

Minutes of Meeting held on

20th January, 2020. Council Chambers, The Moor, Falmouth

Present:	Cllr Tony Parker (TP) (Chair)	Falmouth Town Council
	Clare Lewis (CL) (Vice Chair)	Prislow Woods Community Project
	David Yelland (DY) (Secretary)	Swanpool Forum
	Euan McPhee (EP)	Friends of Tregonigie Woodland
	Ken Reid (KR)	Friends of Tregonigie Woodland
	Simon Penna (SP)	Falmouth Town Council
	Jacqui Owen (JO)	Falmouth Town Council
	Tony Arden (TA)	Environment Agency
	Nick Jemmett (NJ)	Falmouth Allotments Association
	Kevin Thomas (KT)	Falmouth Nature
	Kirstie Edwards (KE)	Plastic Free Falmouth/KBT
	Lorian Hargreaves (LH)	Falmouth Marine Conservation
	Danny Konik (DK)	Cormac
	Tessa Marie (TM)	Falmouth Town Council
	Robbie Brown (RB)	Persimmon Homes
	Jennifer Carter (JC)	Prislow Woods Community Project
	Andy Rogers (AR)	Westcountry Rivers Trust
	Lydia Deacon (LD)	Westcountry Rivers Trust
	Mark Williams (MW)	Falmouth Town Council
	Julia Havard (JH)	Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes
Hilary Cliff (HC)	Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes	

1) **Apologies for absence**

Jay Gidman, Pete Lochrie, Kath Statham, Sarah Walker, Gavin Henderson, Bob Mahoney

2) **Minutes of the previous meeting (23/09/19) and actions arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true recording of the proceedings.

All matters arising were covered by agenda items for today's meeting

3) Updates from constituent groups (Friends of Tregonigie Woodland, Prislow Woods Community Project, Swanpool Forum.)

Report by **EM** - Friends of Tregonigie Woodland.

- The defective boardwalk has been removed by Cormac and a new gravel pathway constructed.
- Routine maintenance work is continuing including removal of branches/tress which fell during recent gales.
- **KR** is expecting to receive a full report soon from SWW on pollution issues. It is thought that the report will identify a number of unauthorised drain connections.

Report by **CL** - Prislow Woods Community Project

- **MW** has received from SWW a draft “Heads of Terms” agreement to facilitate the proposed pathway through Prislow Woods. This has yet to be signed off but should be sufficient in its current form to secure the funding offer from Cornwall Council.
- Well attended Christmas Fayre held in December; other events planned for this year. Next event will be on 6th October
- Continuing to clear invasive species, dealing with fly-tipping.

Report by **DY** - Swanpool Forum

- Continuing programme of coppicing to encourage reed growth.
- Proposal for clearance of invasive species under discussion with Natural England . (£4K funding available). Work should commence in the autumn after nesting/growing seasons.
- Falmouth Model Boat Club has taken action to ensure its members do not operate fast, noisy model boats on the pool.

4) Persimmon Homes, Eve Parc - Flood/pollution control proposals

RB was welcomed to the meeting and outlined proposals for interceptor ponds, tree planting and other planting/landscaping initiatives on the Eve Parc development at Lower Kergilliack. It is intended that this work will be supported by the planting of 100+ trees sourced by Cornwall Federation of Women’s Institutes.

A number of other proposals were discussed and it was agreed that a working group would be established, chaired by **SP**, to discuss, agree and progress the landscaping

project at Eve Parc. Initially the working group will comprise representatives from Falmouth Town Council, Persimmon Homes, Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes and Friends of Tregonnigie Woodland. Others interested in becoming involved should contact **SP** at Falmouth Town Council. Also, **DY** will contact Cornwall Wildlife Trust to inform them of the proposal and invite their involvement.

RB outlined details of the Persimmon Homes Community Fund which supports community projects in regions where it is engaged in housing developments. He indicated that projects and initiatives being proposed by FGCF are well matched to the funding criteria. **EM** reported that Friends of Tregonnigie Woodland had received a grant from this fund and that the application procedure was relatively straightforward. **KE** undertook to follow up on this opportunity and to submit an application on behalf of FGCF.

5) **Yellow Fish Campaign**

A meeting was held in November to progress the above campaign, following which further information was circulated and certain actions completed. **JC** has produced a draft information leaflet, **DK** has gained provisional permissions and support from Cornwall Highways, **TA** has produced a map of the target area and **DY** has produced eight sub-area maps detailing the roads and businesses to be included in the campaign.

The cost of leaflets to be used in the campaign is likely to be in the order of £200. **MW** will enquire of Councillors if any would like to contribute to this cost from their community funds.

It is intended to include students from local schools and the university in the campaign and it is also proposed to create an appropriate mural on the fence of the pump-house by Prislw Woods.

KE, with support from **LH**, kindly offered to lead a sub-group to progress and deliver the Yellow Fish project. **KE** will hold a first meeting on 3rd Feb. and will circulate details to all FGCF members via **DY**.

6) **Pollution Monitoring**

AR and **LD** from Westcountry Rivers Trust were welcomed to the meeting and outlined the work of WRT. **AR** provided information on the various WRT initiatives, including the Sponge 2020 programme which brings together organisations to tackle water related effects of climate change. **LD** outlined the Citizen Science Investigators (CSI) programme which guides and supports volunteers in monitoring streams and rivers for wildlife, water quality and pollution.

It was agreed that FGCF would aim to introduce a monitoring programme for the Bickland Stream based on the CSI initiative. **EM** kindly agreed to coordinate this

project and **LD** kindly offered to lead a half day briefing session for volunteers involved in the programme. At least two volunteers from each of the three FGCF constituent groups have been identified. **EM** will liaise with **LD** on a suitable date for the briefing session and will circulate details to all FGCF members via **DY**.

7) Other action plan items

- An entry for the Falmouth Green Corridor has been added to the See and Do, Parks and Gardens section of the Falmouth.co.uk website. This is for promotional purposes only and cannot be used to post notices, meeting minutes, etc. It is hoped that resources may be identified in the near future to produce a dedicated, interactive website.
- Kath Statham has not been able to progress the production of a descriptive map of the green corridor. **DY** will contact Tim Kellett, who produced the Tregonigie Woodland map, to determine if he is able to undertake this task.
- Bob Mahoney had reported that he has undertaken preparation work for a green corridor promotion video. This will be progressed when the Prislow Woods pathway and improvement works at Swanvale have been completed.

8) Any other business

CL reported that she has a number of spare laminated notices regarding the reporting of pollution incidents, which includes the relevant Environment Agency contact number. Anyone requiring these should contact her directly.

TA reported further pollution incidents over recent weeks including one which appeared to originate in the Bickland Stream tributary which runs through Bosvale. It is believed this may be associated with ground works on the Rotary Club land by the community centre.

FGCF treasurer, Jay Gidman, will be asked to establish a bank account in anticipation of funds being received from the Persimmon Homes Community Fund and, possibly, from the Environment Agency in their next financial year.

It was agreed that the FGCF would welcome representation from any community conservation group associated with Bosvale/Prislow Fields and the Bickland Stream tributary.

9) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd March, 2020 commencing 10.30 p.m (Venue: probably in the new FTC offices.....to be confirmed)