

Portsmouth Climate Action Board

14th November 2019

Portsmouth International Port

Minutes

Chair:

Professor Steve Fletcher (SF)

Attendees:

Jim Barker (JB) - Portsmouth Water

Jerry Clarke (JC) (representing Mike Sellers) - Portsmouth International Port

Alison Cordwell (AC) - The You Trust

Ian Greenlees (IG) - Ministry of Defence

Megan Howson (MH) - Friends of the Earth

Steve Labedz - (SL) Portsmouth Education Partnership

Kelly Nash (KN) - Portsmouth City Council

David Penny (DP) - Portsmouth Naval Base

Gary Plummer (GP) - Airbus

Ryan Rosenbrock (RR) - Portsmouth Hospitals Trust

Mark Sage (MS) - Portsmouth City Council (Tackling Poverty)

Nick Sebley (NS) - Extinction Rebellion

Tristan Thorn (TT) - Portsmouth City Council (Minutes)

Hayley Turner-McIntyre (HTM) - University of Portsmouth Students' Union

Andrew Waggott (AW) - Portsmouth City Council (Energy Services)

Apologies:

Councillor Dave Ashmore - Portsmouth City Council

John A'Court - Portsmouth Hospitals Trust

Rachel Jones - Natural England

Mike Sellers - Portsmouth International Port

Stef Nientowalski - Shaping Portsmouth

Stephanie Lasalle - University of Portsmouth

Pam Turton - Portsmouth City Council

Anna Mitchell - Portsmouth Football Club

Carole Damper - Portsmouth HIVE

1.0	Introductions
1.1	SF welcomed the attendees to the meeting and outlined the purpose of the Board meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that the work of the subgroups, and the Board more generally, is correct and on track.

1.2	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and will now be published on the Portsmouth City Council (PCC) website.
2.0	Feedback from the strategy subgroup
2.1	<p>TT provided a short overview of the current strategy, that is:</p> <p>To hold a carbon audit to determine the cities baseline emissions and a measure for progress.</p> <p>By outlining the core emitters the carbon audit will help to provide a pathway to achieve the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2030.</p> <p>This information will be used as input for a citizens' assembly. The assembly will deliberate, and agree upon, actions residents are willing to take to tackle climate change in the city.</p> <p>The output from the citizens' assembly will feed back into the strategy and drive the Board's priorities and actions. The strategy will therefore support the suggestions and concerns of local residents.</p>
2.2	<p>NS stated that the biggest emitters will need to be addressed to make a real change. We can address and analyse these through a science based authoritative audit.</p> <p>DP and JC agreed that a lot of data was already available for big emitters; DP also offered the use of a climate impact assessor which is used by the Naval base.</p> <p>TT and AW proposed that PCC could do a lot of the carbon audit work offered by the Carbon Trust. The audit work could be conducted at a reduced cost relative to the Carbon Trust quote. Each large business will already have greenhouse gas reporting data which can be utilised by the Board.</p>
2.3	<p>GP questioned who will hold the Board to account and suggested that PCC should take ownership of the targets. The council should act as a focal point, supply funding and ensure that the issue does not drift.</p> <p>SF stated that the responsibility for hitting the targets was owned by the Board and the city as a whole; the council is still only one member of this Board. The Board cannot be held solely accountable by just one of its members. We will all need to collectively find the best ways to drive change through policies, education, awareness, etc.</p> <p>MH added that all members will need to contribute funding to ensure the Board can progress and reach its targets. Pressure and feedback can be fed through Cllr Ashmore to the council.</p>

<p>Conclusions</p> <p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>Actions</p> <p>2.7</p> <p>2.8</p> <p>2.9</p>	<p>NS further suggested that the consequence of not reaching our goals will be reputational damage for businesses; this will act as an incentive in and of itself. The Board can put pressure on organisations, like the council, to ensure that the targets are met.</p> <p>KN agreed that we will need to determine who allocates and controls the budget; although this will need to be discussed once the strategy is further developed.</p> <p>Before committing to fund a carbon audit from the Carbon Trust it will be prudent to consider what work can be conducted by officers at Portsmouth City Council.</p> <p>Portsmouth City Council cannot be held solely responsible for the progress and actions of the Board. Each member has a responsibility to work towards the Boards goals and objectives.</p> <p>The Board will need to discuss who is ultimately responsible for the budget once a strategy has been further developed.</p> <p>TT to upload the meeting minutes to the Portsmouth City Council website.</p> <p>TT to look into how the carbon audit should be conducted.</p> <p>TT to request that each Board member supply and share their greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reports with the aim of collating and evaluating the data.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Feedback from the identity and branding subgroup</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>NS reported that the subgroup will be holding a public competition for the design of the Board's logo. This exercise will act as an initial outreach exercise and drive public engagement with the Board.</p> <p>HTM proposed that a prize should be offered for the winning entry. This will incentivise groups, like students, to submit entries.</p> <p>RR stated that it will be worth ensuring that the rights and legality of using the logo are outlined before the competition is conducted.</p>

