



ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5TH MARCH 2009

Present

Ken McKay, Chairman
Nick Goodman, GPP
Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough
Janine Starling, PECT
Rev. Richard Paten, Railworld
John Turner, Railworld
Charlotte Palmer, PCC
Peter Slinger, RIBA
Phil Newby, Green Ventures
Clive Morton, Opportunity Peterborough
Sally Jackson, Peakirk Parish Council – Rural Communities
Cllr Fitzgerald, PCC
Cllr Kreling, PCC
Nick Hammond, Wildlife Trust
Paul Hunt, Environment Agency
Gareth Jones, UKCEED
Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
Teresa Wood, PCC

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from: Kerrie Ginns, Paul Phillipson, Craig Huntbatch, Hugh Cripps, Mike Barnes, Julia Chatterton, Richard Dade

2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 8th January 2009

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Green Festival

Janine Starling from Peterborough Environment City Trust gave an informative presentation detailing the plans for this year's Green Festival (23rd May to 7th June). This year's theme is *Grow it, Cook it, Eat it* which

will see a range of exciting activities run in the city centre on the 23rd May.

Janine's presentation can be found at http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html.

Following a discussion on potential funding and ideas, the following points were raised....

1. Look into pooling some of the cycle tour/green festival sponsorship funding – **Trevor Gibson**
2. Potential funding from PCT and Peterborough Hospital – **Janine Starling**
3. Water taxis running up and down the river could tie into the event – **Paul Hunt**
4. Stagecoach involvement and potential funding – **Janine Starling**
5. Jewson's and the link to Environment Capital – possibly provide resources and or funding – **Janine Starling**
6. Potential for funding from PREL and/or McCains – **Janine Starling**
7. Gareth Jones to liaise with Janine Starling – involvement of the Enviro-cluster
8. Radio Cambridgeshire and the involvement of Gardeners Question Time – **Janine Starling**

4a. Environment Capital progress and the Local Area Agreement

TG updated on the progress of the Environment Capital priority as part of the Local Area Agreement. All 4 outcomes within the Environment Capital priority are currently green, and have been for the last 6 months. Despite this positive message we still have challenges to our long term progress and we should also be exploring how we better support other outcomes within the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy.

A wide ranging discussion followed including; the role of the Environment Goods and Services sector in the economic downturn, the Peterborough brand, retail in the city centre, environment and the arts, cycling and health. It was recognised that the environment capital has cross cutting effects and benefits across the whole LAA but specifically on *Increasing Economic prosperity, Better places to live, Improving health and Building pride in Peterborough*.

TG and NG to arrange a celebration event for the officers and organizations involved in making Environment Capital green. This could link into a much larger Environment capital event later in the year.

4b. Baseline and Indicators

NG gave a brief presentation on the latest thinking for monitoring and measuring a wider data set for our Environment Capital aspirations. This recognizes the fact that the small data set of the Local Area Agreement only provides a snapshot and only part of the true picture. The presentation can be found at:

http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html

Feedback from the group included that we need to be quick on this as a standard recognized externally could really set us apart and set us ahead of the game. It was also felt important to delve deep in detail of some areas to recognise issues before they go red or escalate in significance. The group welcomed the progress on this work and NG and TG to continue to develop.

5. LPSA

KM gave an update on the LPSA. Unfortunately due to funding restrictions of 50% capital and 50% revenue we are going to have to re-invite bids for the £75k pot. This is not ideal but our hands are tied. NG will update separately with regards to further information but the deadline for submissions will be 17th April. We anticipate a quick decision following that date and hope to allocate and draw down the funds by the beginning of May.

6. AOB

Timebanking – Work is progressing on the Timebanking scheme and plays are being put in place for a workshop in May with the intention of identifying funds and gaining more support across the city.

NG to write a letter of support from the Environment Capital Partnership in support of the concept

Peterborough is undertaking a thermal imaging study to take place in the city. This will demonstrate where heat is being lost from domestic and commercial properties. The consultants are awaiting good flying conditions but the results should be ready in the summer.

Climate Change Strategy – An inception meeting for the refresh of the Climate Change Strategy for the city is going ahead on the 20th march between 3-4 at Bridge House – if you want to be involved please email jenna.hiley@peterborough.gov.uk

7. Date of next meeting 2nd April 2009, 2-4 Bourges Room, Town Hall

Meeting closed at **16.00**

RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Trevor Gibson	Look into pooling some of the cycle tour/green festival sponsorship funding –	asap
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Paul Hunt	Water taxis running up and down the river could tie into the event –	asap

Janine Starling	Stagecoach involvement and potential funding –	asap
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JS and GJ	Gareth Jones to liaise with Janine Starling – involvement of the Enviro-cluster	asap
Janine Starling	Radio Cambridgeshire and the involvement of Gardeners Question Time –	asap
NG	Open up LPSA funding for applications, deadline on 17 th April.	asap
NG	Write a letter of support from the Environment Capital Partnership in support of the Timebanking concept	asap