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Minutes of a meeting of the Calstock Parish Council, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
held on **Tuesday 02 July 2024**, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900.
Those present were: -

COUNCILLORS: Richard Newton Chance, Andrew Brown, Jim Wakem
STAFF: Peter Gadd, Clare Bullimore
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Gill Court, Alison Freshney, Gill Court, Judith Robinson, Ian Trice
INVITEES: Julian Brown Tamara Project

1. Apologies
Apologies were accepted from Mark Warwick, Dorothy Kirk, Peter Bloomfield, Phil Spurr

2. Declarations and Dispensations in Members' Interests
None.

3. Public Participation
All present took part in the meeting.

4. Approve Minutes of the last meeting, 28-05-2024
The minutes were approved.

5. Tamara Ferry Project
There was discussion about how to recharge the ferry. Costs for underground and overhead cables are restrictive; a solar installation on the pontoon has been suggested as a solution. Proposal/resolution: to recommend to the Full Council a solar installation on the pontoon is investigated with support from the Parish Council but the Clerk to find out implications from the Council's insurers. Proposed: Jim Wakem, seconded: Richard Newton Chance.

6. 'Symposium' Event – Andrew Brown
Andrew suggested an event to bring local organisations and volunteers together to signpost people to objectives to help achieve the ECE strategies. Andrew has suggested running this the day after the Tamara River Festival 27-10-2024. Some discussion as to the timing, location and objective however, everyone felt it is worth pursuing and getting more clarity – Andrew to draw up a more detailed plan.

7. Review of Environmental and Climate Change Strategy

Proposal/resolution: to recommend the objectives for committees to Full Council. Lead councillors to come back with comments on their specific areas.

8. Reports Actions from Focus Groups

Outside Services Team

- Yellow rattle – has been planted to supress grass and encourage wildflowers, more to be sown in the Autumn.
- Cemeteries – feedback discussed with Burial Committee – all cemeteries will have some space for nature and it is hoped volunteers will be recruited to help maintain the areas.
- Recreation areas also have space for nature.
- Need funding for hedgerow around Gunnislake Play Park in line with St Ann's Chapel (and in consultation with the community).
- Battery powered tools have been purchased and are being used by all staff where feasible.
- Scything group forming.

Nature Recovery

- Andrew is in contact with REACH and Devon Wildlife Trust, using materials to make bee hotels and bug boxes.
- South West Water Liaison Meeting – still to get a meeting and for the Metherell Water testing.
- Tamar Catchment Partnership meeting – Richard to attend.
- 'Down the Drain' – Calstock Arts, series of Environmental films.
- 08-08-2024, Wilding – Calstock Arts.
- CPH Number needed for funding e.g. stewardship grants – Clare to work on this.

Reducing Impact

- Heildeberg Aggregates keen to support the skate park – need to make contact when Recreations Committee meets.

9. Summary of receipts/payments

Noted.

Meeting ended at 2045.

Date of next meeting: 06 August 2024, 1900

Signed: ……

Dated: ……