



MEETING OF THE Environment Capital Partnership

10th September 2009 – 2-4pm

Viersen Room, Peterborough Town Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Ken McKay, Chair
Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough and Vice Chair
Richard Olive, Friends of the Earth
Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
Jenna Hiley, Peterborough City Council
Charlotte Messenger, Cross Keys Homes
Vanessa Tilling, GO-East
Caroline Bradley, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Gareth Jones, UKCEED
Paul Phillipson, Peterborough City Council
Mike Lennox, Peterborough City Council
Darren Sharpe, Peterborough City Council
Kerrie Ginns, Environment Agency
Peter Slinger, Architects Design Consortium
Karen Peat, Greater Dogsthorpe Environmental Forum
Cllr Colin Burton, Chair of Environment Capital scrutiny, PCC
Phil Newby, Green Ventures
Nick Hammond, Wildlife Trust
Rev. Richard Paten, Railworld and Civic Society
David Denson, Peterborough City Council
Cllr Sam Dalton, Environment Capital advisor, PCC
Julia Chatterton, Opportunity Peterborough
Phil Harker, Opportunity Peterborough
Nick Goodman, Greater Peterborough Partnership

In attendance:

Alice Mitchell, Peterborough City Council
Charlotte Messenger, Cross Keys Homes
Howard Storey, GO-East
Kem Mehmed, Board member – Nene Housing
Sam Demaio, UKCEED

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Hooper, Simon Pickstone, Claire Higgins, Catherine Cairns, Sally Ann Jackson, Cllr Matthew Lee, Matthew Hunt, Mike Barnes, Clive Morton, Teresa Wood, Nigel Brigham
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 9th July 2009 and MATTERS ARISING
2.1	Agreed as a true record.
2.2	NG noted progress had been made in all areas and gave specific updates on Station Access Improvements. The funding opportunity with Department for Transport (£250k) is not being pursued due to short timeframes. David Denson has extended the cleaning regime in the area but there are still problems over ownership of land and therefore where the rubbish is created and where it lies.
2.3	Ken McKay gave an update on the meeting he and Catherine Cairns had with PCC to discuss how to replace reductions that had been made in Growth Area/Housing Growth Fund allocations to environmental projects. PCC now hopes to allocate an additional sum of around £200k capital for Green Infrastructure projects in the city. Catherine Cairns (chair of Natural Network partnership) will work with PCC on this initiative.
	Action: Phil Newby agreed to seek clarification from National Express and Network Rail to clarify ownership of land.
3	THE CLEANER AGENDA – CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS
3.1	David Denson presented on the current challenges and actions associated with meeting NI196 – Flytipping capture and enforcement.
3.2	A discussion followed including a suggestion of introducing a bond holder scheme where residents would benefit from increased performance in street cleanliness, recycling and waste reduction.
3.3	David Denson welcomed the suggestion that a small group be established to work closely with him and his team to tackle the issues of flytipping in the city.
	Action: A small group – to include Neighbourhoods, Wayne Stimson, Media team and any interested parties – to be established. Interested parties to contact Nick Goodman.
4	CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY
4.1	Charlotte Palmer presented the current thinking an approach to the City wide Climate Change strategy being developed by PCC. The City Councils Carbon management plan (developed with Carbon Trust) would aim for an approximate 35% reduction in carbon over 5 years. Powerpoint available via http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
4.2	The strategy was well received with the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we add in the term “man-made” climate change • Need to ensure that mitigation and adaptation are clearly understand and articulated. • Can we ensure that the strategy adheres to Plain English - www.plainenglish.co.uk. • Could we get some high level endorsement of our approach? Such as David McKay (no relation to Chair) or Tony Juniper.
	Action: Incorporate suggestions and comments made by the partnership and present at the GPP board on the 16th September 2009.
5	ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL – PARAMETERS AND EVIDENCE BASE
5.1	Trevor Gibson presented the work undertaken to measure, justify and communicate the Environment capital aspiration. Powerpoint available via http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
5.2	Comments and Challenge included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs more focus of people and the impact Environment capital can have on people’s lives. • Some members felt it was very top down (particularly the principles) and there

