



ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Present

Ken McKay, Chairman
Nick Goodman, GPP
Trevor Gibson, PCC
Hugh Cripps, PECT
Richard Paten, Railworld
Jenna Hiley, PCC
Kerrie Ginns, Environment Agency
Peter Slinger, RIBA
Teresa Wood, PCC
Gareth Jones, UKCEED
Nick Hammond, Wildlife Trust
Cllr Pam Kreling, PCC
Chris Carswell, O&H
Adam Jacobs, PCC for agenda item 6
Phil Newby, Green Ventures

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from: Dr Peter Brotherton, Mike Barnes, Simon Pickstone, Martin Baker, Mike Lennox, Julie Chatterton, Wally French, Wayne Stimson, David Farquhar, Richard Astle, Clive Morton, Phil Harker, Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald, Gemma Astin, Charlotte Palmer, Mike Brown, Jo Russell, Matt Hunt, Ian Glew, Barry Kirk (rep by Teresa Wood) and Daniel Curtis (rep by Kerrie Ginns).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 15th July 2008

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record. Cllr Kreling did question the statement "Society needs to adapt to colder winters and warmer summers" and suggested that this was not entirely accurate. NG agreed that the statement was a generalisation and updated the group that UK Climate Impacts Programme were shortly producing a set of climate change scenarios which will feed into the Adapting to climate change work in the city.

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Sustainable Transport

a) Teresa Wood gave a presentation outlining the progress made with the LAA Action planning, successes in the city with regards to a modal shift in "getting to school" transport and highlighted the challenges ahead for the city (presentation available at www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html).

TW to make available some information regarding the drop in car parking usage in the city.

TW updated the group on the Long Term Transport strategy, a draft is expected in approximately 9 months time. The transport partnership will be key stakeholders and consultees on this work and trams and light rail will be considered in this piece of work.

PN questioned whether we should be recognizing the role of the car in Peterborough and adopting a Low Emissions strategy or Low emission zones

(<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/fleet/citychemes/lowemissionzones/>). The need to input into the development of the townships and their transport provision was also highlighted.

Following a question from Peter Slinger about how Peterborough tied into the regional transport scale, the recent TEES report was identified - http://www.eeda.org.uk/files/TEES_Final_Report_Exec_Sum_3.pdf

KM asked how likely it was that TravelChoice would continue (once the Department of Transport funding runs out). Things are looking positive with regards to PCC funding but **letters of support from partners would be very helpful.**

b) NG presented the thoughts and feedback from Transport Partnership (presentation available at www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html). It was agreed that the group were in support of the more challenging targets but in addition were keen for the Transport partnership to be looking at other options including; reducing car usage in general, low emissions (including from public transport), Low emission zones and more innovation in what we aim for.

NG to report back to the Transport Partnership

5. LPSA

6 bids have been identified and will be assessed by Trevor Gibson, Phil Newby, Ken McKay and Nick Goodman. They will make a recommendation to ECP meeting in October.

1. Green Backyard on London Road
2. Cotton bag production through HMP Peterborough
3. Investors in the Environment
4. Seeding Sustainable Communities
5. Mentoring and Marketing support for EGS sector
6. Company, skills and technology mapping for the city.

It was agreed that some of the £75k would be put aside for small projects and incidentals. JH asked whether LPSA money could be used to fill a funding shortfall in her education programme. It was outlined that this LPSA pot was only available to existing bidders but the role of the ECP was to support the overall work programme in the city and that the will and support is there from the partnership for this type of challenge.

6. Sustainable Procurement

Adam Jacobs (Project Director – Procurement, PCC) gave a presentation on Procurement and some of the initiatives implemented in PCC (presentation available at www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/webpages/EnvironmentCapitalPartnership/meetings_environment.html).

Discussion followed and Phil Newby questioned whether the forthcoming Climate Change bill would affect the “lowest cost” elements of procurement procedures.

NG to explore Climate Change bill implications

There was a great deal of support within the partnership for progressing the Sustainable procurement agenda, particularly across the wider GPP.

NG to instigate a Taskforce to pick up this agenda and take it forward.

Chris Carswell offered to include this topic at the Environment forum event in Spring, NG to liaise.

7. Updates

Natural Networks – Next meeting 6th October. Progress with GAF3 funding

Transport – Next meeting 10th November, update from Partnership as part of agenda item 4.

Rural Working Group – Small group meeting on 17th October, looking to move forward – particularly around transport and rural housing strategy

Environmental Practitioners – Productive meeting in July, sharing information and updating on projects and initiatives.

Adapting to Climate Change – Small group formed and looking to start Climate Impacts Profiling exercise asap.

8. A.O.B

Jenna Hiley introduced the “Going Green” competition for schools, Partnership agreed to sponsor the competition.

Attention was drawn to the IPCC Climate Conference next year in Copenhagen – further details - <http://www.erantis.com/events/denmark/copenhagen/climate-conference-2009/index.htm>

Hugh Cripps raised the question of whether the Partnership shared the view that Peterborough should declare itself the UK's *Environment Capital* at the PECT AGM on the 19th November, particularly as the PECT board had expressed a desire to do so. Following discussion, KM asked the Partnership to think carefully before agreeing to support a claim that he believes may be premature and could rebound on the city. This could deflect attention from the achievements we have made and are committed to through the Community Strategy. He also said that he did not believe the Partnership had a mandate from GPP Board to make the commitment Hugh had asked for. Members agreed to a suggestion that we should stick with *Creating the UK's Environment Capital* for the present. NG highlighted that substantial work is still required on the EC Manifesto to make it fully robust.

Date of next meeting 9th October 10-12, ASBAH, 42 Park Road, PE1 2UQ

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&q=PE1+2UQ&ie=UTF8&ll=52.574498,-0.251527&spn=0.015179,0.045319&z=15>

Meeting closed at **4.00**

| RESPONSIBLE | ACTION | DEADLINE |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------|
| TW | Make available some information regarding the drop in car parking usage in the city | asap |
| NG | Send round TEES report link in the minutes | asap |
| All | Letters in support of TravelChoice to City Council | asap |
| NG | Report back to the transport partnership with regards to EC aspirations | 10 th November |
| NG | Explore Climate Change bill implications | asap |
| NG | Instigate a Taskforce to pick up this agenda and take it forward | asap |
| Chris Carswell/NG | Offered to include this topic at the Environment forum event in Spring, NG to liaise. | Next meeting |
| JH | Contact Janet McPhee re sponsoring <i>Going Green</i> school competition. | asap |