



**Cornwall
Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty**

12 Sections - One Designation

Minutes of Cornwall AONB Partnership Meeting – Monday 3rd July 2023, 10am-11.30am, held at Pentireglaze (National Trust), near Wadebridge, PL27 6QY

In attendance:

Partnership Members:

Gill Pipkin	Cornwall AONB Partnership Chairperson
Cllr Martyn Alvey	Cornwall Council
Cllr Jennifer Cruse	Cornwall Council
Zoe Smith	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Sally Weston	Cornish Mining World Heritage Site
Ann Preston-Jones	Historic England
Emma Rosenfeld	ERCCIS
Jon Stewart	National Trust
Nicole Broadhurst	CALC
Lorna Sherriff	South West Coast Path Assn
Helen Rawe	Cornwall Heritage Trust
Hugh St Aubyn	Cornwall AONB Trust Chairperson (Observer only)

Supporting Officers:

Mark Holmes	Cornwall Council, Environmental Partnerships & Climate Change
Dan Cooke	Cornwall Council, Protected Landscapes Manager, Connectivity & Environment
Gwyn Williams	Cornwall Council, Public Health
Philippa Hoskin	Cornwall Council, Nature Recovery Manager
Ann Reynolds	Cornwall Council Strategic Historic Environment
Emma Browning	Cornwall AONB Partnership Manager
Melodie Manners	Cornwall AONB Business Development Officer
Coralie Barrow	Cornwall AONB Project Development Officer
Louise Barattini	Cornwall AONB Planning Officer
Karen Johns	Cornwall AONB Office & Finance Manager
Natalie Haly	Cornwall AONB Monumental Improvements Project Manager
Iain Rowe	Cornwall AONB Monumental Improvements Activities Officer
Linus Firth	Cornwall AONB Monumental Improvements Archaeological Technician Apprentice
James Richards	Cornwall AONB Monumental Improvements Business Admin Apprentice
Sean O’Hea	Cornwall AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Engagement Officer
Iwona Brooks	Cornwall AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes Admin Officer
Claire Brooks	Cornwall AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes Project Support Co-ordinator

Apologies:

Cllr Kate Ewert	Cornwall Council
Adam McKiernan	Natural England
Justin Whitehouse	National Trust
David Baker	ESI/University of Exeter
Mark Camp	Visit Cornwall
Gemma Finnegan	Cornwall Rural Community Charity
Katherine Nissen	Cornwall Rural Community Charity
Cheryl Marriott	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Edward Humber	NFU
Duncan Anderson-Margetts	CLA
Cathy Woolcock	Cornwall Heritage Trust
Julian Gray	South West Coast Path Association
Aletha Mays	South West Coast Path Association
Lawrie Sampson	FWAG South West
Mike Ingram	FWAG South West
Lisa Goodall	Environment Agency
Nick Russell	Historic England
Vicky Fraser	Cornwall Council, Connectivity & Environment
Hannah Harris	Cornwall Council, Transport
Davina Pritchard	Cornwall Council, Planning & Housing
Ellie Inglis-Woolcock	Cornwall Council, Planning & Housing
Louise Wood	Cornwall Council, Planning & Housing
Hayley Jewels	Cornwall Council, Development Management
Rob Lacey	Cornwall Council, Planning & Housing
Jim Wood	Cornwall AONB Planning Officer
Jeanette Ratcliffe	Cornwall AONB Monumental Improvements Archaeology Officer

		Action(s)
1	Welcome and check in – due to lack of reliable Wi-Fi, this was an in-person meeting only – everyone was welcomed to the meeting.	
2	<p>Introductions and Apologies – the Chairperson asked all attendees to introduce themselves and apologies are listed above. Hugh St Aubyn is the Chairperson of the independent charity, Cornwall AONB Trust and attended the meeting as an observer.</p> <p>Pentire (National Trust) - had kindly hosted the meeting at Pentire. Jon Stewart, National Trust General Manager for North Cornwall provided an overview of his role and background to Pentire and recent development work that has taken place there.</p> <p>The site was (and still is) a working farm and around 2015 the National Trust started to make land management changes around conservation and access to make Pentire a National Trust exemplar site. This included meadow and woodland creation, it's still a farm but with nature at the heart of the land management. There are holiday cottages and the outdoor hub has been developed for people to come and enjoy the countryside with facilities to improve and increase access with toilets, café, orchard well-being space, off road mobile tramper scooter. Bringing everything together for financial sustainability. The café etc opened in August 2021 so relatively newly established.</p>	

