



MEETING OF THE Environment Capital Partnership

21st January 2010 – 2-4pm

ASBAH, Park Road, Peterborough

MINUTES

Present:

Ken McKay, Chair
 Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough and Vice Chair
 Richard Olive, Friends of the Earth
 Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
 Rev. Richard Paten, Railworld and Civic Society
 Peter Slinger, RIBA
 Vanessa Tilling, GO-East
 Phil Newby, Green Ventures
 Sally-Ann Jackson, Peakirk Parish Council
 Nick Goodman, Greater Peterborough Partnership
 Nigel Brigham, Sustrans and Chair of Transport Partnership
 Julia Chatterton, Opportunity Peterborough
 Darren Sharpe, Peterborough City Council
 Teresa Wood, Peterborough City Council
 Nick Hammond

In attendance:

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Cripps, Jenna Hiley, Mike Lennox Catherine Cairns, Paul Phillipson, Caroline Bradley, Simon Pickstone, Mike Barnes, Claire Higgins, Cllr Lee, David Denson
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 22nd October 2009 and MATTERS ARISING
2.1	Agreed as a true record – with the extraction of some gibberish terminology
2.2	NG noted progress against each of the actions.
	Action: NG to investigate cleaning regime around the train station. The new station manager Duncan Fraser should be in a position to update on progress
	Action: NG to make the LAA reporting pack available on the GPP website

3	ENERGY STUDY
3.1	Julia Chatterton gave an overview of the Energy study for Peterborough – the presentation is available at http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
3.2	A number of issues were raised following the presentation including the formation of Energy Services Company (through the formation of a Community Interest Company), using the river to generate energy (although it was noted this was not possible), the importance of behaviour change rather than simply coping with increased demand, the need to link this work into strategic planning and the possibility of retrofitting an old terraced house.
4	GREAT HADDON
4.1	Following the Great Haddon/Environment capital event on 18 th January a discussion ensued.
4.2	Key points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne Stimson raised the important issue of food and agricultural productivity, especially if we are to build on arable land. This also includes issues of net biodiversity gain or loss. • Richard Olive was concerned at the lack of a quality park and ride provision, an opportunity missed in a development of this scale. • Phil Newby felt that the sustainability statement showed an good understanding of what sustainability is but the words were too fluffy. There is also a feeling that some of the activity, proposed to deliver through S106 contributions could and possibly should be delivered commercially, as a business decision. • Richard Paten reminded the group that the built landscape was another important issue (although this would probably be dealt with elsewhere in the suite of planning documents) and that light rail transit could be a solution to the transport issues in the development. • Nigel Brigham felt that the current plans, and the deliverability of those plans were not in line with the Environment capital aspiration. • From the chair Ken suggested we draft a letter from the partnership outlining our thoughts and concerns surrounding Great Haddon. The response would not go into huge detail (that detail could be picked up by individual partners) but would highlight a few key concerns such as energy provision, sustainable transport and learning from the Hamptons development.
	Action: KM to outline ECP concerns and thoughts on Great Haddon and send to planning and Lead member for Environment Capital.
5	WATER CYCLE STUDY
5.1	Julia Chatterton gave an overview of the Energy study for Peterborough – the presentation is available at http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
5.2	A number of issues were raised including the news that water will be “bussed in” from Birmingham to meet our needs in the future, the knowledge of the internal drainage boards with regards to agriculture, can anaerobic digestion be used in water treatment as it has been done in Leicester, the local resilience forum and activity underway in Thorney to meet future demand and the need to work with neighbouring councils closely in water cycle management.
5.3	The group thanked Julia for her time and presentations.
6	ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL – WORK PROGRAMME
6.1	Trevor Gibson introduced the two A3 documents – EC development/work programme and the major projects. The purpose of these documents is to tie in the various strands of activity into a coherent, logical and structured way. As a partnership, as partners and as individuals we can understand the overall picture, identify gaps and monitor progress. The development programme is still in draft format, so thoughts, comments and challenge is needed by the 10 th February.
6.2	The major projects document is designed to ensure that ECP and its aspirations are incorporated into projects that aren’t necessarily in our control (such as Great Haddon)
	Action: All to send through thoughts and comments on both documents to nick@gpp-peterborough.org.uk by 10th February

7	ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL AND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REVIEW
7.1	Nick Goodman outlined the proposed changes to the ECP model. The proposals include moving the partnership to meet quarterly, supplemented by thematic events such as Great Haddon and the formation of an executive group meeting to make decisions. All groups, would use the EC development programme, the major projects, the Local area agreement and the EC parameters as their guiding principles and priorities - http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
7.2	The model was welcomed by the group and more detail would be provided at the next ECP meeting in March, with the intention to implement the model at that point.
Action – NG to add proposed ECP model to agenda for 11th March	
8	AOB
8.1	Wayne Stimson extended a warm invitation to attend Dogsthorpe Road allotments.
8.2	Richard Olive asked what progress had been made on the parameters of Environment Capital – and how we would fare in a league table situation.
Action: NG and TG to organise some time with Richard Olive to re-visit parameters work,	
8.3	Nigel Bringham brought up the issue of Core Strategy consultation
Action: NG to circulate Core Strategy consultation document to ECP members and establish a discussion forum on the GPP website.	
9	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
	No meeting on 11th February ...Next meeting – 11th March 10-12, Forli room, Town Hall
	The Chair closed the meeting at 16.20

Summary of agreed actions		
REPOSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Nick Goodman	Make the LAA reporting pack available on the GPP website	Asap
Nick Goodman	Investigate cleaning regime around the train station. The new station manager Duncan Fraser should be in a position to update on progress	Asap
Ken Mckay	Outline ECP concerns and thoughts on Great Haddon and send to planning and Lead member for Environment Capital.	asap
All	All to send through thoughts and comments on both documents to nick@gpp-peterborough.org.uk by 10th February	10 th February
Trevor Gibson and Nick Goodman	Organise some time with Richard Olive to re-visit parameters work,	Next meeting
Nick Goodman	Add proposed ECP model to agenda for 11th March	Next meeting
Nick Goodman	Circulate Core Strategy consultation document to ECP members and establish a discussion forum on the GPP website.	asap