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Notes from a Focus Group of the Calstock Parish Council, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
held on **Tuesday 06 August July 2024**, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900.
Those present were: -

COUNCILLORS: Andrew Brown, Jim Wakem, Phil Spurr
STAFF: Clare Bullimore
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Peter Bloomfield (Gunnislake resident and Gunnislake Community Matters), Jane Weatherby (Living Churchyards and Calstock resident), Ian Richards (Living Churchyars, Calstock Resident), Pete Thompson (Calstock and Tamar Community Trust), Rayson Pritchard (Calstock and Calstock in Bloom), Ken Finn (Calstock and land manager).

Subject: to agree the format of the Nature Recovery Event, 28-10-2024, Calstock Arts.

Agreed objective: to encourage information sharing, networking and participation in projects. To ask speakers to share strategic plans but to make the content relevant to what can be achieved at a parish council level. For people to get involved in wider initiatives and to reconnect after the event. The Groundwell model to be used.

Agreed audience: people already committed to making changes for environmental benefit (it was agreed that this event is not to try and educate those who less engaged with environmental issues – that will be a subsequent event).

Agreed cost per ticket: £15 as it was felt less will devalue the event and it is aimed at those who are very interested in the topics. It is anticipated this will become an annual event with recognised speakers who will potential charge a considerable fee.

Agreed speakers:

- Anna Gelderd MP
- Lord Robin Teverson - Chair of the Cornwall and Ises of Scilly Local Nature Partnership
- Dr Maggie Freegard, Wildlife Groundswell
- Sarah Gibson, Tamar Valley National Landscape
- George Holmes, National Trust Cotehele
- Cheryl Marriott, Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- Dr Laurence Couldrick Westcountry Rivers Trust

- Nick Viney (West Devon Borough Councillor and Co-Owner at Leewood Agroforestry)

It was agreed that Anna Gelderd will be asked to be a keynote speaker and to open the event and Robin Teverson will be asked to close.

Agreed format

It was felt that the speakers are the key who people are interested in meeting and talking to and to hold workshops offsite may lose focus and participants.
It was agreed to allow longer presentations and to have more frequent breaks spanning the whole day.
'Local' organisations (parish based and from neighbouring areas) to be present to give out information and to meet people – breaks to be used to network. A list of organisations to be published prior to the event so people are aware of who is available. It is not expected that such organisation will charge for their time.
A band to play during lunch.

Actions:

A list of potential organisations/projects to be circulated to tonight's participants to confirm attendance on the day - ***all***
Confirm timings of speakers and key issues being raised by each – ***AB***
Pair up speakers and ensure organisations/projects represent issues brought up by each speaker – ***AB/group***?

Suggested Organisations/Projects

- Gunnislake Community Matters
- Calstock in Bloom
- WI
- Calstock Footpath Society
- Tamar Community Trust
- Tamar Grow Local
- Gardening Club (Gunnislake)
- Mary Martin – Mother Orchard, Cotehele
- Virginia Martin – Country Diary Writer, The Guardian
- Friends of School societies
- Rowing Club
- Drip Drip
- XR
- National Landscapes/Tamara Project
- Cornwall Mammals Trust
- REACCH

Forecast Budget

Income:

We should have 100 paying guests at @ £15 = **£1500**
Total number 110 plus 10 speakers.
Sound plus online presence for first half. ?

Expenditure:

- Pollenize £180
- members of a "band" at £80 x2= £160
- 120 Pasties @ £3.80 = £456
- Hire of venue £190
- Tea coffee ? Drinks? Sundries £100
- **£1000 approx**

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 24 September 2024, 1900 – but to keep in contact via email before this date.