

## Minutes of Meeting held on

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. (By Zoom)

### Present:

Kirstie Edwards <b>(KE)</b> (Chair)	Falmouth Town Council
David Yelland <b>(DY)</b> (Secretary)	Swanpool Forum
Ken Reid <b>(KR)</b>	Friends of Tregonigge Woodland
Mark Williams <b>(MW)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
Jacqui Owen <b>(JO)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
Sarah Walker <b>(SW)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
Tessa Marie <b>(TM)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
Kath Statham <b>(KS)</b>	Prislow Woods Community Project
Dean Evans <b>(DE)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
Jay Gidman <b>(JG)</b>	Falmouth Civic Society
Robbie Brown <b>(RB)</b>	Persimmon Homes
Kath Statham <b>(KS)</b>	Prislow Woods Community Project
Sheila Gowers <b>(SG)</b>	Falmouth Bay Residents' Association
Jax Keenan <b>(JK)</b>	Falmouth Green Conservation
Ian MacFarlane <b>(IM)</b>	South West Water
Sean Newark <b>(SN)</b>	South West Water
Tony Arden <b>(TA)</b>	Environment Agency
Nick Jemmett <b>(NJ)</b>	Falmouth Allotments Association

### 1) Introduction/Attendees/Apologies for Absence

**SG** was welcomed to her first meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded for Euan McPhee, Tim Kellett, Simon Penna, Clare Lewis, Tony Parker and Alan Jewell

### 2) Minutes of the previous meeting (14/09/21) and actions arising

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

All matters arising had been actioned or covered by agenda items for today's meeting.

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

Report by **KR** - Friends of Tregonigge Woodland.

Encouraging to see new volunteers joining in with recent working parties, one of which was tasked with clearing a few trees which fell during recent storms.

Arrangements have been made with the Dracaena Centre to provide work experience activities in the woodlands for groups of unemployed persons.

A woodland Fair is planned for next April. Anyone wishing to have a stall at the fair or to promote a woodland activity of any kind should contact Friends of Tregonigie Woodland.

#### Report by **KS** - Prislw Woods Community Project

Very pleased with the completion and outcome of the boardwalk pathway project. It is a great success and everyone involved is to be congratulated. Having achieved this major goal the group will now consider its future aims.

A community event is planned for 11<sup>th</sup> December when some of the monies raised from fundraising will be used to provide refreshments to all attending

#### Report by **DY** - Swanpool Forum

Chair Pete Lochrie was expected to attend but it is believed there is little to report and that there are no issues of concern.

The removal of invasive species project is still pending and owing to the time delay it will be necessary to refresh the plans and permissions with Natural England when appropriate.

Determination of the planning application for siting two large houses at the old quarry site overlooking the lake is still pending.

*Note: The principle of FGCF objecting to planning proposals which may result in physical or visual harm to the green corridor was endorsed by today's meeting.*

## 4) **Project Updates**

### (i) Yellow Fish campaign

Making the necessary arrangements to supervise volunteers working on the highway has proved problematical following Danny Konik's change of responsibilities. It was suggested by **JO** that **KE** contacts Andy James, Cormac's Head of Highways and Environment to explore options to enable the project to proceed. **RB** kindly offered to investigate if Persimmon's contractors at Eve Parc could assist with the necessary highways supervision. Once **RB** has confirmed that this support is available **JO** will make the necessary introductions for **KE** to liaise with Andy James to determine a way forward. (**JO** to provide **KE** with contact details). **Action KE/JO/RB**

**TA** will send **DY** a reminder of the first area to be addressed by the Yellow Fish campaign (Area 1). **DY** will circulate to Forum members     **Action TA/DY**

(ii) Swanvale – Making Space for Nature

**JO** reported that work on the MS4N project at Swanvale commenced last week. Overgrown areas have been flailed and debris removed to prepare areas for wildflower and tree planting. There have been some concerns expressed by neighbours regarding loss of views as a result of the new trees but efforts have been made to ensure that planting positions have minimum impact. It is hoped to involve pupils from Falmouth School in the planting programme.

