

Minutes of Action Group Meeting held on

8th November, 2019. FTC, Old P.O. building, The Moor, Falmouth

Present:	Cllr Tony Parker (TP) (Chair)	Falmouth Town Council
	Clare Lewis (CL) (Vice Chair)	Prislow Woods
	David Yelland (DY) (Secretary)	Swanpool Forum
	Jennifer Carter (JC)	Prislow Woods
	Danny Konik (DK)	Cormac
	Gitty Ankers (GA)	Environment Agency
	Euan McPhee (EM)	Friends of Tregonigge Woodland
	Ken Reid (KR)	Friends of Tregonigge Woodland
	Tony Arden (TA)	Environment Agency

1) Introductions and apologies for absence

There were no apologies. The Chair confirmed to the group that this was not a full meeting of FGCF and was called to progress specific actions assigned to various/groups individuals at the last meeting (23/9/2019).

2) Bickland Stream catchment area awareness campaign

Decisions/Actions:

- It was agreed to run a pollution awareness campaign for the Bickland Stream catchment area, based on the River Kennet “Only Rain down the Drain” initiative which, in turn, is based on the “Yellow Fish” programme developed by the Environment Agency. Target date - Spring 2020.
- **DK** to liaise with CC Highways on the details of the campaign and to seek permission to mark drains and kerbs with the Yellow Fish message.
- **JC** to prepare a draft design for a leaflet to deliver to the households/businesses in the campaign area.
- **TA** to provide **DY** with location details of the “hot spots” and other areas to be targeted in the first phase of the campaign. (A second

phase to cover the remainder of the catchment area may follow). **DY** will then prepare a list of roads and business to receive campaign leaflets.

- **CL** to liaise with Jacqui Owen on arrangements for involving local schools in the campaign.
- **DY** to invite others to be involved with the campaign and to attend the next FGCF meeting; including Kirstie Edwards - Plastic Free Falmouth, Jacqui Keegan - Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the two new FTC Environmental and Educational Enforcement Officers (via Simon Penna). Also, **CL** will invite Ruth Grimmer - Exeter University
- All present at the meeting will consider possible funding sources for the production of the information leaflets, such as local businesses, councillors, Cornwall Council, etc.

3) **Pollution monitoring**

Decisions/Actions

- It was agreed, in principle, to introduce a pollution monitoring programme along the Bickland Stream based on the procedures developed by Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT)
- Details of the monitoring programme will be agreed following the next FGCF meeting which will be attended by WRT personnel.
- Friends of Tregonigge Woodland will coordinate the monitoring programme
- **KR** will pursue responses to the queries raised with South West Water concerning various pollution issues and will circulate responses to FGCF member via **DY**. **KR** was thanked for his efforts and diligence in these matters.

4) **Other action plan updates**

- **CL** reported that the proposal to lease land from South West Water to enable a path to be constructed through Prislow Woods has been agreed in principle. Mark Williams is progressing an appropriate lease with SWW. Funding of £15,000 has been secured to implement the plans.
- **DY** reported that Richard Gates has agreed to include a significant presence for the Falmouth Green Corridor on the Falmouth.co.uk website. Text and images have been submitted and will be loaded on

the website shortly; following which, FGCF members will be asked to view the material and advise any corrections and/or additions.

- The FGCF press release was circulated and published in the Falmouth Packet and on the Falmouth town Council website.
- **EM** reported that pollution incidents emanating from the Persimmon Eve Parc development are continuing. Dialogue is ongoing and Robbie Brown from Persimmon will be addressing the next meeting of FGCF on 20th January.

5) Any other business/Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next full meeting of the FGCF will be held on Monday 20th January, commencing 10.30 a.m. in the council chambers on The Moor.
