



TVNP Governance Group Minutes

2pm 8th December 2021

Zoom

Invited	Chair of each of the working groups*: Graeme Hull Environment Agency (Strategic Projects); Paul Clarke Middlesbrough Borough Council (Engagement); Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust (Natural Assets)
Apologies	Louise Richards Tees Valley Nature Partnership
Chair	Timothy Crawshaw Chair of Tees Valley Nature Partnership
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh TVNP Manager

<p>Purpose of this Group:</p> <p>To oversee and ensure accountability for THEME 4: STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT Ensuring the Partnerships Future Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 7: Ensure Sustainability of TVNP • Objective 8: Secure Partner Engagement and Ownership

Item	Notes	Action
	Reviewing action points from last meeting <u>Minutes from 04.02.21</u>	
GG/01.04.21 <i>Minutes</i>	Minutes from the previous meeting accepted LR to ensure future agendas include the same standing titles as items 3, 5 and 6	
GG/02.04.21 <i>Annual Report to NLCF</i>	The annual report was published in October and will be shared with all partner organisations.	
GG/03.04.21 <i>Budget and Funding</i>	<p>Looks like we have an underspend of ~ £25,000. Rachel spoke to Lorraine from NLCF about this and the takeaway was that the focus needs to be on ongoing and future engagement.</p> <p>We could potentially extend the project with some of that underspend.</p> <p>Next year we need to be clear of whether we're reapplying to the NLCF and/or other funding streams. There is an assumption that TVNP will morph into working on Local Nature Recovery Strategies.</p> <p>Is there a focus for the underspend to see if the nature partnership can facilitate with local councils about getting nature in the local area?</p>	

	<p>We want to maximise the benefit of greenspace – when engaging communities, we should make sure that this is done in the best way.</p> <p>We need coordination at a strategic level across the boroughs or this absolutely will not work.</p> <p>It would be good to examine what's out there on this currently and learn from this.</p>	
GG/04.04.21 <i>Engagement</i>	<p>The engagement group has lost focus moving forward and we're not achieving what we want to achieve or engaging with the groups we want to engage so we now need to refocus.</p> <p>The idea had been that we would work through members and partners and amplify their voice but it has been difficult to get full engagement from them on this and this isn't working</p> <p>We're now planning on bringing a workshop together to examine our engagement work to decide how to work moving forward. This will include PC, RM & LR but others are more than welcome to attend. This will either be the 6th/13th of January. If we could bring in a facilitator possibly Lauren from You've Got This.</p>	RM & LR to set up workshop.
GG/05.04.21 <i>Working groups and Four themes</i>	<p>Margaret from Darlington was looking at climate and sustainability. Could this be a possible new working group that we can host including climate groups and organisations across Tees Valley.</p> <p>Don't want this side-tracking us from our core aims and work. The first thing is to make sure all these groups are linked and aware of each other.</p> <p>If we do go ahead, we need to make sure this fits within the 4 TVNP themes.</p> <p>The Governance group covers the theme of Leadership, the engagement group covers the theme of People, the NAWG covers the first theme of Nature, and the Strategic projects group covers the theme of Economy. However a large part of the theme of people is focused on health and wellbeing isn't currently covered by a working group.</p> <p>Nature and the environment are strongly linked but also linked to better physical and mental health and this is a strong link to our themes. It would be good to secure the support of the health sector towards the nature and environment.</p>	
Next meeting	9 th March 2022	