

Torbay Climate Partnership

Minutes

15 October 2025

10:00 – 12:00 pm

Town Hall, Torquay

Attendees: David Edmondson (Chair), Matthew Green, Jacqui Warren, Kevin Dixon, Melanie Border, Hannah Hunter, Jed Stephenson, Liz Muir, Emily Reed, Davina Luther, Mike Wood, David Stewart, Bethan Huntley, David Shorten, Louise Marshall Cllr Lewis

Apologies: Cllr Fox, Cllr Billings, Tom Dauben, Joanne Brimblecombe, Chris Gunson, Gary Calland, Helen Warren, Parker-Callard, Alison Bayliss, Steve Nash, Dan Vickridge, Chris Gomm, David Hodson, Michael Roseveare, Sam Swann

1.Welcome

David Edmondson (DE) welcomed all to the meeting and welcomed:

1. Hannah Hunter from ECOE Advice
2. Dave Shorten from EA
3. Glen Gardner, George Coles from the Brixham Heritage Railway Project

2.Previous Minutes / Actions

DE ran through the actions from the Torbay Climate Partnership's 7 July 2025 meeting:

Action	Owner	October Updates	Remain open/Closed
April's meeting			
Collaboration on climate adaptation item to be added to forthcoming meeting	JW	Covered by item 4	Close
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	DE	Matt Reeks has said that the Marine Forum will be re-established	Remain open until re-established
Emily Reed and Adam Luscombe to discuss shared EV charging facilities	ER/AL	Actioned and joint bid was submitted	Close
Emily Reed and Davina Luther to meet and connect on regional schools support available	ER/DL	Actioned	Close

July meeting			
MB to continue to provide updates on the priority Promoting Green Assets/Geopark/Seagrass action	MB	Next TCP meeting in January to include a session with newly appointed consultants on the Terra Ferma Project	Open
JW to bring a draft ask back to the TCP for consideration at the relevant time	JW	No update	Open
JW and partners to present on Adaptation and Renewable Energy at the October meeting	JW	Actioned.	Close

3. Brixham Railway Heritage Trail

Glen Gardner (GG), George Coles (GC) presented on the Brixham Railway Heritage Trail.

Individual partners were very supportive of the project, including Torbay Communities and UNESCO Geopark.

GG and GC were invited to attend the next Geopark Board meeting.

Action: Melanie Border to arrange presentation with GG and GC.

More community engagement and councillor engagement is planned in November.

Partners to reach out separately and offer support for the project.

Action: All interested Partners

DE offered a separate meeting on potential funding sources.

Action: DE to set up a further conversation on possible funding routes.

4. Priority Actions – Deep Dives

The TCP identified in their previous meetings to deep dive into Climate Adaptation work.

Jacqui Warren (JW), David Stewart (DS), Mike Wood and Davina Luther (DL) co-presented on the current work happening across the Bay.

There was a lot of discussion around delivering more community and school engagement.

Actions:

DS to get a quote for printing the Serious Game and send to JW

MB would like to explore the Serious Game as an online game

JW, DS, MW, DL and MB to meet and agree a targeted approach using the Serious Game + wider resilience engagement in schools and communities.

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.

Due to time, the Deep Dive into renewable energy was postponed till the TCP's January meeting.

Item 5. Greener Way for the Bay Progress Report

DE stated he was glad to see the progress to date.

Emily Reed gave a few more examples of delivery to add into the progress report. Including action 21 ([Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy \(LNRS\) | Devon County Council](#)) 23 and the forthcoming Together Tomorrow programme in Paignton Library.

Partners were asked if they were happy with the current report. No changes were suggested. JW to bring granular statistics when there are specific delivery issues only.

Item 6. Roundtable / AOB

DE updated all on the forthcoming new Local Plan (Regulation 18 version) consultation and new Destination Management Plan consultation. The Council is also exploring new heritage funding pots to bid for the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy work.

Louise Marshall update all on a new full time role being created to promote outdoor activities and link neighbourhoods to nature.

Liz Muir update all on a new climate engagement project which will carry out 10 x public engagement sessions, 10 x school sessions and explore local growing opportunities and help build the case for Parkfield's Net Zero Hub.

Kevin Dixon offered partners the opportunity to promote net zero work in Paignton Library.

Hannah Hunter invited all to ECOE Advice launch event on 11th or 12th November. Invites to follow.