3	<p>Minutes of last meeting (26 April 2023) – agreed as a true and accurate record. All actions had been undertaken except, Melodie Manners and Gwyn Williams yet to arrange a date to do the Podcast recording for the Cornwall AONB Podcast series.</p>	Melodie/Gwyn
4	<p>Cornwall AONB Business Update – Summary</p> <p>4.1 Signing of the Partnership Agreement The new Partnership Agreement for 2022-2027 was circulated to Partners at the meeting for signing. A copy has also been emailed for Partners who were not present at the meeting to sign electronically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION 01: Partners were asked to sign and return to the AONB team as soon as possible. 	All
	<p>4.2 Business Plan 2022-2027</p> <p>The Business Plan was presented at the meeting and has been signed off by the Exec Board and is being reported and reviewed at each Exec Board meeting. It focusses on Resources, Projects, Finances, Governance and Communications and details the goals and actions. It is a live document that can take into account any changes, with or out of the AONB team/Partnership control to help shape decisions and consider critical actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION 02: a copy of the Business Plan will be circulated with the minutes for Partners information 	AONB Team
	<p>4.3 National Landscapes re-brand Following the Landscapes Review (Glover), the re-brand is taking place with all AONBs, National Parks and national trails being brought together as National Landscapes. The aim is to create a single set of statutory purposes for AONBs and National Parks to actively recover nature and reinvigorate ambition to connect all parts of society with protected landscapes.</p> <p>Emma Browning presented an overview of the re-branding strategy and process, including new set of national logos for each AONB. The new logo for Cornwall AONB will be similar to the current logo, to maintain continuity with a blue from the national colour palette and retaining the ‘tor’ on the logo.</p> <p>The move to using the new ‘Cornwall National Landscape’ logo will be a gradual process to avoid causing confusion and not to un-do the work of the AONB team and Partnership of raising the profile of the AONB. The Cornwall AONB Management Plan was already ‘future proofed’ knowing the re-brand was on the horizon, and already has the strapline ‘Cornwall’s nationally protected landscape’.</p> <p>Date for the official launch nationally is yet to be agreed.</p> <p>Ann Reynolds suggested and it was AGREED to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION 03: speak with Gorsedh Kernow now from the outset to make them aware of the changes and to welcome their input and feedback, for example, designing a version of the new logo to include wording in Cornish, which we currently have for the present Cornwall AONB logo. 	AONB Team
	<p>4.4 Launch of recruitment of the new Partnership Chairperson</p>	

	<p>Gill Pipkin, current Cornwall AONB Chairperson is stepping down in the Autumn, as her 6-year Chairperson term comes to an end. Gill and the AONB Team have met to discuss and update the role profile and the advert will be going out this week (week ending 7th July). Closing date is 6 August 2023.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 04: all Partners were asked to think about any potential candidates for the Chairperson role and the advert link will be sent to Partners so it can be widely shared amongst their networks, social media etc.</p>	All Partners AONB Team/ All Partners
	<p>4.5 National Lottery funding application</p> <p>Melodie Manners reported that she has just submitted an application to the National Lottery Climate Action Fund. This is an outcome of 5 years previous funding and project advocacy work with farmers on the Lizard, most recently the Seedcorn funding awarded by Natural England for the Lizard Farm for Nature project in 2022/23. Partners were thanked for their support, including providing letters of support to the project, and the Linking the Lizard Partnership will form part of the Project Steering Group governance, if the application is successful. Outcome of the funding application is expected from National Lottery in September.</p>	
5	<p>Presentations by AONB Team – a briefing paper was included with the agenda papers to provide an update on the work and activities that have taken place on the following projects and work streams:</p> <p>a) Farming in Protected Landscapes update including case studies for Section 02 projects only – Sean O’Hea provided an update. The Cornwall AONB FiPL Programme is now in Year 3 (23/24). A significant uplift in funding has been received for Year 3 and the FiPL programme has been extended to 4 years.</p> <p>Year 3 Grant Offer: £994,213 (includes Admin and Advice & Guidance) Year 4 Grant Offer: £1,259,198 (includes Admin and Advice & Guidance)</p> <p>New Farm Advisor role has been advertised to work alongside Sean O’Hea and interviews taking place 4th and 5th July.</p> <p>Sean provided an update on some of the projects funded so far, such as the Cornwall Rural Education and Skills Trust (CREST) for a Cornish hedging project and another project grant awarded to FWAG SW.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 05: Partners were asked to let Sean know about any collaborative project ideas, he would welcome this.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 06: the CREST Training and Volunteer Co-ordinator role which the FIPL programme has funded, is currently being advertised - Partners can share the link https://www.cornwallheritagetrust.org/vacancies/</p>	All Partners All Partners
	<p>b) Monumental Improvements – focus on Section 02 – Natalie Haly provided an update. A request for an 8 month extension to the project has just been submitted to National Lottery. This is due to a number of circumstances and delays beyond the control of the project that has resulted in some delays to its archaeological programme and Activity Plan. The project extension request, also includes a request to cover the corresponding staff costs. If granted, the additional time would enable more of the planned delivery to take place to achieve more project outcomes. A decision is expected from National Lottery on this in September.</p>	

