front page created using photographs supplied by the Ranger Team for consideration by the Forum.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Sunderhauf, and **RESOLVED** that the Parks and Amenities Committee approve the draft Strategy Front Cover. **NRF/26/924**

8. TRURO NATURE RECOVERY WORK PLAN

It was suggested that a line about the development of an implementation plan - part of the role of the Forum as set out in the Terms of Reference – be added to the Workplan. It was agreed that an item be added to the agenda for the next meeting also. Consider producing a brief summary leaflet e.g. including an executive summary further along the strategy development process.

It was proposed by Councillor Sunderhauf, seconded by Councillor La Borde, and

RECOMMENDED that the Parks and Amenities Committee approve the updated Work Plan. **NRF/26/925**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) An email dated 13 10 26 regarding Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Sustainability Awards was **noted.** NRF/26/926

10. NEXT STEPS

It was generally agreed that the stage of the development of the Strategy had been reached to share it with outside organisations for feedback and suggested input. Ideas for an Implementation Plan would be discussed at the next meeting. NRF/26/927

Action: All Forum Members to bring ideas for an implementation plan to the following meeting.

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1 December 2026 starting at 7pm. NRF/26/928

The meeting closed at 20:38.

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