

## **Torbay Climate Partnership**

### **Minutes**

**2 June 2026**

**10:00 – 12:00 pm**

**South Devon College**

**Attendees:** Matthew Green, Jacqui Warren, Jed Stephenson, Bethan Huntley, David Shorten, Clive Nicholls, Chris Gunson, Hannah Hunter, Emily Reed, David Hodson, Alex Carter, Luke Hopkins, Jess Tucker

**Apologies:** Melanie Border, Cllr Fox, Cllr Billings, Cllr Lewis, Joanne Brimblecombe, Kirsty Parker-Callard, Alison Bayliss, Steve Nash, Dan Vickridge, Chris Gomm, Sam Swann. Liam Montgomery, Kevin Dixon. Liz Muir, Davina Luther, Gary Calland, Hannah Devine Wright, Aaron Harverson, Dave Stewart.

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### **1.Welcome**

Matt Green (MG) welcomed all to his first meeting as the new Chairperson for this partnership.

MG welcomed new faces including Clive Nicholls from Brixham Town Council.

### **2.Previous Minutes / Actions**

MG ran through the actions from the Torbay Climate Partnership's 21st January meeting (and outstanding actions from previous meetings):

#### **Item 2: Actions from last meeting**

| <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Owner</b> | <b>Meeting Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>April's meeting</b>                                                                                                                                            |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DE to speak to Alan Denby about getting the marine forum restarted to support the delivery in the conservation of the marine environment and safety within Torbay |              | Remain Open as no Marine Forum.<br>Clive Nicholls update all on progress being made by Ocean Conservation Trust (OCT) in Torbay. Mark Parry of OCT to be approached by MG to join/update the partnership |
| <b>July meeting</b>                                                                                                                                               |              | <b>Meeting Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| MB to continue to provide updates on the priority Promoting Green Assets/Geopark/Seagrass action                                                                  | MB           | Remain open<br>No update                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| JW to bring a draft Asks back to the TCP for                                                                                                                      | JW           | No current opportunities via                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| consideration at the relevant time                                                                                                           |                                                               | Devon Torbay County Combined Authority                                                                                                              |
| <b>October meeting</b>                                                                                                                       |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Item 4 -                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |
| JW, DS, MW, DL and MB to meet and agree a targeted approach using the Serious Game + wider resilience engagement in schools and communities. | JW, DS, MW, DL and MB                                         | Versions of the game are available through Dave Stewart. Adaptation focussed session held via Shaping Tomorrow Together. Suggested action be closed |
| Use the Paignton and Preston Flood Defence Scheme to raise awareness of climate resilience, including educational boards on the sites.       | Liz Muir (LM) and DE to raise this at the next Board meeting. | Remain open<br>No update                                                                                                                            |

### 3. Update from the Chair and future plans

MG introduced himself and his sustainability credentials. He proposed a refresh of Partnership's Terms of Reference (ToR) and carrying out a skills analysis on the current TCP members. This is proposed to determine what possible new members are needed, including Arc Marine and OCT. MG and South Devon College already have a relationship with Arc and will try and approach them to become partners.

**Action: All to feedback comments on the ToR and to complete the skills analysis.**

### 4. Greener Way for Our Bay (GWFOB) Action Plan - Project Updates

#### 4a. Torbay Council Climate Change Action Plan + GWFOB Action plan – Progress report

Alex Carter (AC) and Jacqui Warren (JW) from Torbay Council presented on the Council's Climate Action Plan and the Council's contribution to supporting delivery of the GWFOB Action Plan. A range of projects were presented showing progress towards the Council's Net Zero Carbon 2030 target.

Bethan Huntley (BH) enquired about the TCP responding to specific planning applications. **Action - MG suggested regularly sending a summary of issues discussed at the TCP meetings to Torbay Council for their consideration. JW suggested an annual update to the Place Leadership Board.**

**Action - AC to look at the 20mph signs and lighting requirements. There is potential carbon savings as no requirement to light these new signs.**

**Council Action Plan action – JW to ask colleagues how they are working with South West Water to detect and reduce leaks.**

**GWFOB Action – There is still a need a Green and Blue Infrastructure Plan. JW to get an update from colleagues on progress and ensure work is not duplicating efforts in the Devon Local Nature Recovery Plan.**

**GWFOB action – JW to ask OCT to attend a meeting and present work. JW to ask about a possible visit to their sea grass nursery at Galampton Creek.**

#### **4b. Shaping Tomorrow Together**

Racheal Geary (RG) from Torbay Communities presented on the Shaping Tomorrow Together programme. This work was commissioned by Torbay Council, on behalf of the TCP, to meet the GWFOB Action Plan actions on climate engagement with communities and schools. A range of sessions were held and 4 key recommendations have been proposed to this Partnership:



**Core Recommendation**

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| <b>Establish Parkfield House Eco Hub</b><br>Develop Parkfield as a community-led demonstration site for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>regenerative land use (permaculture design)</li><li>nature connection and learning programmes</li><li>community growing and food systems</li><li>cross-sector collaboration and skills development</li></ul>                                                                   | <b>Create a structured Community Growing Pathway</b><br>Develop a Torbay-wide system to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>map and unlock access to growing spaces</li><li>provide clear routes into participation</li><li>build skills and confidence</li><li>connect people, land, and support systems</li></ul>                                                                                        |
| <b>Work with Our Wilder Life CIC</b><br>Our Wilder Life CIC is in the process of incorporating and plans to become a dedicated vehicle to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>deliver structured nature connection programmes</li><li>work across schools and communities, connecting Torbay's three towns through shared programming</li><li>embed long-term behaviour change through experience-based learning</li></ul> | <b>Embed seasonal, relational community programming</b><br>Introduce regular shared cultural rhythms including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>solstice and equinox gatherings</li><li>seasonal community events</li><li>regular visioning sessions for children and adults</li><li>skill-sharing, craft, and "learn to play" workshops</li><li>intergenerational and inclusive social space</li></ul> |

**Actions: People's Parkfield to explore the Eco Hub recommendation and report back to the TCP.**

**Action: Local Motion are happy to lead and coordinate the structured community growing pathway recommendation and report back to the TCP.**

**Action: Our Wilder Life CIC is being established. No action required from the TCP.**

**Action: Hold a series of events with all TCP partners involved. Create a space for people to come together. Align with the Imagination Station created at Parkfield for Young People and Libraries Unlimited's Together For Tomorrow.**

**Action: Share good news across the Bay. Need a team to pull this together.**

**Action: JW to share the results of Shaping Tomorrow Together with Councillor Lewis.**

**Action: RG to share the full report when available.**

#### **5. Roundtable updates (All)**

- Bike Revival coming up. BH to share more details.
- Marine EcoFest coming up on 18 July. David Hodson to share more details
- Fair Futures Festival is on 4 June 2026. Jess Tucker to share details
- Local Motion are coordinating a programme of People's National Emergency Briefing screenings. They are coordinating a concentrated number of screenings across the Bay in the Autumn.

#### **6. AOB**

Next meeting is 2 July 2026

Agenda item will be Destination Management Plan – Consultation draft