	<p>After the Partnership meeting today, Partners also were going on a guided walk in the afternoon (3rd July), led by Natalie Haly, to The Rumps – a prehistoric settlement/area to see where Cornish hedge repairs will be undertaken and to raise awareness of coastal erosion of the site.</p>	
	<p>c) Inclusion Research for underserved groups – Melodie Manners and Coralie Barrow provided a presentation on this research project, recently funded through the Defra additional access funding. This was a joint project with Tamar Valley AONB. Outputs include the creation of a road map, walk leader training provided and survey undertaken with many user groups to ascertain what the barrier are to accessing the landscape. ‘Landscapes for All’ report and Toolkit is being finalised and will be circulated to all Partners in a few months’ time so that all Partners can use the outputs which may be useful when working up their projects/activities.</p>	
6	<p>AONB Team Projects and Planning Update – a briefing paper had been circulated with the agenda papers. No further questions or discussions were raised under 6.1 to 6.5.</p> <p>6.1 Emma – Partnership Manager update</p> <p>6.2 Melodie – Comms and Projects</p> <p>6.3 Coralie - Projects</p> <p>6.4 Natalie – Monumental Improvements Project</p> <p>6.5 Sean – Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)</p> <p>6.6 Jim and Louise – Planning - Philippa Hoskin mentioned the capacity issues that the AONB Planning Officers have raised in their update in the briefing paper and reported that there are discussions taking place regarding the Forestry Woodland Creation proposal consultations, to look into reducing some of the workload pressures on the AONB Planning advice being sought on these.</p>	
7	<p>Round Table update Partners were each asked to briefly update on their work within the AONB related to AONB Management Plan actions.</p> <p>Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council – Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – Cornwall was 1 of 5 local authorities invited by Government to undertake a pilot for a draft LNRS. The Draft Strategy is now available. The Cornwall LNRS suggested going beyond the mean low water mark and now all local authorities with coastal waters are being asked to include the coastal waters in their LNRS. The LNP have agreed to be the steering group for the LNRS for the next 12 to 18 months, Emma Browning has been invited to attend the LNP Board meeting agenda items on LNRS to represent the AONBs.</p>	
	<p>Nicole Broadhurst, CALC – CALC are looking to re-engage more fully on the Partnership, not been attending meetings or been very involved in recent years and several Local Councils are keen for CALC to be more involved in the AONB.</p>	
	<p>Gwyn Williams, Cornwall Council Public Health – mentioned the previous offer of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for FiPL farmers. Pleased to report that 2 spaces have been taken up by farmers and 4 more available. All Partners encouraged to undertake the MHFA training courses, which are offered at a very reasonable subsidised rate – these can be booked via Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) - Healthy Cornwall</p>	All Partners

