

Torbay Climate Partnership

Minutes

21 January 2026

10:00 – 12:00 pm

South Devon College

Attendees: Liam Montgomery, Matthew Green, Jacqui Warren, Kevin Dixon, Jed Stephenson, Liz Muir, Davina Luther, Bethan Huntley, Chris Gunson, Gary Calland, Hannah Worth, Hannah Devine Wright, Emily Reed, David Hodson, Alex Carter, Aaron Harverson, Elizabeth Devonport, Rose Bailey-Clarke, David Pickhaver, Rosie MacIver.

Apologies: Melanie Border, Cllr Fox, Cllr Billings, Cllr Lewis, Joanne Brimblecombe, Kirsty Parker-Callard, Alison Bayliss, Steve Nash, Dan Vickridge, Chris Gomm, David Shorten, Michael Roseveare, Sam Swann.

1.Welcome

Liam Montgomery (LM) welcomed all to the meeting and introduced himself and his temporary role as the new Chair for this meeting.

LM thanked David Edmondson for his excellent chairing over the past 2 years and his unfaltering commitment to this Partnership's work and to tackling the climate emergency. On behalf of the Partnership, he thanked him and wished him every success as he embarks on an exciting new chapter of his life.

There were apologies from Helen Warren who has left the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust. On behalf of this Partnership LM thanked her for her enthusiasm and support over the past 2 years.

LM welcomed Hannah Worth from Active Devon. Hannah is covering for Louise Marshall whilst on maternity leave.

Other apologies - Sam Swann, Melanie Border, Chris Lewis, Cllr Fox.

2.Previous Minutes / Actions

LM ran through the actions from the Torbay Climate Partnership's 15 October meeting (and outstanding actions from previous meetings):

Item 2: Actions from last meeting

Action	Owner	Update
April's meeting		
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	Remain Open Matt Reeks has said that the Marine Forum will be re-established. No further updates on a date as yet.

July meeting		
MB to continue to provide updates on the priority Promoting Green Assets/Geopark/Seagrass action	MB	Remain open No update
JW to bring a draft Asks back to the TCP for consideration at the relevant time	JW	Remain open. Linked to any opportunities from the Torbay and Devon Combined Authority and other funding opportunities
October meeting		
Item 3 - All partners to reach out to the Brixham Railway Heritage Trail is interested in getting involved	All	Close
Item 4 -		
DS to get a quote for printing the Serious Game	DS	Close. Versions of the game are available through Dave Stewart. Email him for a copy.
MB would like to explore the Serious Game as an online game	MB	Remain open No update
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	Remain open Versions of the game are available through Dave Stewart
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 No update

3. Recruitment of new chairperson

Matthew Green (MG) has come forward indicating that he would like to be the new Chair of the Partnership. Matt has sat on a range of national boards and wants a

more local challenge where he feels he has a lot of expertise and enthusiasm to drive local change. LM thanked Matthew for coming forward.

If anyone else would like to be considered, please reach out to Jacqui Warren by 23 Jan 2026.

4. Together for Tomorrow

Rosie MacIver from Libraries Unlimited presented on a new exciting 4 year, Community Action Fund funded, Net Zero communities' initiative based in Paignton Library.

Actions: All to reach out if interested in working with Rosie. Rosie MacIver rosie.maciver@librariesunlimited.org.uk

5. Greener Way for the Bay Project Updates

5a. Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

David Pickhaver, Rose Bailey Clarke and Jacqui Warren (JW) from Torbay Council ran through a presentation on the new Regulation 18 draft Local Plan. All partners were encouraged to respond the public consultation.

Action: All to respond to the public consultation

Action: JW to draft a high-level comparison table of current and proposed climate-related policies and key changes.

5b. Destination Management Plan

Elizabeth Devonport (ED) from Torbay Council presented on the development of a new Destination Management Plan for Torbay. Surveys and events have been held to shape the new draft. There will be public consultation on the new draft. The TCP has an opportunity to coordinate a response to this consultation. Item to return in July 2026.

Emily Reed (ER) suggested talking to Devon Food and Drink partnership.

Action: ER to share details with ED

Action: ED to try and establish a baseline for the action in the new DMP – including a baseline for businesses with green accreditations and carbon emissions.

Action: DMP to return to the TCP in July 2026

6. Roundtable updates (All)

- MG updated all on Green Week at SDC on 20th April. Anyone interested in attending to contact MG directly.
- Davina Luther updated on Torbay Communities new rainwater garden schemes at 3 Torbay schools.
- 2 x Miyawaki Forests are in the process of being installed. Roselands Primary School to be completed by February 2026.

- JW updated on LAEPs and NEW Regional Energy Strategic Plans consultation [Regional Energy Strategic Planning - Methodology Consultation | National Energy System Operator](#) . The RESP replaces the need for Torbay to develop its own Local Area Energy Plan.