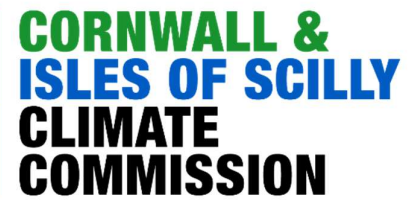


Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Climate Commission

Fri 17 July 2026, 12-2pm

Hybrid via Teams and in person at the CEP office



Attending

Commission Chair

Tim Jones

Commissioners

Andrea Gilbert

Anna Battersby

Connie Chilcott

Cheryl Marriott

Dave Harland

Isabella Hawkes

Justin Olosunde

Lisa Telfer Brunton

Phil Green

Sarah Lee

Secretariat/Support

Peter Lefort – University of Exeter

Justyna Skowrońska – Community Energy Plus

Apologies

Corina Barsa

Fergus Chan

John Peacock

Agenda items

12.00-12.05 Welcome from Chair

12.05-12.20 University of Exeter Redundancies

- *Update on situation*
- *Letter of support*
- *Possible Commission response*

DECISION: Commission will prepare a general statement in response to the University of Exeter Redundancies. The statement should focus on the wider impact on Cornwall's ecosystem rather than the redundancies themselves.

ACTION: Connie to circulate the closure email from the Fairness Commission.

12.20-12.45 Reflections of the past two years

- *Has the Commission done what it set out to do? If not, why?*
- *Have we had the impact we were wanting? If no, how can that be changed?*
- *Are we connected to the relevant stakeholders in Cornwall? Do we have a presence?*

THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE RAISED DURING THE DISCUSSION:

- Concerns regarding the Commission's limited capacity.
- Uncertainty around the Commission's overall purpose and desired outcomes.
- A view that the Commission should take a more proactive role in climate leadership across Cornwall.
- Recognition that the Commission's public profile and visibility could be improved.

- A suggestion that the Commission should identify a small number of clear, achievable priorities for the coming year.
- Recognition that the Commission has opportunities to strengthen its role as a voice for climate action in Cornwall.
- Recognition that the end of the Fairness Commission presents an opportunity for the Climate Commission to strengthen its role in supporting a just transition across Cornwall.

12.45-13.25 Moving forwards

- *Reflections on the strategy and comms document. Does this reflect what we want to achieve?*
- *What is needed to fulfil both strategies? Or, if they aren't appropriate, what is needed to fulfil what we want to achieve?*
 - *Commissioner (and alternative) capacity.*
 - *Funding avenues*
- *Other possible formations of the Commission:*
 - *Working groups and projects*
 - *Advisory model*

THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE RAISED DURING THE DISCUSSION:

- Review the current strategy and communications documents to ensure they remain aligned with Commission priorities.
- Establish a realistic operating model based on current capacity and available resources.
- Prioritise workstreams and projects that can realistically be delivered.
- Explore opportunities for the Commission to participate in local events and festivals.

13.25-13.40 Next steps

- *Commissioner recruitment*
- *Funding discussions*

ACTION: Phil and Connie to continue developing the National Lottery funding application. Commissioners willing to support the application to contact Phil and Connie.

ACTION: Connie to speak with Bella regarding an analysis of the skills survey results to identify gaps that should be addressed through future Commissioner recruitment.

DECISION: Commissioners agreed that Cornwall Council officers should attend every other meeting and that supporting documents should be circulated in advance to maximise time available for discussion.

13.40-13.45 Falmouth Docks response update

ACTION: Phil and Connie to continue developing the response, with commissioners willing to support its development to contact Phil and Connie.

13.45-14.00 AoB