Conclusions	
3.4	The subgroup will continue to progress on the development of a competition to determine the logo.
3.5	The subgroup will need to consider a prize to incentivise entries from members of the public.
Actions	
3.6	All subgroup members to look at incentivising entries for the logo competition.
3.7	TT to ensure the correct copyright procedures are followed for the logo competition.
4.0	Feedback from the event subgroup
4.1	HTM reported that the subgroup decided a November launch event would be too early to organise. The event is now planned to happen early next year with the venue to be decided. The launch event will provide a market place for businesses to demonstrate what green initiatives they are conducting.
4.2	HTM noted that there is an opportunity for the Board to provide representation at a University of Portsmouth event for student societies and local businesses on 2 nd December 2019.
4.3	It was discussed that that there should be two events, one event for larger businesses and separate smaller events for residents and small businesses. NS further suggested that the small launch event and community events be combined for efficiency.
4.4	KN and SL proposed that the representation of young people can be progressed by working with the Council of Portsmouth Students (COPS). COPS has connections with both Portsmouth City Council and head teachers across the city. There are approximately 100-200 members of COPS with a committee of 10-20 members; the organisation was setup by Unloc (www.unloc.org.uk).
Conclusions	
4.5	The subgroup will find a venue with suitable transport links, for instance the Guildhall.
4.6	There will be a launch event for businesses and further smaller community events for residents and small businesses.

4.7	The Board will work with COPs to provide representation for young people.
Actions	
4.8	All subgroup members to look into venues for the event.
4.9	All subgroup members to create content for the events which can be reused at other established events.
4.10	TT to arrange a meeting with COPs.
5.0	Update by TT on the Lottery Climate Action Fund
5.1	TT presented information on the new Lottery Climate Action Fund. The application process is being progressed through meetings with other local groups including The Wildlife Trust, Extinction Rebellion, Friends of the Earth and local councillors.
5.2	TT noted that these are the early stages of the application, the deadline for the application is Wednesday 18th December 2019 and the final proposal Friday 27th March 2020.
Conclusions	
5.3	Board members will work with other organisations to progress with the funding application.
Actions	
5.4	TT will further update on the progress of the funding application at the next Board meeting.
6.0	Update by MS and AW on PCC's Home Energy and Water Strategy
6.1	MS and AW presented the new PCC Home Energy and Water Strategy, which is currently in a period of consultation.
6.2	While the strategy is aiming for a net reduction in carbon emissions it was argued that the strategy will not go far enough to reach carbon neutrality by 2030.
6.3	It was agreed by AW and MS that it would be preferable for the strategy to achieve net zero carbon emissions. However, funding is not available to take the radical action required to guarantee the strategy is carbon neutral.
6.4	To ensure funding there will need to be a monumental shift in policy from central government.

Conclusions	
6.4	The strategy will result in a net reduction in carbon emissions, although it is unlikely to be significant enough to ensure net zero carbon emissions by 2030.
6.5	More funding/support will be needed from central government for certain actions to reduce carbon emissions.
6.6	The Board can play a role in lobbying central government to support climate emergency policies.
Actions	
6.7	TT to organise an additional meeting for Board members to discuss the Home Energy and Water Strategy with AW and MS.
6.8	TT to extend subgroup invitations to all new Board members.
7.0	Any other business
7.1	MH asked how the Board will look into adding additional Board members. TT outlined that due to the vast amount of suggested members, the Board will look into creating separate advisers to the Board. The separate advisers will be selected based on the strategy and the need for their particular expertise. The exact process is still being developed and will be expanded when the strategy has been further defined.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st January 2020, 15:00 - 17:00