



Minutes of a meeting of the **Calstock Parish Council**,
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB COMMITTEE
held on **Tuesday 06 December, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900**

Those present were; -

COUNCILLORS: Richard Newton Chance (Chair), Dorothy Kirk, Alastair Tinto, Andrew Brown,

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ken Finn, Peter Bloomfield

Miss Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk – *minutes*).

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr John Wells

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alison Freshney, Richard Gribble and Lara Kramer were present and participated in the meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 06-12-2022

Proposal/Resolution: the minutes be approve – all agreed by those present at the last meeting.

6. DISCUSSION TOPIC – DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Richard had drafted a strategic plan (which follows) to prompt discussion and to agree a way forward. Feedback was sought from each person present. Main points were to:

- include an introductory paragraph,
- think who the audience is for the plan,
- include more on the Parish Council's website about the Environment and Climate Change work,
- reach out to other groups,
- look at a procurement policy to include the environmental credentials for contractors,
- have measurable outcomes,
- set out public engagement methods
- use the three topics to set up working groups: Recovering Nature, Reducing Impact, Improving Health.

Agreed for the word document to be forwarded for comments and approve the contents at the next meeting for Full Council approval.

Next meeting: 21 February 2023, 1830.



Environment and Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

Every policy and decision of the Parish Council should be measured against each of these.

Does it help with:

- **Recovering Nature**
- **Reducing Impact**
- **Improving Health**

Recovering Nature

The aim is not just to preserve what we have now, but to recover the flora and fauna we have lost, to expand the natural world around us for its own sake and in doing so to create a much richer and more diverse environment for people to enjoy.

This aligns closely with the Cornwall Nature Recovery plan and AONB plans.

To encourage, support, sponsor and partner to act to restore flora and fauna in the parish through:

- Encouraging wild flower meadows
- Re-wilding marginal land
- Extending wetland environments
- Extending woodland and encouraging its natural management
- Protecting hedgerows and encouraging sensitive management thereof

Encouraging:

- Beavers
- Badgers (inoculated)
- Hedgehogs
- Willow tits and other endangered bird species
- Wetland birds
- Pine martins
- Goshawks
- Bats

Discouraging:



- Pheasants
- Feeding of species which predate those at risk eg Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers
- Grey squirrels

Potential partners: Tamar Valley AONB, National Trust, Cornwall Council, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Tamara Project, Woodland Trust

Reducing Impact

Our collective impact on the world we live in has lead not only to a severe climate crisis, but also a crisis across the natural world with pollution, severe species loss, poisoned oceans and increasingly infertile lands. If we are to address this we have to reduce our impact.

This aligns with the Cornwall Climate Emergency DPD.

To encourage, support, sponsor and partner to act to reduce our impact on the environment through:

- Cleaning the river Tamar and its tributaries
- Reducing pollution - air, soil and water
- Encouraging environmentally sensitive farming practices
- Recycling
- Reducing single use plastics
- Better building design
- Public transport use
- New energy generation possibilities
- Area heating plans
- Encouraging better insulation
- Traffic control measures
- Grow local schemes
- Shop local schemes
- Procurement policy

Potential partners: Cornwall Council, SWW, the Rivers Trust, Tamar Valley AONB, National Trust, Tamara Project, Duchy College, Tamar Grow Local, Plymouth National Marine Park



Improving Health

As well as impacting the natural world, our activities are ruining our own health and well being. Whatever we aim to do should be measured against its impact on our health.

To encourage, support, sponsor and partner to act to improve the health and well being of our parishioners through:

- Encouraging footpath use
- Extending the footpath network
- Protecting and extending open access land
- Developing the skatepark
- Biking facilities and special routes
- Encouraging playground use
- Support for local sports clubs
- Community fridge/pantry
- Allotment use
- Supporting older age groups 'activities
- Helping people adjust to climate change

Potential partners: Cornwall Council, Ramblers Association, Tamar Valley AONB, Tamara Project, Tamar Grow Local, local sports clubs, TV Health Centre, Calstock footpath society

The meeting ended at 1945.

Signed: Date: