



Minutes

Name of Meeting	Environment and Sustainability Forum	
Date and Time	15 th February 2024 13:00 – 14:30	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees	Name	
	Alaster Sims	Abi Reynolds
	Senade Adams	Jennine Gardiner
	Kathy Domaille	Joanne Saunders
	Abby Rugg	Marianne Sullivan
	Helena Hewston	Ian Boyd
	James Brewer	Penny Action
	Caroline Knox	Trish Evans
	Tony Gillingham	Alex Sabine
	Jenny Hicks	Robert Peckham
Apologies	Karen Lucioni	David Thornton
	Alex Minns	Nicky Downer
	Robyn Munt	

1. <u>Welcome and housekeeping</u>	
1.1 Alaster Sims - welcomed everyone.	
2. <u>Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)</u>	
2.1 James Brewer displayed and provided a presentation on Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	
Q. Penny asked when the closing date is for the survey?	
A. James advised no closing date set at present for the survey.	
Q. Penny – Are you including Island Roads as a number of trees being planted with no watering systems, which leaves them at risk. No Mow May also needs to be thought about.	
A. Alaster - as a local authority we will be promoting No Mow May.	

James – We are engaging with Island Roads and Southern Water to look at best practices.	
Q. Marianne – Bembridge have a problem with coastal erosion and vegetation is being cut back that is affecting the land and habitats. How do we deal with this?	
A. James – The coast is changing quickly. The LNRS will cover down to low water as well as Land biodiversity.	
Joanna Saunders the Business Manager from Island Roads introduced herself and her colleague Abby Rugg who are working on the overarching sustainability strategy. Happy to engage and work with you.	
3. <u>Pre-submitted questions</u>	
Non-Submitted.	
4. <u>AOB</u>	
Alex Sabine introduced himself and advised he will be setting up a Misson Zero Education Hub which they currently have 4/5 people.	
Joanne – We are engaging with the biosphere principles and TFMZ, is there anyone the council is working on that we should align to? Alaster advised there would be the LNRS, if anything else comes in will contact.	
Marianne – Planning permission was given for non-affordable 56 houses in Bembridge with a possible 130 more near to the mill. Thought that it might be protected by the Environment. James advised that the LNRS will align with IPS.	
Penny – TFMZ have a website and post information on previous events held. There is also Green Island veg economy (GIVE). Also, a group on community agriculture coming soon. James asked, if possible, when you fill the survey in to put information on there regarding these groups.	
Next Meeting 21st March at 18:00	