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A meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Committee** of Calstock Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 17 December 2024** in the Tamar Valley Centre at **1900**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interest
3. Public participation
4. Approve minutes of last meeting 17-11-2024*
5. Matters arising:
   - Calstock Parish Council Consultation Response to the Tamar Valley National Landscape Management Plan* - to note
   - Flood risk – Higher Metherell
6. New Correspondence:
   - Acknowledge Tamar Valley Centre bioblitz biodiversity report* https://www.pollenize.org.uk/biodiversity-programme
7. Groundswell Event, 27-10-2024: follow up actions:
   - Letters of thanks to speakers*
   - Form a working party to formulate a wildlife groundswell strategy and positively engage community participation in local wildlife recovery

   Groundswell projects underway/agreed budgets:

   - Environmental book exchange library Calstock Arts (*see below)* - £500 (April 2025)
   - Extension of the Wild About Calstock Project - £500 (April 2025)
   - Funding for Drip Drip to sample the water for harmful bacteria in the estuary at Calstock - £500 (current year's budget) and £500 (April 2025)
   - Update of Calstock sewage briefing by the Rivers Trust*
   - Hedgerow workshop with FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) leading – volunteer work to lay the hedges on either side of the new PROW (to be confirmed when officially designated)
   - Support for the Tamar Community Trust volunteer programme and fund-raising effort for bird hide.

8. Town Farm Field – site visit to be held with FWAG advisor in the New Year – suggest a small working party accompany the visit
9. Planning Inspectorate ROW/3311106: Footpath No. 9 – North West of Lower Brookland Farm PL17 8BJ
10. Summary of income/expenditure*

Library:

The library will consist of populist environment, general reference books and then specialist sections based on the system used by the Natural History Book Service (NHBS). The library will be reliant on donated books from supporters and users of the library to form the bulk of its titles. The Parish Council's £500 grant will be used to buy books (both new and good second hand) where there is a perceived gap, but always with a view to making the Parish Council's money go as far as possible. The library will suggest that borrowers make a £2 contribution for each book borrowed to provide a small income to continue to expand the choice of books available. Steve Wood