New litter bins will be installed on completion of the works. The planned woodchip pathway has been deleted from the project as this was linked to the proposed cycle path which will not be going ahead at present.

Karen Hall, MS4N, coordinator has proposed a community event be held to celebrate the completion of the Swanvale project. The FGCF supports this proposal and that it includes a broader recognition of the green corridor. **JO** will liaise with Karen and discuss the possibility of preparing suitable signage to direct walkers through the corridor.

(iii) Eve Parc – Integration with green corridor

**RB** summarised the landscaping work completed at the open space at Eve Parc which included the planting of 1200 trees, 400 of which were contributed in partnership with a Womens' Institute initiative.

Discussions are in progress to hand over the management of the area to a residents' management company which will operate under the authority of an appointed Managing Agent. One final project to complete before hand-over is the laying of a footpath linking Bickland Hill to a public pathway which traverses the northern boundary of the Eve Parc site.

The banks of the attenuation basins have been seeded and surface water testing undertaken to confirm satisfactory neutrality levels

In response to a query from **SW**, it was confirmed by **RB** that the management company would be responsible for ensuring that the trees and other green assets at the Eve Parc open space would be effectively maintained in accordance with an agreed landscape management plan.

**RB** kindly offered assistance with the preparation of basic signage which may be introduced to direct pedestrians through the green corridor.

(iv) Queen Anne Gardens Pathway

**KE** will contact Cllr Alan Jewell to follow up on his report at the last meeting that the land adjacent to the Bickland stream is owned by Cornwall Council and may be the subject of a development proposal which could facilitate a pathway through the area to complete the final link in the green corridor. **Action KE**

**5) Pollution Monitoring**

**KR** reported on his ongoing monitoring of pollution incidents related to inappropriate materials being released into drains and his liaison on the matter with SWW. Over the most recent reporting period there have been 12 misconnections rectified, 25 connections checked and found to be OK and 2 connections unable to be accessed. This represents a much improved situation and **KR** thanked **SN** for all the positive action he had taken since becoming involved with operations in the green corridor.

A pollution incident on 8<sup>th</sup> October was reported on Facebook and was attended by SWW and the Environment Agency. The source could not be located but it was encouraging that it was reported and subsequently featured in an article in The Packet.

**SN** has begun to monitor the Industrial estate and has spoken to at least twenty companies regarding their waste disposal practices. It is thought that there may be acrylic paint being allowed to enter drains at one or more premises and investigations are ongoing.

**KE** thanked **KR** for his continued diligence in reporting and following up on pollution incidents and also **SN** for his excellent response.

Water sampling of the Bickland Stream is ongoing with events organised by Euan McPhee. **SW** and **TM** participated in the most recent exercise which took samples at Tregonigge Woodlands and at Swanvale. A further sampling event will be scheduled for later this month; anyone wishing to participate should contact Euan, **SW** or **TM**.

**6) Bosvale – extension to green corridor**

Following agreement at the last meeting that the tributary to the Bickland Stream at Bosvale should be recognised as an integral part of the green corridor **DY** confirmed that a simple change to the Constitution was all that was necessary to consolidate this decision. Any necessary changes to the mapping in the Neighbourhood Plan would be actioned at its next official update.

It is hoped that a residents' group could be established at Bosvale to protect this area of the green corridor and to be represented on the FGCF. **Action SW/TM**

**7) Any other business**

In response to an enquiry raised earlier in the meeting, **SG** will liaise with **DE** to

Help ensure that Wainhomes honours its commitments to landscaping and tree planting at its Swanvale development site.

**DY** reported that the Constitution requires FGCF to hold AGMs but that this procedure had been delayed owing to cessation of activities during the pandemic. It was agreed to hold an AGM at the beginning of the next Forum meeting. This should take no more than 15 mins. and would mainly comprise the confirmation/appointment of officers, approval of any changes to the Constitution and a brief review of aims and objectives. A notice and briefing document will be issued prior to the next meeting.

**Action DY/KE**

**8) Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00 a.m. (probably by Zoom t.b.c.)

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