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OC Group – Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2025

Attendees:

- **OB:** Ella, Jane, Megan, BTC Community Manager
- **NDVS:** Louise, Natali (Inclusion & Accessibility Connector), Paul (Youth Coordinator)
- **South Molton:** V, Sussana, Adam
- **Grow Forward Project:** x2 representatives
- **Ilfracombe:** Charmain & Natali
- **TTVS / Torridge OCs:** Apologies (Christmas party)
- **Additional partners mentioned:** PCNs, Wellbeing Team, ND Biosphere, National Trust, Sunrise, Earth Action ND, Surf Lifesaving Clubs

1. Northern Devon Inclusive Community Framework

Brief mention of continuing development work.

2. Project & Partnership Updates

Grow Forward Project

- Chelfham Valley community work and Stuarts Hakeford woodland (temperate rainforest).
- Links to 8 Dimensions of Wellness & Ikigai frameworks.

PCN & Wellbeing Team

- Connections with Beki & Sabrina to strengthen community offer.

Poverty Truth Commission (PTC) 2026

- Key contacts: Phil, Charmain, Mary, Natali (Inclusion@ndvs.org.uk), Kirsty.
- Momentum continues into 2026 with strong commitments.

Community Activities & Partners

- Exmoor trips; ND Biosphere involvement (Tom).
- Sunrise (LGBTQ+ events).
- National Trust connections.
- Volunteer support/volunteer management needs.
- Unpaid carers and memory cafés.
- Earth Action ND (previously Plastic Free ND) – climate action embedding (contact: claire@earthactionnorthdevon.org).
- Surf lifesaving clubs: differences between Saunton (relaxed) and Woolacombe (more formal).
- One Stop Shop concept: *community appointment day* → *community village afterwards*.

3. OC Area Updates

T100 / Torridge

- Similar to One Atlantic.
- Chaired by Adrian (TDC), but they are seeking a new chair so he can be an active member.

Bideford OC

- Needs a chair – suggestions welcomed.

Atlantic OC

- Strong networking and guest speakers.
- Ongoing question: is networking alone enough, or should OCs also drive actions?

Holsworthy

- No meetings July–Nov; November was a reset using their previous survey.

General Learning

- NDVS evaluation summary highlights:
 - OC helps reach active community members.
 - Losing the OC element would lose an important link into communities.

- Key OC objective:
 - Reduce duplication, strengthen relationships, connect consistently to external partnerships (Regen Board, Barnstaple Place-Based, Ilfracombe Futures).

4. Area Deep Dives

South Molton

- Youth and ASB concerns; community encouraged to report.
- CIC forming (supported by Natali). Relaunch Jan 2026.
- Wellbeing Café to be initial focus (previously run by SP team).
- Transport survey (250 responses): high need identified.
- 40+ young people want access to Barnstaple Youth Centre.

Opportunities:

- Link with schools/clubs/Petroc/Exmoor National Park for shared transport.
- Contact: Rosie (BTC Youth Council).
- Motability funding available.
- Grow Forward keen for partnership bids.
- Explore repurposing existing organisational transport for community benefit.
- Consider volunteer drivers register.
- Support DAS car schemes to include young people.
- Councils must record social value – potential to create “shelf-ready” asks.

Ilfracombe

- Focus on youth; no youth club.
- DCC declined funding/building.
- Ilfracombe Futures Forum exploring solutions.
- SPACE engagement event with young people involved in ASB.
- Volunteer Youth Worker Training Package in development with SPACE.

Employment & Skills:

- NEET course, DCC Employment Hub, jobs fair, targeted courses.
- DWP increasing outreach.

PTC:

- Continuing into 2026 with strong momentum.

Barnstaple

- Membership meetings stable with good attendance.
- Engagement insight: use voice notes, videos, and digital methods over surveys.
- 361 Energy new website and problem-solving activity:
 - Issue: clients think wellbeing referrals are scams.
 - Solution: wellbeing team to share their name + appointment details when calling.

Braunton

- Youth network established via Braunton Academy.
- Youth forum set up to improve opportunities.
- Links with Northern Devon Youth Forum (NDVS Paul).
- Torrington Regeneration Board learning:
 - Accessed funding to purchase training credits (DCC/TRB).
- Benita Project: 240 courses available, many free.

Request:

- More training opportunities.

5. NDVS & Partner Updates

- NDVS: See Marie's update (sent to Ella).
- CW&I Group: JL to share objectives + member list.
- NDDC: See Bev's updates.
- TDC: Adrian to share.
- Grow Forward: To present.
- TTVS: No update sent.
- Active Devon: Hannah to send THIPA.
- Libraries: Ask Jane.
- PCN engagement needed to support NHS 10-year shift (community/prevention/digital).

6. Governance & Future Planning

Local Government Reorganisation

- Request for improved understanding across OCs.

Joint Parliamentary Requests

- Opportunity to send clear asks via Ian Roome, and into OND/NDF structures.

7. Next OC Group Meeting

- Maintain quarterly cycle.
- Consider bolting onto CD Network (Louise to advise).
- Hosted by **Ilfracombe**.
- Invite **Chairs & CD leads only**.
- Organisations can attend CD network or submit updates online.
- Charmain to connect with Ella & JL to set up.

8. Actions Summary

Action	Lead	Due date	Outcome
Partnership - Continue reducing duplication; connect with local Regeneration Board and any other place-based partnerships (update group at next meeting)	CDs	March OC group	
Listen and Learn - Use digital (voice notes, videos) engagement alongside in-person where suitable (share examples next meeting)	CDs		
Share CW&I objectives + membership.	James	31/3/26	See https://onenortherndevon.co.uk/our-work/community-development/community-wellbeing-and-inclusion/
Send Verity examples for South Molton's Challenge Aneka Game	All	end of Feb 2026	
Charmain to liaise with Ella & JL to organise next OC group meeting (March 2026)	Charmain	asap	OC group meeting booked Tue 31/03/2026 12:30 - 14:30
Confirm dates of ND CD Network to enable hosts to align dates	Louise	31/3/26	