	<p>Gwyn mentioned being mindful of 'Tick awareness' to avoid the transmission of Lyme disease, especially when walking in long grass in woodland or moorland etc and the importance of checking yourself for ticks after outdoor walking or activities.</p> <p>Gwyn also mentioned a funding opportunity – Good Growth Fund – there is a blue and green space category and would be keen to work with Partners on this.</p>	<p>All Partners</p> <p>All Partners</p>
	<p>Sally Weston, World Heritage Site – Enys Men screenings held last week. WHS invested in this and receive some of the profits. The WHS and Cornwall Buildings Awards being held at Kresen Kernow this week, where awards are presented for good architecture in design of new buildings or restorations.</p> <p>A new WHS Stakeholder Engagement Officer has just been recruited. 2026 is the 20th anniversary of the Cornish Mining WHS inscription, so starting to plan ahead to this celebratory event.</p>	
	<p>Ann Preston-Jones, Historic England – working with Monumental Improvements project team, which is providing great opportunities and working with volunteers</p>	
	<p>Philippa Hoskin, Cornwall Council Nature Recovery & Forest for Cornwall – mentioned the Urban Recovery Network, Fal Landscape Recovery Catchment Bid and LINC project.</p>	
	<p>Ann Reynolds, Cornwall Council Strategic Historic Environment – Heritage Expo event planned for Sept, where young people can learn about heritage related jobs and apprenticeships etc. CREST will be there (Cornwall Rural Education and Skills Trust). Ann has been working with CREST and CEC creating new hedge design guidance for the website, where design templates will be available along with best practice guidance.</p> <p>Heritage Watch has just been launched – partnership with the police in raising awareness of heritage crimes and reporting them.</p>	
	<p>Emma Rosenfeld, ERCCIS – is new in post, also has the role of Cornwall Wildlife Trust spatial wildlife and evidence lead. Looking to increase wildlife coverage and monitoring habitats and species, also been working on Coastal Hub for Cornwall.</p>	
	<p>Helen Rawe, Cornwall Heritage Trust – been undertaking clearance works at Castle an Dinas and at a site at Sancreed.</p>	
	<p>Lorna Sherriff, SWCP – mentioned the Cornwall Coast Path Connectors project which is up and running and working well. Jack Greaves is the Coast Path Connectors project officer for Cornwall and has been working with many organisations to undertake guided walks etc. Trailblazer relay Walk along entire 630 miles of SWCP as part of 50th anniversary has just taken place and the SWCP photographer of the year competition. A possible Coastal 'Wild Belt' is also being discussed.</p>	
	<p>Dan Cooke, Cornwall Council Protected Landscapes Manager – has moved from Tamar Valley AONB Manager to a new role of Protected Landscapes Manager, and heads up AONBS, Heritage team and World Heritage Site team. Dan will look into joint working and funding opportunities and property opportunities for the teams.</p>	

	<p>Mark Holmes, Cornwall Council, Environmental Partnerships & Climate Change – the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LNP is holding an Environmental Enforcement Workshop on 17th July which is a research project that University of Exeter are undertaking.</p> <p>Linked to the LNRS is the Energy Strategy for Cornwall – it is a spatial plan which will detail where/when/how. Adaptation Plan for Cornwall is being worked up over next 12 months</p>	
	<p>Cllr Jennifer Cruse, Cornwall Councillor – chairs the Bodmin Moor Dark Skies Group.</p> <p>Cornwall AONB has funded signs which will be placed on a couple of sites (subtle signs in the landscape) to raise awareness that Bodmin Moor is designated as Bodmin Moor Dark Sky Landscape.</p>	
	<p>Jon Stewart, National Trust – mentioned Cornwall Coastal initiative/campaign that launches this week. Nick Lawrence, Assistant Director for National Trust is retiring and Ian Marsh is taking up this role and currently working alongside Nick during handover period. Carly Cosh will be the new General Manager for Penwith National Trust and starts in Sept.</p>	
	<p>Hugh St Aubyn, Chair, Cornwall AONB Trust – the Trust is working on the Business Plan and new website pages on the Cornwall AONB website, to attract more business supporters and promote and raise awareness of how anyone can be involved and benefit in the work of the Trust.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p>Date & Time of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 9th October 2023, 10am-12noon, online TEAMS</p>	All