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Minutes of Calstock Parish Council's **Environment and Climate Emergency Committee** held on **Tuesday 28 January 2025,** in the Tamar Valley Centre at **1900**

Those present were:

Councillors: Richard Newton Chance (Chair), Andrew Brown, Jim Wakem, Phil Spurr, Louise Ladd

Tamar Valley National Landscapes Staff: Steven Draper, Ginette Sutherland

Community Members: Kate Goodman, Pete Thompson, Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn, Roger Harris, Judith Robinson

1. **Apologies** - Alison Freshney, Ian Mitchell
2. **Declarations of interest** - none
3. **Public participation –** all present and interacted
4. **Approve minutes of last meeting 17-12-2024**

Proposal: to approve the minutes: proposed: Phil Spurr, seconded: Louise Ladd– agreed by all present at the last meeting

5. **Matters arising**:

Flood risk – Higher Metherell: road in question is not an adopted road and therefore not a responsibility of Cornwall Council; advised to report flooding to the EA Land Management hotline 0800 807060

Oxfam environmental books for Calstock Arts Resource Library – Volunteers keeping an eye out for books on the environment for the Calstock Arts Library

Drip Drip crowdfunder appeal reached: money to go towards website and promotional materials instead – working on the website now which is back in-house. There is a need for educational materials. Ken to provide some data for the next meeting . Drip Drip has sent a letter sent to South West Water letting them know Drip Drip are testing and asked some questions.

Reinstate request to visit Metherell Water Works Treatment.

6. **New Correspondence/Report**s:

Draft minutes from Hingston Down Quarry Liaison Meeting 14-11-2024 – these were noted.

Feedback from Tamar Catchment Partnership Meeting – notes from Richard were circulated and noted.

Feedback from conference (Andrew) – Rewilding Futures, Cambridge. International views from USA, Argentina, Chile, Mozambique, UK. Benedict Macdonald – will come and speak at Calstock Arts.

Agri-Robotics Cornwall – opportunity to work collaboratively with other agencies and apply for grants to capture data from our local area to aid action. There is a course on Agri-biotics on 03 February at Penhale Pantry – Andrew and Ken to attend and Andrew to provide written feedback from the event.

Email from Mark Court: "Can you please advise if there are any 2025 plans to install Electric Charging Points in Calstock". – this will be looked at.

7. Environment and Climate Emergency Strategic Plan Review – how have we done and how do we take this forward in light of Groundwell?

Each section was reviewed and agreed as still relevant. Some minor changes made with tasks. Add utilising biodiversity surveys to inform action.

Renewable energy – The Community Energy Trust has attended meetings and been given information to research potential but no further contact was made. Follow up with them or a different organisation.

National Planning Framework has changed – Parish Council awaiting information on impact.

Shared Information:

Tamary Valley National Landscapes (TVNL): Derek Gow's focus is on rivers

TVNL: will be looking at blossom and biodiversity festival – looking at hedgerow management.

TVNL: proposing a mapping exercise (funded from Lottery grant if successful) – gaps in knowledge to aid projects going forward, pockets of land unknown ownership

TVNL: working on information to landowners about how to allow access on their lands.

TVNL: looking at footpath and access as part of the management plan.

Consultation with DEFRA on TB and Badgers – 03-02-2025, Andrew to be interviewed.

BBC Sounds – Monday, Start of the Week: Truth, Lies and Compromise – a relevant programme.

Community Garden, The Orchard, Gunnislake – Hazel hedge been planted.

8. Town Farm Field – management plan required (potential advice from FWAG)

Phil Spurr, Pete Thompson, Pete Gadd to meet on site and look at FWAG suggestions and to engage the community in any plans.

9. Summary of income/expenditure*

The summary of accounts was noted.

Agreed to donate £100 to Calstock Arts for book towards their resource library.

Actions:

- Ask SWW for a visit to Metherell Water Works – emailed 28-01-2025, 1954
- Ask SWW what tankers have been used for at Metherell Water Works – emailed 28-01-2024, 1954
- Ask SWW for another partnership liaison meeting – emailed 28-01-2025, 1932
- Ask for advice on putting a wind turbine on Parish Council land
- EV charging points – Jim to do some research and be included on the Full Council agenda
- Ask flood forum to talk to the ECE committee
- Phil Spurr and Pete Thompson to arrange a site visit to Town Farm Field with Pete Gadd and arrange a follow up visit with FWAG advisor if necessary.