

Transition Falmouth meeting minutes – 6th December 2017

Location: Captains Table, Greenbank Hotel
Date: 06/12/2017
Time: 19:30 – 21:30
Attendees: Lorely Lloyd (LL), Meg Hayward-Smith (MS), Miguel Fernandez (MF), Mike West (MW),
Phil Pearce (PP), Rob Follett (RF), Shaun Herman (SH)
Apologies: Alex Lloyd, Chiara Muzzi, Kate Ormrod, Rachel Lay

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Meeting opened with most informative contributions from both Shaun Herman (of **Marine-i** and **Falmouth/Penryn Cafe Repair**) and Meg Hayward-Smith (of **Falmouth Marine Conservation Group**) who gave us an insight into the excellent work they were doing.

Shaun described the aims and objectives of Marine-i which is an ambitious programme designed to enable innovation in the marine technology sector in Cornwall and the IoS - identified as an area of high growth potential for the region. More information at www.marine-i.co.uk. He also brought us up-to-date on progress with the Repair Cafe Project which recently won a Resource Efficiency Award (Highly Commended) at the Cornwall Sustainability Ceremony in Newquay. The Cafe is at Falmouth Methodist, The Moor, first Sunday of the month.

Meg gave the Group a round-up of the inspiring initiatives in the Falmouth area aimed at tackling marine litter and reducing plastic waste pollution. The ReFILL project - designed to reduce discarded single-use plastic bottles - has got off to a successful start in Falmouth with over 20 businesses agreeing to refill water bottles free of charge. More information at www.falmouthmarineconservation.co.uk. ReFILL had also won a Highly Commended Sustainability Award in the Best Individual Contribution Category (Deb Prosser)

Repair Café and ReFILL project invited by RF to provide info for publication on Transition Falmouth website

Agenda items

1. **Credit Union:** Agreed after discussion that TF bank account remains with Kernow Credit Union despite restrictions placed on easy access to cash from Service Points and that we would only change if a better alternative emerged.
2. **Local Food and Drink Production:** PP has sent press release to Falmouth Packet and West Briton to encourage readers to "Buy Local this Xmas" ([also on website](#))
3. **Sustainable Transport:** PP reported Co-Cars had won Best in Category Award for Resource Efficiency at Award Ceremony. Report in next Co-Cars newsletter. Short article about the Car Club features in the 2018 Falmouth Events and Activities Guide (now out). Possibility of a Club Car being located on the Penryn Campus.
4. **Plastic Pollution:** PP has circulated excellent article in the Packet on the launch of the ReFILL scheme and reported that the Co-op and Iceland have come out in support of Deposit Return System for drinks containers. Lots of good work going on in this field. Full report at the next meeting [PP](#)
5. **Waste and Recycling:** PP/RF received news that the recommendations approved by the Cornwall Council Cabinet to enhance recycling services under the new contract (due in 2020) would be going out for public consultation shortly. N.B. the Waste & Recycling Survey has now been launched and all supporters are urged to complete this either online or by downloading and posting to the Council by 3rd January 2018 [All](#)
The survey can be [found here](#) – more info [also here](#)
6. **Trees and Woodlands:** Launch of the New Charter for Trees, Woods and People took place at Lincoln Cathedral on 6th November. More details from PP

7. **Neighbourhood Plans:** Reports on progress to date from RF (Mylor Parish) and MF (Penryn). PP reported that, following a circulated invitation to the list from the Falmouth NDP consultant, Charmian Larke had volunteered to represent TF at future NDP Stakeholder meetings. Group agreed PP should take up this offer and confirm details with Steve Foster (NDP Consultant) and Charmian PP

Group endorsed Sustainability Briefing prepared by PP/RF/MF to present, as and when appropriate, to NDP Planning Groups in the Community Network Area as a means of influencing the Sustainability Agenda in Neighbourhood Plans. Copies available on request.

8. **AOB:** Possible Green Drinks meeting in January with Transition Truro and allied groups invited to attend

Next meeting:

Wed 3rd January 2018, 7:30pm at The Captain's Table, Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth preceded by Falmouth LETS meeting at 7 p.m.

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