



ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH OCTOBER 2008

Present

Ken McKay, Chairman
Nick Goodman, GPP
Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough
Hugh Cripps, PECT
Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald
Kerrie Ginns, Environment Agency
David Denson, PCC
Rev. Richard Paten, Railworld
Jenna Hiley, PCC
Mike Lennox, PCC
Peter Slinger, RIBA
Julia Chatterton, Opportunity Peterborough
Matthew Hunt, Royal Haskoning
Cllr. Kreling
Richard Pearn, PCC
Brian Armstrong, PCC
Charlotte Palmer, PCC
Chris Williams, PREL
Gerry Warren, GWA
Nick Hammond, Wildlife Trust
Jill Foster, PECT
Paul Pace, PCC

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from: Wayne Stimson, Clive Morton, Simon Pickstone, Phil Newby, Richard Dade, Joanne Russell, Mike Barnes, Catherine Cairns, Phil Harker, Barry Kirk, Phil Evans

2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 18th September 2008

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

3. Cleaner and Greener

David Denson and Brian Armstrong outlined the work on the Cleaner and Greener element of the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy. David highlighted a number of key areas including the Weeks of Action and tackling issues on a local level, he also stressed the importance of the new cleaning regime. Brian introduced NI197 and the work on the Local sites in Peterborough. The lack of funding (particularly in 2010/11) was identified as a limitation. Presentations are available via http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html

A discussion followed around the use of sponsored roundabouts and the co-ordination of streetscene in general. Cllr Fitzgerald emphasized that departments were working together (particularly transport and communications teams) and David Denson stressed that debate and communication between teams is much better than previously.

Attention then moved to the Greener agenda. Hugh Cripps suggested there might be some funds available from Natural England to support our work in the city.

HC and BA to explore funding opportunities possibly through Natural Networks Partnership, Catherine Cairns/Wildlife Trust.

Nick Hammond stressed that identifying sites and working with landowners is a labour intensive process and BA reiterated that to go beyond existing targets, particularly to achieve those in the Environment Capital manifesto additional resources will be needed.

4. LPSA

Nick Goodman updated the group as to the results from the assessment panel for the LPSA reward grant. It is still unclear exactly when and how the money will be available (currently being explored by GPP exec) but the assessment was as follows.

- Seeding Sustainable Communities - £15k
- Investors in the Environment - £15k
- Marketing and mentoring for EGS sector - £10-15k available (bid resubmitted)
- Green backyard – allotment site on London Road - £24k (over three years)

A small amount was kept back to cover small elements of marketing and communications for the ECP.

5. Environment Education (presentations available @ <http://www.gpp->

peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html)

Jill Foster gave an excellent presentation on EcoSchools and the importance of them with respect to the DCSF Sustainable Schools Framework. The EcoSchools is primarily pupil lead but does need co-ordinating and promoting to schools, something PECT have been doing over the last few years. However Peterborough school's take up of EcoSchools is relatively poor at only 44% (for reference Cleveland and Redcar is at 100%). Chris Williams then presented his views on the need for good and holistic environmental education in the city, included was an example of Chris's work with Southfields and 4 other schools in the city.

There are 73 schools in Peterborough (57 Primary Schools, 12 Secondary and 4 special schools). Of which one has Green Flag status with 5 or 6 working towards it. Providing support is going to be vital as is getting various departments and organizations to adopt EcoSchools as the scheme of choice (through Children's and Young Peoples Plan etc).

Discussion then focused on where funding might come from and whilst a number of figures were mentioned somewhere in the region of £40k would be required. Chris Williams suggested that local businesses would be able to contribute to this.

NG to pull together a small sub group to take this forward, Nick Hammond, Chris Williams, PECT and Charlotte Palmer agreed to be involved. Also involvement from Children's Services would be beneficial.

Jenna Hiley suggested that YouthBank could be used more effectively by young people as a source of funding for environmental focussed projects.

Cllr Fitzgerald and Cllr Kreling were asked to support what is an extremely important part of our Environment Capital work. They were in agreement.

6. 65%+ and Energy from waste

Richard Pearn outlined the waste strategy and its focus on 65%+ and reducing and recycling waste. Unaudited data suggested that the city has now hit 52% recycling (although this is based on a time of year when green waste is higher).

Chris Williams asked the group to remember that what comes out of the stack and the backend of the process is most important and this should be carefully monitored.

Individuals were encouraged to submit responses to the consultation on the 65%+ and Energy from Waste plans.

7. A.O.B

JH has made contact with Janet McPhee who was delighted that the ECP have sponsored the young peoples competition.

RPaten suggested that we explore some form of carbon counter on the side of Apex house.

Chris Williams suggested that the ET would be excellent contacts with regards to environmental education and how it links into the Education awards.

NG reminded the group about the Minerals and waste Strategy consultation

NG to write a response of behalf of ECP (but with some exceptions who are involved in the strategy) and circulate to the group. Deadline is 20th October.

KM updated the group on the recent visit to the Open days in Brussels, highlighted the opportunities presented by European funding. Those that attended would be meeting shortly to plan a way forward.

8. Date of next meeting 13th November, 2-4 Bourges Room, Town Hall

Meeting closed at **12.00**

| RESPONSIBLE | ACTION | DEADLINE |
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| HC and BA | Explore funding opportunities possibly through Natural Networks Partnership, Catherine Cairns/Wildlife Trust. | asap |
| NG | Pull together a small sub group to take Environmental education forward, Nick Hammond, Chris Williams, PECT and Charlotte Palmer agreed to be involved. Also involvement from Children's Services would be beneficial | asap |
| All | Individuals were encouraged to submit responses to the consultation on the 65%+ and Energy from Waste plans. | Asap |
| NG | Write a response of behalf of ECP (but with some exceptions who are involved in the strategy) and circulate to the group | Before 20 th Oct |