



MEETING OF THE Environment Capital Partnership

22nd October 2009 – 10-11.45am

Opportunity Peterborough, Stuart House, Peterborough

MINUTES

Present:

Ken McKay, Chair
 Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough and Vice Chair
 Richard Olive, Friends of the Earth
 Hugh Cripps, Peterborough Environment City Trust
 Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
 Jenna Hiley, Peterborough City Council
 Rev. Richard Paten, Railworld and Civic Society
 Gareth Jones, UKCEED
 Mike Lennox, Peterborough City Council
 Phil Newby, Green Ventures
 David Denson, Peterborough City Council
 Sally-Ann Jackson, Peakirk Parish Council
 Nick Goodman, Greater Peterborough Partnership
 Nigel Brigham, Sustrans and Chair of Transport Partnership
 Claire Higgins, Cross Keys Homes

In attendance:

Sally How, Central Funding Unit, Peterborough City Council

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Cairns, Darren Sharpe, Cllr Colin Burton, Mike Barnes, Charlotte Palmer, Mick Robb, Cllr S Dalton, Teresa Wood, Nick Hammond, Vanessa Tilling, Charlotte Palmer, Caroline Bradley, Cllr Matthew Lee, Vanessa Tilling
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 10th September 2009 and MATTERS ARISING
2.1	Agreed as a true record – with the addition of Jonathan Porritt's name to 4.2
2.2	NG noted progress had been made in most areas. A flytipping group had been formed and will meet on the 19 th November to look at the amber indicator on flytipping in the LAA. The GPP board had received a presentation on the Environment Capital approach outlined at the last meeting, feedback has been received. The Climate Change Strategy had been presented at the same meeting. The item regarding train

