



# Meeting notes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 – 12:00
<b>Location:</b>	via Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	Kevin Gaston (KG) Co-Chair, Robin Teverson (RT) Co-Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS), Carolyn Cadman (CC), Tom Hooper (TH), Karen Burrows (KB), Steve Marks (SM), Oliver Baines (OB), Sarah Mason (SM), Cllr Jonathan Smith (JS), Sophie Hosking (SH), Steve Ford (SF)
<b>In attendance:</b>	Philippa Hoskins (PH), Lorna Gaunt (Minutes)
<b>Guests:</b>	none
<b>Apologies</b>	Nick Bruce-White and Cllr Rob Nolan

*PLEASE NOTE: due to current Covid-19 related restrictions this meeting took place virtually and was shorter than usual Board Meetings*

Item	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>1.1 Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Apologies: Were received from Cllr Rob Nolan and Nick-Bruce White</p> <p>Declarations of Interest: Robin Teverson declared he is Chairman of Wessex Investors who are currently progressing a development in Launceston</p> <p><b>1.2 Minutes of previous Board Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p><b>1.3 Matters Arising and Actions</b></p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Floating Offshore Wind – Board Members were thanked for their contribution to the letter sent from the LNP to Mark Duddridge - LEP. KG has had contact with the LEP since the letter had been received.</li> <li>Future dates of board meetings – Dates for July and September have been confirmed. The potential date for the LNP Conference is in November.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Either completed or being actioned</li> </ul>

	<p><b>1.4 Chair's update</b> The Co-chairs gave updates</p> <p><b>1.5 Board Member Update</b> Board members gave individual updates</p>
2	<p><b>Environmental Growth Strategy refresh and Nature Recovery Delivery Plan Update</b></p> <p>WS and PH introduced the item and PH gave a presentation.</p> <p>The main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LNP Nature Recovery Working Group has made a series of recommendations to the Board for consideration</li> <li>• the current proposal is to refresh and improve the Environmental Growth Strategy to provide clearer priorities and simplified language. The Strategy remains as a high-level framework. A new Nature Recovery Plan will be produced and will act as EGS Delivery Plan</li> <li>• the timeframe will depend on Covid-19, Council elections etc</li> <li>• Cornwall Council will lead on process, co-creation with LNP</li> <li>• Cornwall Council are seeking active engagement with the LNP and wider organisations and welcome thoughts on how the LNP wants to be involved</li> <li>• Proposed geographical scope was discussed, including marine, cross border nature recovery priorities with Devon, and option to include the Scillies</li> </ul> <p>The Board offered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Board endorsed the proposals as recommended by the working group</li> <li>• aim to engage with new audiences, eg through social media channels and local nature groups</li> <li>• ensure the refresh is a 'light touch'</li> <li>• resource permitting, the IoS has the potential to engage with this refresh if that approach is supported by IoS</li> <li>• the Nature Recovery Network Working Group will be meeting regularly and will come back to the Board with updates</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Pip Hoskin and Carolyn Cadman to discuss opportunities to reach new audiences</p> <p><b>PROPOSAL:</b> Board Members were asked to approve the Nature Recovery Plan principles <b>ACTION ARISING FROM PROPOSAL:</b> PH to circulate Nature Recovery Plan principles to Board Members who will provide their comments</p>
3	<p><b>Covid-19 – what we've learnt environmentally and next steps</b></p> <p>Kevin Gaston presented the item and explained that the CEO of Cornwall Council has asked the LNP, through the CloS Leadership Board, what they would be advising with regards to lessons learned and the future renewal for Cornwall. The aim is to report changes/lessons learned by September/October 2020 around a range of topics that could include (but should range far beyond) the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People's positive interaction with nature</li> <li>• Governance around wildlife persecutions, ie raptors – patterns of disturbance in Scilly</li> <li>• Fly tipping</li> <li>• Water Quality and Pollution</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illegal fires</li> </ul> <p>Board Members discussed what evidence they might be able to contribute with the following being discussed for possible inclusion: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how much less mileage is being claimed by Council employees</li> <li>• Accelerated internal CC Action Plan</li> <li>• Transport – car use</li> <li>• Cornwall – how tourism re-engages – with focus on protecting natural environment</li> <li>• MORI poll and residents survey can feed in</li> <li>• Volunteering response – mobilise support to new agenda – Climate Change response</li> <li>• Massive surge of interest in web – nature in garden etc?</li> <li>• Under VERA Community Cell - Can offer anxiety relief programme to individuals to recover</li> <li>• volunteers in current community support also support climate community action group – good link</li> <li>• Long term monitoring schemes of national nature reserves – data collection around issues and animal welfare issues</li> <li>• huge interest in how nature can help recover economy and social connections and mental and physical health benefits</li> <li>• EA have continued to monitor and has data</li> <li>• Marine disturbance likely to have been reduced but not reported</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> KG to draft document with input from Board Members</p>
4	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to hold Board Meetings in the second half of the year on a 6- weekly cycle, and to get the dates in diaries</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> LG to get dates of future Board Meetings in diaries</p>
	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings –</b>  11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Online meeting via Microsoft Teams  9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – tbc  10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Isles of Scilly Annual Meeting</p>