

Minutes of Meeting held on

23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019. Council Chambers, The Moor, Falmouth

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Tony Parker <b>(TP)</b> (Chair)	Falmouth Town Council
	Clare Lewis <b>(CL)</b> (Vice Chair)	Prislow Woods Community Project
	Jay Gidman <b>(JG)</b> (Treasurer)	Falmouth Civic Society
	David Yelland <b>(DY)</b> (Secretary)	Swanpool Forum
	Euan McPhee <b>(EP)</b>	Friends of Tregoniggle Woodland
	Kath Statham <b>(KS)</b>	Prislow Woods Community Project
	Simon Penna <b>(SP)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
	Jacqui Owen <b>(JO)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
	Tony Arden <b>(TA)</b>	Environment Agency
	Jules Florey <b>(JF)</b>	South West Water
	Ben Swanson <b>(BS)</b>	South West Water
	Nick Jemmett <b>(NJ)</b>	Falmouth Allotments Association
	Bob Mahoney <b>(BM)</b>	Environmental Consultant
	Kevin Thomas <b>(KT)</b>	Falmouth Nature

**1) Chairmanship**

It was reported that Pete Lochrie had tendered his resignation as Chair of the Forum owing to other commitments. Tony Parker had kindly agreed to take the Chair for this meeting. After a call for volunteers to take on the role permanently received no responses, Tony was proposed for the position and elected unanimously.

**2) Apologies for absence**

Ken Reid, Danny Konik, Pete Lochrie

**3) Minutes of the previous meeting (15/07/19) and actions arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true recording of the proceedings; other than to note that Jacqui Owen was present at the meeting.

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

**4) Updates from constituent groups (Friends of Tregoniggie Woodland, Prislow Woods Community Project, Swanpool Forum.)**

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

- A further meeting has been held with Persimmon regarding pollution issues on the development site in the upper Bickland Stream catchment area. It would appear that progress is being made but there are unresolved issues regarding ongoing management of flooding and pollution control measures. The Forum agreed that **EM** should invite representative(s) of Persimmon to attend and discuss these issues at the next Forum meeting)
- Cormac will undertake path/boardwalk repair work this Autumn - the boardwalk is going to be removed by Cormac and a new gravel pathway constructed instead. At the same time, Cormac will upgrade the path across the Nursery paid for by Postcode Lottery money secured by the Friends of Tregoniggie Woodland.

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

- Continuing to clear invasive species, dealing with fly-tipping.
- Well attended BBQ, storytelling and music evening held at the end of August. Next event will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October
- Progressing introduction of a path through the length of Prislow Woods (see item 5 below)

Report by **DY** - Swanpool Forum

- Continuing programme of coppicing to encourage reed growth.
- In discussion with Natural England re. the allocation of c£4K funding originally intended to remove invasive species.
- Next Swanpool Forum meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**5) Falmouth Green Corridor Forum (FGCF) - Action Plan**

- **JF** and **BS** from South West Water attended the meeting to help progress the proposal to create a path through SWW land at Prislow Woods. Following this meeting, **KS**, **CL**, **JF** and **BS** will meet with Town Clerk, Mark Williams, to consider further.

- **TA** gave an update of pollution incidents in the Bickland Stream, following which **EM** outlined a proposal to adopt a pollution monitoring programme operated by South West Rivers Trust (SWRT). It was agreed that this initiative should be progressed and that representatives from the three constituent groups will get together to formulate and initiate a monitoring programme. **EM** will report back to SWRT and invite a representative to attend the next Forum meeting.
- **KS** to contact Tim Kellett to progress the production of a descriptive map of the FGC.
- **TA** to prepare a basic map showing the extent of the catchment area of the Bickland Stream for use in education programmes, campaigns, etc.
- A provisional Forum logo has been adopted. Anyone wishing to offer an alternative is welcome to do so. Forum members will make any necessary final decision.
- A campaign will be organised to inform Falmouth residents of the importance of the Bickland Stream and how it is impacted by their actions. Similar campaigns in other Cornish towns, supported by the Environment Agency, will be used as a reference base. Representatives from the three constituent groups will contact **TA** to progress this initiative.
- **BM** outlined his ideas for a video of the corridor; preliminary filming will begin shortly. **KS** informed the Forum that she has been in contact with Gillian Burke, a Springwatch presenter, who has agreed to participate in the video, possibly in the introductory segment.
- **JO** will liaise with Richard Gates on the proposal to have a link on the Falmouth Town website to a section on the Falmouth Green Corridor.
- **DY** will prepare a draft press release announcing the formation of the FGCF, outlining its basic aims and inviting anyone with expertise to join the Forum. This will be circulated to Forum members for comment prior to submission for publication.

**DY** will update the action plan and circulate with the agenda for the next meeting

## 6) Initiatives:

### (i) Making Space for Nature

Cornwall Council officers Karen Hall and Melissa Ralph visited Falmouth on 5<sup>th</sup> September to view potential sites to benefit from Phase 2 of the Making Space for Nature programme. The viewing included meetings on site with

representatives from Friends of Tregonigge Woodland and Prislow Fields Community Project. Karen has reported back that she was impressed with the enthusiasm of the persons she met and with the quality and quantity of the opportunities available. She also confirmed that funding will only cover projects at four of the sites presented throughout Falmouth and that her proposals will be announced at a meeting in Falmouth on 1<sup>st</sup> October

**7) 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.

**8) Next Meeting**

Unfortunately, the council chamber is not available on the date provisionally proposed for the next meeting ( 13<sup>th</sup> January). Consequently, the date now set for the next meeting of the Forum is:

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2020 commencing 10.30 a.m. in the council chambers on The Moor**

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