



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

<b>In attendance</b>	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; Chris Francis, RSPB
<b>Apologies</b>	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
<b>Chair</b>	Timothy Crawshaw, Chair TVNP
<b>Secretariat</b>	Louise Richards, TVNP

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

<p><b>SG/02.4.19</b> <b>Stephanie</b> <b>Bird-Halton</b></p>	<p>1. Presentation from Stephanie Bird-Halton, Area Manager North East, Natural England updating current focus of their work.</p>	<p>1. TVNP Chair, TC invited <b>SB-H</b> to future Steering Group Meetings as and when she is able to attend.</p>
<p><b>SG/04.04.19</b> <b>Update from</b> <b>TVNP Working</b> <b>Groups:</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Natural Assets (Jeremy Garside); 2 new LWS to ratify: (insert link to slides</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Billingham Beck Saltmarsh South p12 &amp; 13</a> Hasn't been recognised previously, saltmarsh on banks of Billingham beck, encapsulated area of saltmarsh plant communities, you can often see seals hauling out there.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Hartburn Beck p 14 &amp; 15</a> 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.</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>Engagement (Paul Clarke)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• Q How do we make the most of Social Media?</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Natural Capital &amp; CPD for planners (Eddie Halstead)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Capital – key part of the 25 Year Environment Plan.</li> <li>• Working with Tees Estuary Partnership in particular work of INCA on habitat banking</li> <li>• TV selected for a <a href="#">Natural England Local Natural Capital Accounting</a> combined authority area pilot (<i>link to NE presentation here</i>) Coming out in Feb publication in March.</li> <li>• 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?</li> </ul> <p>4. <b>Strategic Projects (Graeme Hull)</b></p>	<p>1. Group agreed to ratify the two recommendations. A letter from <b>TVNP Chair</b> to Head of Planning, Stockton Borough Council to follow.</p> <p>2. <a href="#">TVNP SG Terms of reference</a> <a href="http://www.carriebrookes.co.uk/">http://www.carriebrookes.co.uk/</a> recommended as communications consultant <b>RMM</b> to contact.</p> <p>3. <b>EH, RMM and Graham Megson</b> (Chair of Natural Assets Working Group) plan to attend Planning Mangers meeting 14/01/20</p> <p>4. Comments on <a href="#">Scoping Report</a> to <b>GH/RMM</b></p> <p>5. What do you want from the maps? See <a href="#">feedback p16</a> Include land in public ownership for future offsetting potential.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasked with describing strategic priorities, to list some of the known projects and look at improvement and gaps. <a href="#">Scoping Report</a></li> <li>• 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%</li> <li>• Writing out list of projects, has helped to identify areas where more should be done, but there is not an obvious person or organisation who is responsible for that</li> <li>• Gathering of momentum of a Tees estuary project.</li> <li>• Good starting point at knowing priorities and ideas for development to have a programme moving forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Mapping (Graham Clingan)</b>  Build on pilot work for <a href="#">biodiversity opportunity areas</a>  Link into mapping work of <a href="#">INCA</a> where appropriate and  Some TVNP funding to support mapping.  It's important to understand the overlap between the groups to help move forward.  Mapping will underpin a lot of the work done by other groups, e.g. strategic projects, nature recovery networks, natural assets, etc.  <i>DH Question asked</i> - do we know who owns land and has this been considered in mapping areas?</p>	
SG/06.04.19	1. <a href="#">VONNE Regional Climate Project</a>	1. Letter from TVNP circulated with the minutes to garner support for the project. Replies by 14 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Date, time &amp; location of next meeting</b>	All meetings start at 10 am unless otherwise stated. Venues tbc LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED 2020 dates: 18 <sup>th</sup> March; 17 <sup>th</sup> June; 16 <sup>TH</sup> September; 16 <sup>TH</sup> December	