

## Transition Falmouth meeting minutes

Location: Captains Table, Greenbank Hotel  
Date: 01/11/2017  
Time: 19:30 – 21:30  
Attendees: Lorely Lloyd (LL), Rob Follett (RF), Miguel Fernandez (MF), Chiara Muzzi (CM), Mike West (MW)  
Apologies: Phil Pearce (PP) – [Text in blue is Phil's input via email](#)

### Agenda items

- Credit Union Changes:** Concerns have been raised about the integrity of core value and principle of the Credit Union 'Access for all' since the introduction of compulsory use of cards to access funds. LL- They seem to have 'sold out'. The question about alternative providers was raised, MF suggested Charity Bank, RF suggested a conversation with Paul Martin, Transition Network, and Elaine Coleman at CU could provide more options. CM- Crowd funding platforms could provide a solution, but they take a lot of work to build social media awareness.
- Local Food and Drink Production:** [PP - draft press release promoting Buy Local Guide for Christmas in hand.](#)
- Sustainable Transport:** PP attended Co-Cars October promo event at Penryn Campus Open Day with representative from Transition Truro and hope to be at next event on Lemon Quay on 18th November..... Autumn Newsletter given wide circulation - including Penryn Town Council. Second Club car now in place at Waterside House, Penryn. Case for a Co-Car for the Quarry submitted to Co-Cars. LL mentioned that Co Cars have been nominated for the Cornwall Sustainability Awards <https://www.cornwallsustainabilityawards.org/judging/>
- Plastic Pollution:** [PP - represented TF at CPPC \(Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition\) meeting at CWT HQ . Very well attended and lots of initiatives reported. Minutes of meeting available if needed. Update on reFILL project from Falmouth Marine Conservation who are leading the project in Falmouth/Penryn area - information to be sent to Chiara to follow up. CM to contact Falmouth Marine Conservation group to ask for an article to go on the TF website. PP - Newsletter from MLAN \(Marine Litter Action Network\) available - will circulate. Scotland to introduce a Deposit Return System for plastic bottles. Environment Audit Committee in England taking evidence on coffee cup and plastic bottle litter issue. Surfers Against Sewage representing our interests.](#)
- Waste and Recycling:** Cornwall Council's Waste Inquiry taking evidence to inform new Waste and Cleansing Contract closed in October. Detailed report available if required. Updates on progress to follow. TF submission made to CC Portfolio Holder suggesting ways in which reuse/recycling rates can be improved under existing contract. Kerbside recycling rate for Fal/Penryn Community Network Area currently just over 27%. Discussion about how to improve Falmouth & Penryn's Stats, Idea for a 'Clear Run' event to exercise and pick up street plastic was suggested by CM. MW - This could be a Cycle event too. CM - Could we fine residents for not sorting/separating recycling like Italy? RF/MF- Maybe a reward scheme for residents that recycle the most? Mentioned Curitiba as an example - [https://www.ted.com/talks/jaime\\_lerner\\_sings\\_of\\_the\\_city](https://www.ted.com/talks/jaime_lerner_sings_of_the_city)
- Trees and Woodlands:** [The launch of new Charter for Trees, Woods and People is due 6th November - PP to circulate](#)
- One World Exhibition (Truro Cathedral) :** [PP - excellent exhibition now extended for a further week to 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thanks due to Transition Truro for helping to pull this together with focus in particular on climate change, marine pollution and sustainable transport initiatives... plus sustainable development goals set out by the UN.](#)

8. **Neighbourhood Plans:** PP - Mawnan Smith and Penryn had both expressed interest in hearing from TF about our interest in making submissions. PP wrote to both outlining our position on climate change/sustainability etc. Penryn invited representatives from TF to participate in their planning process. PP attended Neighbourhood Planning event in Temperance Hall, Penryn and had useful discussions with Chair of Steering Group and Community Network Manager. Need to follow up and keep in touch with developments as consultation process unfolds. RF- Mylor NP is underway and a new website which RF is preparing launched on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – <https://mylorflushingplan.uk> . RF will feed in relevant info from TF to Mylor NDP environment group. MF is happy to be TF representative at the Penryn NP meetings and happy to work with others to present TF suggestions at the consultation process. LL - Lots of NP happening many are yet to be adopted. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/28993956/neighbourhood-planning-activity-map-a3-october-2017.pdf>

MW/CM – ‘TF has a lot of fingers in lots of pies’ are we spreading ourselves too thin? Could TF focus on feeding into and concentrating on supporting the local NP activity?

9. **Ambos Cohousing Project:** MF – Foundation group now has 15 members, with 60 people on the register of interest. Group is applying for pre-feasibility funding from Locality, The Hive and Bright Ideas for help with assessing the viability of a site and building a case for an Asset Transfer from Cornwall Council under ‘The Communities Right to Build Act’. Community Led Housing Event in Helston was very successful with 35 attendants, with presentations from Helen Downing from Cornwall Community Land Trust, Jackie Carpenter from Trelay and Miguel. Andrew Mitchell, Cornwall Council Homes portfolio holder was present and is committed to making community led housing work in Cornwall. MF to meet Town Council and John Betty (Cornwall Council Strategic Director for Economic Growth and Development) to ask for a commitment from Council to allocate land for development. LL – Mentioned the passing of Councillor Candy Atherton who would have supported Ambos. (Update – Candy Atherton had asked Town Council to look at the project). LL – Anna Gillett would be good to contact (Labour Councillor and linked to Fal-Ryn Repair Café).
10. **FAL Energy:** LL- There is development with funding application for installing solar panels on a community building. Charmian Larke (FEP chair) will provide an update.

11. **AOB:**

LL – ‘Cutting all Lawns’ council is investing in autonomous robotic mowers for steep banks claiming ‘health and safety’. LL wants to lead a ‘bee friendly’ project to encourage the funds to go towards planting shrubs and flowers to create biodiversity and colour. MF- suggested a ‘gorilla gardening and seed bomb’ campaign involving schools.

RF – next Fal-Ryn Repair Café this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

MF – TF Regional Network experience was very positive but distinct lack of young people. Commitment to meet annually is great but haven’t had any news from Richard Couldry (facilitator) of any development of this idea. MF to contact Paul Martin (chair of meeting) to chase up.

MW – Lots of attention on Digital social media. This ‘electronic noise’ should not distract us from focusing on face to face meeting. CM to encourage people on Facebook to turn up.

RF - will add MW to core group email list. More input from all also needed on [TF website](#) send content to RF, RF and MF to liaise re producing a survey of TF members (input from all welcome)

**Next meeting:**

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 7:30pm at The Captain’s Table, Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth preceded by Falmouth LETS meeting at 7 p.m.

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