

Minutes 1st May 2024

Attendance:

Board Members: Cllr Karen Davies (KD), Cllr Simon Werner (SWR), Donna Stimson (DS), Simon Wilkes (SWS) and Chris Joyce (CJ)

RBWM: Hayley George, Heather Mynott (HM)

Apologies: Graham Owens

Agenda

1. Actions from previous meeting

1.1. HM talked through the Best Practice Paper

1.2. Steering Board candidates

KD – Expand the Steering Group initially by 5-6 people.

CJ- Steering board is to help create ideas, programme of activities, and give expert advice. It will incentivise corporations to be more involved in Climate change, nature recovery and encourage sharing best practice. To have the Yes or No votes to proposals and planning.

DS- Suggests an academic to approach

SWS- Will approach other businesses

KD: Sectors to reach out to include – Energy/ Water/Academia/Health and eventually groups like Abri

CJ – noted transport to be included.

KD and CJ- Important to establish a pitch before approaching people from these sectors.

Action:

-HM Paper on who in the Borough to approach and a pitch to incentivise them to join (CJ and HM to confirm pitch)

- DS to approach academic about joining the Steering Group and introduce to KD and CJ

-All Board Members to consider who they can reach out to in the different sectors

1.3. Proposal Procedures

1.4 HM talked through recommendations of the Proposal Procedure

1.5. Board happy to proceed with new procedure.

CJ – wants the board to consider not ruling out larger projects outside the grant sizes.

Board agree – but want smaller community groups to be prioritised. The procedure needs to be advertised as well.

DS – supported smaller grants as groups think more carefully about getting value for money.

2. Finances

CJ and HM discussed funds available at present

3. Website and Social Media comms

3.1 HM describe current situation.

Board happy to migrate to using My Royal Borough and RBWM Together. Use the current website to redirect traffic to these sites.

Action: HM to migrate the site to RBWM hosts.

4. Climate Conference

4.1. Board in agreement for conference to go ahead and for the Community Climate Fund and Forum to be launched in association.

-Priority for community groups

-Tie in with the Nature Festival (26th and 27th July)

CJ: suggested hosting events across the borough for a range of audiences including businesses.

Action: HM, CJ and team to create a program and budget.

AOB

DS asked about reaching out to the communities' team – Rosie Sansom.

Next Meeting in 6 weeks

Action: HM to send out a doodle poll.

Actions:

- HM Paper on who in the Borough to approach and a pitch to incentivise them to join (CJ and HM to confirm pitch)
- DS to approach Louise Nicholls about joining the Steering Group and introduce to KD and CJ
- All Board Members to consider who they can reach out to in the different sectors
- HM to migrate the site to RBWM hosts.
- HM, CJ and team to create a program and budget.
- HM to send out a doodle poll.