

Steering Group Meeting 10th February 2025

Attendance: Cllr Davies (KD), Cllr Werner (SWR), Jeremy Smith (JS), Donna Stimson (DS), Prof Sigrun Wagner (SWA) and Graham Owens (GO)

Apologies: Gavin Miller, Chris Joyce, Simon Wilkes, Youth Council

Council Officers: Hayley George (HG) and Heather Mynott (HM)

Agenda

1. Roadmap for Climate Partnership

HM updated the roadmap

2. Updates:

The Climate Partnership has had 9 proposals funded and are still receiving applications on a rolling basis.

Project	Community	Grant Processed
Vegan Café and Social Media	Eco Action Hub	£2365
Community Garden	Kerith Church	£2662
Thrive Club	Queen Anne School	£3771
Moving with Grief	E Ramsay-Jones	£3050
Decarbonisation in Schools	Saveenergy	£5000
Community Calm	Community Calm	£5000
Community Garden	All Saints Church (Dedworth)	£1400
Verges	Maidenhead Lions	£750
Reusable Festival Cups	Windsor and Eton Pride	£3640

Website has been updated.

3. Big Climate Pot

Unknown at the time of the meeting but the Big Climate Pot launch was delayed until the 24th of February – much of the discussion was under the impression it had been launch on the day of the meeting (10th February).

Discussion was around how to award the big grant of £25,000 should there be a number of bids. The Steering Group were clear that the process needs to be fair and transparent and once the criteria is settled for it to be shared on the website/s.

SWA: suggested a simple scoring system of 1-5 on based on the areas the Steering Group would like to see (see below)

Criterion decided from the meeting:

- Match Funding
- Behavioural Change
- Co-Benefits
- Multi-Solving Aspects
- Collaborations

From the discussion a further two aspects were included.

- **Deliverability**
- **Durability**

With a tiebreaker of Wow-factor – if needed.

HM: to write up the criteria and guidance regarding point scoring system and get out a draft to the Steering group

4. Environment and Climate Strategy

HG, KD and DS contributed to an overview and context of the existing strategy.

The existing strategy was a result of the council calling a climate emergency in 2019. At this time there was only one person in the council with a sustainability role.

Since the strategy has launched the Sustainability team has grown and are having an impact.

An impact report will be shared with the Steering Group on completion.

Key points from discussion:

- Steering group would like a workshop once the Impact Report is finished
- They want the new plan to be ambitious and achievable
- Consideration of new themes – or include cross-cutting themes e.g. health and wellbeing
- With the addition of new themes consider changing the name of the document to perhaps include sustainability
- Community and business support in developing the strategy to be more targeted in relation to theme
- The strategy will be able to link in other departments and ongoing strategies
- JS interested in the Energy, Health and Wellbeing element. DS interested in the Health and Wellbeing theme.

Action:

- HM to develop and write a plan to proceed with the strategy
- Steering Group to let HM know which theme they would like to help develop

AOB:

British Spring Clean: Climate Partnership approached by the social housing organisation (Abri) to support an event

Action:

- HM to find out more about the event and work with Braywick Nature Centre
- Report back regarding British Spring Clean to Steering Group in March

Nicholson Development Plans: Raised by GO

Points raised by GO:

- Developers have just put a new set of proposals forward for the redevelopment of Nicholson Quarter
- Acknowledges it has taken account of the SPD on Sustainability that was adopted in July 2024
- Met one of the planners and feels that there is opportunity to go further
- Would like support if the Eco Action Hub can arrange support to present case studies to the developers, planners and investor
- Tempo is an excellent example to lead from

Discussion points:

- Hosting it in the Nicholson Centre would be better than hosting elsewhere
- It currently hosts a few charities who will need to go else where
- Agreed that if it can be arranged then push for it
- Comparison to the London Plan

Action:

- GO going to research case studies and let the Steering Group know

All Actions

- HM to send out March doodle poll
- HM to write up the Climate Pot Scoring Criteria and guidance regarding point scoring system and get out a draft to the Steering group
- HM to develop and write a plan to proceed with developing the new strategy
- Steering Group to let HM know which theme they would like to help develop
- HM to find out more about the Great British Clean and work with Braywick Nature Centre

- Report back regarding British Spring Clean to Steering Group in March
- GO going to research case studies and let the Steering Group know
- HM - Additional updates to the website with the Big Climate Pot being held back to launch on the 24th February instead. New deadline date 30th May.