	station land ownership would be carried forward to the next meeting.
2.3	Ken McKay informed the group that there would be regional Green Infrastructure event on the 2 nd December at South Peterborough Green parks – for further information contact Catherine Cairns - Catherine.Cairns@naturalengland.org.uk
3	PERFORMANCE REPORT – TREVOR GIBSON
3.1	It was reported that the anticipated Performance update had not been circulated prior to the meeting. It is hoped that this report will be available at the next meeting. Flytipping and Recycling were still expected to be amber and bus patronage has also dropped below target.
3.2	Richard Olive asked whether transport emissions and emissions to air were collected as part of the national Indicators. Jenna Hiley explained that these questions would be answered in the next agenda item.
Action: Full reporting pack with commentary to be presented at the next Environment Capital partnership meeting.	
4	CLIMATE CHANGE INDICATORS – JENNA HILEY
4.1	Jenna Hiley gave an overview of the national indicator and outlined Peterborough's progress towards achieving the targets. It soon became clear that the measurement and recording of this indicator is complex (the data takes three years to analyse) and so figures published by DECC are always 3 years in arrears. Jenna went on to report that we were currently unlikely to hit our targets for reducing carbon emissions per capita of population. Due to the complexity of reporting, PCC produce and submit a portfolio of activities and Jenna updated the partnership on these activities. Powerpoint available via http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
4.2	Following Jenna's presentation, there was a wide ranging discussion including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Olive questioned that given the urgency needed in cutting carbon emissions and the fact that they aren't falling enough, are we doomed? He also questioned the potential emissions to air (all pollutants, not just CO2) of the waste to energy plant. • Sally Jackson questioned how and what the PCT and NHS were doing with regards to carbon strategies and reduction. • Phil Newby questioned how we can use the energy study to help us reduce carbon, it should present a good opportunity for us. Phil also suggested questioning the baseline figures with DECC. • Trevor Gibson pointed out that the issues are so complex that throwing £millions at the problem might not make a difference, we need to have a clear strategy of actions and what those actions will hope to achieve. • Phil Newby went on to question that if we knew the city wide emissions then we could start to identify how to impact upon it.
Action: JH and NG to explore carbon reduction strategies of the PCT and NHS – reporting back to the partnership	
Action: Invite Phil Harker and/or Julia Chatterton to present to partnership on the Energy study and the formulation of ESCO's in Peterborough	
5	ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL – PARAMETERS AND EVIDENCE BASE
5.1	Trevor Gibson updated the Partnership on the feedback received from the various groups, boards and partnerships that had been presented with the parameters, principles and evidence base work.
5.2	Feedback included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs more focus of people and the impact Environment capital can have on people's lives. • Need an environmental improvement plan for GPP board and city leaders • Aspiration should be externally audited/accredited by other body • Impact on health – how can we incorporate health indicators into this? • Need to emphasise and make real principle 8 – “serious consideration to” should be “most positive contribution possible” – spell it out, no net loss, no loss of heritage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle 7 – all city leaders, not just political
5.3	Further discussion followed and the importance of sustainable democracy and demonstrating the commitment to Environment Capital to residents and citizens. Richard Olive suggested that we don't need to be too concerned with the conciseness of the document, it was more important to get it right. Sally Jackson raised the issue of the development of the Northern footpaths network and reminded the partnership that success in being recognised as Environment capital is reliant on decisions being taken that support our aspirations.
Action: Trevor Gibson and Nick Goodman to present the next iteration of this document at the next meeting and develop the area of work regarding setting the bar and quantitative performance against other towns and cities.	
6	CENTRAL FUNDING UNIT – SALLY HOW
6.1	Sally How from the Peterborough City Council's Central Funding Unit outlined the role of the new team and stressed the opportunity that such a dedicated team could provide. The team would be facilitating information sharing, providing text and information for drafting bids, providing some bid writing expertise and resource and over time, developing a web based portal for bringing external funding into the city.
6.2	Following questions from the group, Sally advised the partnership that the Central Funding Unit may look to buy in specific bid writing expertise in some cases and that there is no "match funding pot" but Trevor encouraged the group to view any budgets as potential match funding.
6.3	Sally advised the group that through her former role in the water industry she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise regarding water efficiency and Life+ programmes.
Action: Hugh Cripps and Sally How to liaise regarding the LIFE+ bid being developed by Peterborough Environment City Trust, Waterwise and a range of partners across Europe.	
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
7.1	Wayne Stimson extended a warm invitation to attend Dogsthorpe Road allotments.
7.2	Richard Paten reminded the group that the general election next year could well bring about some considerable changes in local democracy and decision making.
7.3	Nigel Brigham brought up the issue of Electricity shortages and whether we are joining up our energy efficiency and energy supply agendas appropriately.
Action: The issue of joining up Energy efficiency and supply agendas to be covered as part of the Energy study at the next meeting.	
7.4	Phil Newby encouraged the partnership to look at 350.org – billed as the biggest Climate Change event in history.
8	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
	No meeting on the 12th November or 10th December ...rearranged for 25th November 2-4pm (venue to be confirmed)
	The Chair closed the meeting at 11.45

Summary of agreed actions		
RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Phil Newby	Seek clarification from National Express and Network Rail to clarify ownership of land around train station re rubbish and litter issues	Next meeting
Trevor Gibson	Full reporting pack with commentary to be presented at the next Environment Capital Partnership meeting.	Next meeting

Nick Goodman and Jenna Hiley	Explore carbon reduction strategies of the PCT and NHS – reporting back to the partnership	asap
Phil Harker and/or Julia Chatterton	Invite to present to partnership on the Energy study and the formulation of ESCO's in Peterborough, to include how the Energy efficiency and supply agendas are joined up	Next meeting
Trevor Gibson and Nick Goodman	Present the next iteration of the parameters work at the next meeting and develop the area of work regarding setting the bar and quantitative performance against other towns and cities.	Next meeting
Hugh Cripps and Sally How	Liaise regarding the LIFE+ bid being developed by Peterborough Environment City Trust, Waterwise and a range of partners across Europe.	asap