



ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH JULY 2009

Present

Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough, Chair
Nick Goodman, GPP
Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
Hugh Cripps, PECT
Paul Phillipson, PCC
Peter Slinger, RIBA
Thomas Dexter, Railworld
Teresa Wood, PCC
Sarah Hooper, StudentForce
Darren Sharpe, PCC
Jules Howard, Froglife
Paul Pace, PCC
Amy Nebel, PCC
David Denson, PCC
John Turner, Railworld
Phil Newby, Green Ventures
Nick Hammond, Wildlife Trust

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from: Rev. Richard Paten, Vanessa Tilling, Kerrie Ginns, Richard Dade, Catherine Cairns, Julia Chatterton, Mike Barnes, Simon Pickstone, Ken Mckay, Sally-Ann Jackson.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 11th June 2009

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

NG to circulate the Peterborough digest of the Water Framework Directive document produced by Mark Grant from Environment Agency.

KM has now written to Paul Phillipson and Cllr Lee about the LPSA funding requesting that all avenues of

potential funding are explored. KM has written to Gillian Beasley, in her role as GPP Executive chair regarding the decision to reverse the allocation of GAF money to Green Infrastructure projects. The partnership will be updated when responses are received.

NG has now spoken to all the LPSA funded projects regarding the allocation of funding. Letters of confirmation will be sent out within the next few weeks.

3. Recycling targets and the current challenge

Paul Pace and Amy Nebel welcomed the Partnership to the Materials Recycling Facility and presented the current challenges posed in hitting the recycling targets within the LAA. They also outlined some of the solutions and activities being implemented to overcome these challenges. A full presentation is available at <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php>. A discussion followed around a range of topics including community waste management facilities, finding markets for recyclable materials and the unpopularity of enforcement/legislative powers.

The role of the Envirocluster in helping with overcoming our recycling challenges was suggested and it was agreed that Paul/Amy would contact Gareth Jones to explore this further. Peter Slinger suggested that given the need for domestic insulation that we could look at producing our own insulation in the city using recycled materials. Community scale waste management facilities (such as underground banks or community composting schemes) were also discussed. Nick Goodman to contact DD to explore the allotment work further.

4. Just Add Water - Froglife

Jules Howard from Froglife outlined the work of the organisation and introduced the Just Add Water project. Notes from the presentation can be found at <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php>.

Some concerns were raised around the safety of ponds and the project includes information on safety around ponds. Phil Newby recognised the value of ponds and water in public places and wanted to ensure that the Just Add Water project has some associated targets. Whilst the Partnership didn't want to enforce onerous reporting they would like some evidence to show what impact the LPSA money has had. Jules suggested that we can look at targets around school engagement, booklets distributed, web hits and anecdotal evidence. Statistics on number of new ponds created will be difficult to collect. The Partnership requested that they receive this feedback in the future.

David Denson suggested that he may have identified a patch of land that could be developed as a flagship wildlife site. DD to progress this idea, initially through Brian Armstrong.

The partnership invited Jules to use the ECP as a network to support his work.

5. LAA update

Following months of having green RAG status in our LAA, we now have two amber/red indicators. Around recycling and flytipping. Having discussed recycling earlier in the meeting it was agreed that David Denson would be invited to present his issues and challenges at the next meeting of the Environment capital Partnership in September.

6. Environment Capital event – 20th July

The Partnership was reminded about the event being held on the 20th July, at the invitation of Cllr Lee, for partners to introduce themselves and identify activities and projects that will help us achieve our Environment capital aspirations.

Trevor agreed to circulate his presentation from the GPP executive where we were challenged to accelerate the announcement that we are the UK's Environment Capital <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php>. There is a significant amount of work we need to do, particularly around developing the criteria (both quantitative and qualitative) by which we would be measured. Trevor also explained that we would once again need to re-visit our manifesto and ensure that the environment was considered in every decision taken in the city.

Part of this work must involve consultation with partners and residents as we develop this work together.
Trevor and Nick to work on this over the summer for presentation to the next meeting of the ECP.

7. AOB

Wayne Stimson outlined the upcoming Peterborough Artist Open Studios and welcomed members to visit the Dogsthorpe Road allotments as part of the event – www.paos.org.uk. In addition, Dogsthorpe in Bloom will be judged on 22nd July.

Teresa Wood outlined a pot of money linked to station access following a question from Hugh Cripps on the progress regarding the train station work initiated by the Transport Partnership. It was agreed that someone needs to take ownership of this work, and that should ideally sit with OP.

Teresa agreed to organise getting the drains (at the side of the station car park) cleared again, as previously.

8. Date of next meeting 10th September , 2-4, Town Hall

Agenda to include – Environment Capital criteria report, Station access update, Challenges of delivering on the cleaner agenda (David Denson), LPSA project presentation and Waste Management update.

Meeting closed at **16.00**

RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
NG	Circulate the Peterborough digest of the water Framework Directive Annex C	Asap
NG	Write to LPSA projects and arrange payments with Peterborough City Council	Asap
PP/AN	Contact Gareth Jones to explore how Envirocluster might help with services, technology or markets etc.	Asap
NG	Contact David Denson to explore the role that allotments could play in delivering community scale waste management.	Asap
DD	Speak to Brian Armstrong regarding the patch of land, identified for wildlife creation.	Asap
NG/DD	Present to the next meeting regarding issues and challenges of delivering green status on the cleaner indicators of the LAA.	Next meeting
NG/TG	Develop Environment Capital criteria and consultation for presentation to partnership in September.	Next meeting
NG	Contact OP regarding ownership of the train station access work and explore how it is being taken forward	Asap
TW	Organise getting the drains cleared down the side of the station and Queensgate car parks	asap