



TVNP Steering Group Meeting Minutes
Time: 11am Date: 19th December 2019
Middlesbrough Football Club

In attendance	Phil Roxby, INCA; Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; David Hand, Darlington Borough Council; Paul Clarke, Middlesbrough Borough Council; Hellen Hornby, Groundwork Trust; Andy Whitehead, Natural England; Graeme Hull, Environment Agency; Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council; Eddie Halstead, Environment Agency; Sarah Scarr, Hartlepool Borough Council; Rachel Murtagh, TVNP
Apologies	Ben Lamb, Tees Rivers Trust; Linda Tuttiert, Tees Valley Combined Authority; Claire Deasy, Northumbrian Water; Lucy Chapman, Groundwork Trust; Michelle Mancini, Public Health England; Michael Graham, North York Moors National Park Authority; Rebecca Wren, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Chris Batstone, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Chair	Timothy Crawshaw, Chair TVNP
Secretariat	Louise Richards, TVNP

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
SG/01.02.19 Minutes and Matters arising	<p>TVNP SG Minutes 18-09-19</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 01.03.19 Natural Capital Account SG/04.03.19 Letter from Chair of NAWG re LA Ecologist expertise done SG/06.03.19 Conference group to meet in new year SG/05.05.19 TVNP Chair 2019-2020 Timothy Crawshaw with Jeremy Garside and Graeme Hull as Vice Chairs We Welcome new Steering Group Member; Chris Francis, RSPB 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Former Verbal commitment to commissioning a joint account with £5k support from Environment Agency, £5k from TVCA and up to £10k TVNP Lottery budget. Defer and use to tailor and expand current Natural England Pilot.
SG/03.04.19 Social Learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> TVNP-SG-Slides-18-12-19 NLCF clear we must be 'people led' channelling all our energies through our partners and groups to the public. We have adopted a social learning framework and appointed https://www.mattlaurie.com/ to assist. How do we develop our emerging community of practice together? Feedback p10 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Amended Terms of Reference of the Steering Group. Open invitation to invite a colleague to attend Steering Group (please inform LR of attendee)

<p>SG/04.04.19 Update from TVNP Working Groups:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural Assets (Jeremy Garside); 2 new LWS to ratify: (insert link to slides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billingham Beck Saltmarsh South p12 & 13 Hasn't been recognised previously, saltmarsh on banks of Bingham beck, encapsulated area of saltmarsh plant communities, you can often see seals hauling out there. • Hartburn Beck p 14 & 15 South of Stockton between Stockton and the A66. This site has a population of water voles, which are very well-established and well recorded. The Environment agency and Stockton council have both done improvement work on this site. In addition, a friend's group have taken it on board and done improvement work including adding a series of ponds. 2. Engagement (Paul Clarke) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement group identified the challenge of establishing a baseline. What are we working from, what are we working towards and how are we going to measure success? • Q How do we make the most of Social Media? 3. Natural Capital & CPD for planners (Eddie Halstead) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Capital – key part of the 25 Year Environment Plan. • Working with Tees Estuary Partnership in particular work of INCA on habitat banking • TV selected for a Natural England Local Natural Capital Accounting combined authority area pilot (<i>link to NE presentation here</i>) Coming out in Feb publication in March. • CPD – Biodiversity, Net Gain, ecosystem services e.g. carbon sequestration, recreation etc. Environment bill has slowed due to the election. There was a lot about clarifying the role of local authorities. how do we deliver this? 4. Strategic Projects (Graeme Hull) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasked with describing strategic priorities, to list some of the known projects and look at improvement and gaps. Scoping Report • Identified that woodland cover in Tees valley is about ½ national average. With only 15% of waterways only classed as good when UK average is 25% 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group agreed to ratify the two recommendations. A letter from TVNP Chair to Head of Planning, Stockton Borough Council to follow. 2. TVNP SG Terms of reference http://www.carriebrookes.co.uk/ recommended as communications consultant RMM to contact. 3. EH, RMM and Graham Megson (Chair of Natural Assets Working Group) plan to attend Planning Mangers meeting 14/01/20 4. Comments on Scoping Report to GH/RMM 5. What do you want from the maps? See feedback p16 Include land in public ownership for future offsetting potential.
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SG/06.04.19	1. VONNE Regional Climate Project	1. Letter from TVNP circulated with the minutes to garner support for the project. Replies by 14 th January
Date, time & location of next meeting	All meetings start at 10 am unless otherwise stated. Venues tbc LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED 2020 dates: 18 th March; 17 th June; 16 TH September; 16 TH December	