



**Green North Tyneside Board  
Minutes,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2016, Northumbrian  
Water Scientific Services,  
Northumberland Dock Road**

**Attendance:**

Ian McKee (Chair)	North Tyneside Coalition of Disabled People
Cllr John Stirling	Cabinet Member for Environment
Tony Baines	Northumbrian Water
Michael Blades	Health Care Trust
Sathish Sethuraman	Health Care Trust
Anne Taylor	NTC Participation and Advocacy Officer
Oscar Daniel	NTC Youth Council
Paul Nelson	NTC Environmental Sustainability Manager
Michael Keenlyside	NTC Environmental Sustainability Officer
Mandi Cresswell	Meadowell Connected

**Apologies:**

Phil Scott NTC, Ann Marie Crozier Tyne Met College, Clare Swift North East Ambulance Service, Grant Brotherton TWFRS, Michelle Preen Northumbria Police, John Lesley Northumbria Police, John Lesley (Northumbria Police), Northumbria, Susan Weir Port of Tyne

<b>1. Apologies &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
IM welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Tony Baines for hosting the meeting.	
<b>2. Minutes and Matters Arising</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
IM asked if there were any matters arising from the last Board minutes. There were no items; everything was covered under the agenda.	
<b>3. New project updates</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><u>Game of Homes</u> IM outlined the content of the workshop which was held to assess how the Games of Homes could be rolled out across the borough.</p> <p>Craig White, designer of the project concept, presented the principles of the pilot project, the logistics, the results and two specific areas of development for the group to consider if scaling up the project. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical tools/ software applications – a bespoke social media software platform would be required to manage and undertake the volume of communications analysis. The roll out of smart meters in properties offers an opportunity to engage with utility providers and provides instant results to game players on energy consumption.</li> <li>• Resource considerations – initial stage of grant funding (pump-priming)</li> </ul>	

<p>should be focused on securing a staff resource to develop the business case. Longer term development of the project would benefit from practical and financial input from utilities companies.</p> <p>A full report of findings will be presented to the September NTSP meeting by Ian Mckee (GNT Chair) and Craig White.</p> <p>JS asked for clarity on tangible outputs from the project. MB outlined the direct fuel savings as well as the wider impacts which were inherent but not measured. IM will report the outcomes to the NTSP meeting in December.</p> <p><u>Green Business Award</u></p> <p>MK informed the board that this was the last year of GNT sponsorship for the award and asked if it could be promoted by each member's procurement team.</p> <p>IM, Cllr Stirling and CS were able to judge any applications and CS was nominated to present the winner at the Awards evening.</p> <p>Applications would be welcome from any of the partner organisations if they felt that they had undertaken successful projects which fit into the Green Business award criteria. IM would report the outcomes of the judging at the December meeting.</p> <p><u>Fenwick Woodland</u></p> <p>MK gave an update on progress of the project.</p> <p>Drainage works at the site are underway and will be on-going for a period of 6 weeks.</p> <p>Engineers also confirmed that tree seeds were planted in the area following the reclamation works in 2009, however the trees did not become established due to poor soil quality and compaction. In order to rectify this, there is a proposal to plough the top 200mm of the existing soil surface and add 300mm of topsoil. This will be left to settle over the winter period, to ensure no slippage and the area will be sown with wildflower seed during this period.</p> <p>Trees will be planted in one section of the site during the spring and tree growth will be monitored. If successful, the intention will be to roll out a full planting scheme across other areas as identified in the woodland creation plan.</p> <p>IM informed the Board that he had been in communication with the Woodland Trust regarding their programme of providing tree planting packs for schools. The timing of this may not be applicable for the current stage of the Fenwick site development but could be in the future. MK had arranged the appropriate Woodland Trust information to be sent out to local schools for take up of the current offer.</p> <p>The Board expressed interest in having a short visit to the site. MK would coordinate this.</p> <p><u>Community Power Rangers</u></p> <p>This work has been completed and principles of community energy champions will be merged into the proposals for the potential roll out of Game of Homes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>IM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MK</b></p>
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<p><u>Home Heating Heroes</u> MK reported that 8 referrals had been made to the Safe and Healthy Homes team by front line emergency services. The referrals have enabled the householders to be supported in a variety of health and safety issues and heating improvements.</p> <p>The GNT budget allocated to this project has been accessed to enable heating improvements to be undertaken. Warm Zone have coordinated these works and drawn in wider match funding as well as householder contributions. Without the GNT gap grant the works would not have gone ahead.</p> <p><u>App Development</u> PN reported that this project continues to be slow in progressing and a fuller assessment by the Board will be needed in December to decide if this should be continued.</p>	
<p><b>4. Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Gold Carbon Reduction Award</b></p> <p>MB outlined the broad range of work and projects that the Trust had embarked on since 2008 to address carbon reduction and cost savings. Examples included procurement, business mileage and the application of renewable energy (PV). The greater use of ICT conferencing had also supported reductions in the need for face to face meetings and travel.</p> <p>The success in gaining the NTSP Gold award has been achieved in dynamic and expanding portfolio of assets and staffing including a new hospital and supporting development of the Cumbria NHS Trust.</p> <p>The Board congratulated MB on the award.</p>	
<p><b>5. Future Meetings and Project Updates</b></p> <p>IM raised the potential changes of the regionalization agenda (combined authority) and the future requirements and need for NTSP and GNT. North Tyneside is unique in its retention of the partnership board.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the Board meetings were becoming repetitive and centered around report backs on the projects being undertaken and no new work was being brought forward. IM suggested the Board could apply for funding and other Board Members suggested that a GNT Strategy and Action plan could be the way to ensure new development including funding opportunities were undertaken. Frequency of meetings was also raised and whether an alternative of email updates was possible.</p> <p>It was agreed to address this in a more detailed debate at the December meeting.</p> <p>IM will raise his concerns and canvass opinion at the September NTSP meeting and feed back to the Board in December .</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>IM</b></p>
<p><b>5. Chairs Report</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION</b></p>
<p>IM Emphasized that Executive reports were only addressed if exceptions occurred.</p>	
<p><b>6. AOB</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION</b></p>

<p><b>MK</b> asked if any Board Member would be willing to host the December meeting. <b>MC</b> offered the Meadowell Connected building as a venue.</p>	
<p><b>8. Future dates and venues</b></p> <p>December 1<sup>st</sup> – Meadowell Connected, 10.00-11.30</p>	