

Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Working Group Monday 24th October 2011 at 6.00 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Truro

Minutes

ATTENDEES: Councillor Lindsay Southcombe – Truro City Council
Councillor Anthony Ayers – Truro City Council
Councillor Richard Tinney – Kenwyn Parish Council
Mr Roger Gazzard – Town Clerk, Truro City Council

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Hilary Gooch (Technical Support, Cornwall Council)

Item		Action
1	<p>Chairman</p> <p>It was agreed that a Chairman for the Working Group should be appointed at the next meeting when the full membership would be able to attend.</p>	-
2	<p>Introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan Process</p> <p>Mr Roger Gazzard briefly discussed the background to the Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan and the tasks required to be undertaken by this and the other six working groups.</p> <p>He outlined that the focus for the Environment and Climate Change Working Group was to investigate the existing evidence of how the built environment impacted the local area with particular emphasis on the management of increasing housing and industry with minimum environmental impact. Much evidence of the current position had been collected during the production of the Truro & Threemilestone Area Action Plan and the Interim Plan for Truro. The group would need to review this evidence and identify where the gaps in knowledge were with the view of commissioning further work to narrow the gaps and conduct local testing of the evidence base.</p>	-
3	<p>Additional organisations to be invited to be members of the Working Group</p> <p>Discussion took place as to which outside organisations should be invited to be members of the Working Group to cover environmental groups, infrastructure, and energy providers, and the following organisations were agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Agency • Transition Truro • South West Water (emphasis on the drainage team) • Western Power Distribution • Wales & West (Gas Suppliers) • Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) • Cornwall Council (Green Cornwall), Cornwall Energy Partnership • Farming Wildlife Advisor Group 	-

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cornwall Development Company• The Eden Project• Climate Change Forum <p>It was also considered that representatives of other organisations, such as the Cornwall Waste Action Group, Mike Birkin (Regional Development Agency), and Andy Tanner (Plug into the Sun), should be invited to attend a meeting of the Working Group when required, on a casual basis.</p> <p>Mr Gazzard confirmed that the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would invite the additional members by letter.</p>	
4	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>It was considered that at the present time, future meetings should be held roughly every three weeks at 6.00 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Boscawen Street, Truro.</p> <p>The dates for the next meetings were agreed as follows:-</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd November 2011 Tuesday 13th December 2011 Tuesday 10th January 2012</p>	-

The Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

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CHAIRMAN