	<p>was a lack of community engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to demonstrate better the cross cutting approach and benefits that EC has the potential to deliver. • Is the piece of work (and Environment Capital) daring enough and is the language strong enough • Lacks social capital and EC as a driver to better outcomes • People need to feel that they own EC • Eco-schools and environmental education should be included • Is there enough energy included?
5.3	There followed a challenge from Richard Olive who has some scepticism about the level of political commitment towards Environment Capital particularly when decisions such as the Great Northern car park are made. Richard also felt that Peterborough was significantly down the league tables in terms of Environmental performance. Nick Goodman re-iterated the decathlon approach that Peterborough is not going to be best in every discipline but best overall and that there are always going to be decisions and developments that appear to undermine environmental aspirations.
5.4	There was also some concern that by announcing that we are Environment capital, performance may drop as people rest on their laurels. David Denson has experienced the opposite and finds that high environmental aspirations of the city, coupled with stretched targets in the Local area Agreement actually drives performance higher.
5.5	Ken McKay questioned how we can get support and comment from the wider GPP, at board and partnership level, particularly as Environment Capital requires cross sectoral support and action.
Action: Nick Goodman to offer a presentation from ECP to each of the other partnerships (including the GPP board on the 16th Sept) and incorporate suggestions from ECP	
6	CROSS KEYS HOMES GREEN MANIFESTO
6.1	Charlotte Messenger introduced the manifesto and outlined some of Cross Keys green achievements to date. Comments and endorsements from the group were sort.
6.2	Comments included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can domestic water usage be measured and reduced? • Very positive to see ISO14001 included • Are there any plans for renewable energy systems? • Is it possible to recognise and prioritise the importance of Green Infrastructure in new and existing developments • Can Cross Keys aim to exceed minimum carbon reduction commitments? • Cross Keys should be looking to incentivise residents who save carbon – measured through the energy submission.
Action: Assuming that these comments and issues were considered, the partnership agreed to endorse the manifesto.	
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
7.1	Wayne Stimson extended a warm invitation to attend Dogsthorpe Road allotments.
7.2	Richard Paten reiterated the opportunity to bring a high profile speaker to the city and that we should re-visit the "Inconvenient Truth" DVD for Peterborough
7.3	Trevor Gibson outlined the plans for a Masterclass to be run by Jonathon Porritt (Forum for the Future) to work with Environmental Scrutiny committee on Leadership and decision making for Sustainability – 3 rd and 4 th November
7.3	Hugh Cripps encouraged those who were interested to attend a PECT screening of End of the Line at the Clare Theatre at the library on Wednesday September 30 at 6:30. A film about marine conservation and unsustainable fishing practices.
7.4	Trevor Gibson introduced the CURE programme event bringing together Retrofitting projects and practitioners in Peterborough. This event will follow the ECP meeting in October. Invitations to follow.
(...)	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
	Confirmed as 22 nd October 10-12 (ASBAH), 12 th Nov 10-12 (Forli room, Town Hall), 10 th Dec 10-12 (Forli room).

	The Chair closed the meeting at 16.00
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Summary of agreed actions		
RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Catherine Cairns	To work with PCC on delivering the £200k capital funding to Green Infrastructure projects in the Peterborough area.	asap
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
David Denson/Nick Goodman	A small group – to include Neighbourhoods, Wayne Stimson, Media team and any interested parties – to be established. Interested parties to contact Nick Goodman.	Next meeting
Charlotte Palmer	Incorporate suggestions and comments made by the partnership and present at the GPP board on the 16th September 2009.	asap
Trevor Gibson/Nick Goodman	Nick Goodman to offer a presentation from ECP to each of the other partnerships (including the GPP board on the 16th Sept) and incorporate suggestions from ECP	Next meeting
ECP	Assuming the comments and issues were considered, the partnership agreed to endorse the Cross Keys Homes manifesto.	asap