



**Green North Tyneside Board Minutes,
Tyne Met College, Conference Room,
Coast Road Campus
Thursday, 03 March 2016**

Attendance:

Ian McKee (Chair)	North Tyneside Coalition of Disabled People
Phil Scott	NTC Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure
Clare Swift	North East Ambulance Service
Paul Nelson	NTC Environmental Sustainability Manager
Michael Keenlyside	NTC Environmental Sustainability Officer
Michael Blades	Northumbria Health Care Trust
Paula McCormack	Meadowell Connected
Ann Marie Crozier	Tyne Met College
Tony Baines	Northumbrian Water

Apologies:

Cllr John Stirling Cabinet Member for Environment, Peter Hedley NT Business Forum, John Lesley (Northumbria Police), Anne Taylor (NTC) Lewis Allan– Deputy Young Mayor.

1. Apologies & Introductions	ACTION
IM welcomed all to the meeting.	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising	ACTION
IM asked if there were any matters arising from the last Board minutes. There were no items; everything was covered under the agenda.	
3. Sponsorship of Green Business Award	ACTION
This agenda item was deferred.	
3. New project updates	ACTION
<p><u>Home Heating Heroes</u></p> <p>CS outlined the aim of the project is two fold; to train front line energy services staff to in the recognition of signs which could relate to fuel poverty in households and also to provide small enabling grants (WD 40 money) to help support improvement measures. GNT allocated £8000 (matched by Warm Zone). Training been undertaken with Emergency Service teams by Warm Zone and Safe and Healthy Homes Team.</p> <p>Five referrals have been made through the project and they are very complex in terms of the support measures needed.</p>	

A project review meeting had taken place with participating organizations in January. The key outcomes of this were:

- To report back to the GNT Board in March with the outcomes of the pilot including spend to date.
- Ask the Board for agreement to continue with the project as is, and also seek views on the possibility of extension to the scope of the funding to address an outstanding waiting list which Warm Zone holds for energy efficient measure installation (see below)
- A promotional poster would be designed for use in PTS ambulances.
- Referral routes were to be refined.
- Further WZ/SHH accompanying PTS ambulance crews.
- Warm Zone will compile a press release for the scheme and will coordinate a photo opp to include WZ.

Suggest widening of scope

Warm Zone has a list of c.30 fuel poor households which require new heating systems.

Warm Zone currently does not have match funding the deliver heating systems and these particular properties are currently difficult to secure match contributions to enable the works to be carried out.

Warm Zone have suggested that if GNT wish to broaden the scope of their WD40 fund, it can be matched along with the existing WZ money to undertake some of the heating systems replacement works.

IM enquired if all of the project budget would be required to support this request or a proportion would be required? The Board discussed the options.

PS suggested that the Board required more detail on the existing project outcomes be provided before committing to the suggestion.

The Board agreed to receive more detail on the outcomes of the project at the June meeting to inform a decision. **MK** to organise.

IM informed the Board that this project cross cuts a number of aspirations in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

Community Power Rangers

PM recapped the project Power Rangers is focused on developing and delivering carbon and energy reduction training in schools, community groups and third sector organisations.

The project has recruited 23 local carbon champions to act a advocates in the delivery of household energy efficiency measures. The project has also developed

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an interactive workshop approach to promote energy reduction in an organisational setting. Promotion of the workshop has been done in collaboration with VODA and other public sector organisations. The project has been able to secure additional funding (Key Fund) to widen the scope of the work to include a Winter Warriors programme.

Whilst there have been successes, the project has become more complex to deliver than initially thought specifically in engaging with public sector organisations and other 3rd Sector bodies. Cuts to staffing and competing priorities have been identified as the underlying aspects in this. These have not however precluded the project from being delivered in a school environment. The project has specifically targeted Norham High School under a safe guarding agenda and work has been undertaken in working with teaching staff and pupils in aspects of fuel poverty.

PM sought the Boards approval to amend the scope of the project in light of findings outlined and to continue its focus on the High School; this would not be to the detriment of the other routes for workshop delivery. The Board agreed.

PM would circulate a full report from the project.

AMC informed the Board of the difficulty surrounding long term evaluation of such culture change programmes.

MB recounted the Board discussion surrounding the two culture change project proposals and the high risk nature of the work however the results were looking promising when combined with the GoH outputs

Game of Homes

PM provided a summary of the Game of Homes project objectives.

The project was launched on 24th November 2015 and ended on 1st March 2016. A celebration and end to the project was planned for 11th March. Board members were invited to attend. **PM** to circulate details for further circulation.

PM provided some high-level outputs from the project to Board Members.

Ten households have been recruited to participate and National Energy Action has supplied a range of low energy products to be used in the project.

A final report was being compiled for the Board with initial highlights such as £5 to £10 was being saved on energy costs and that the majority of participants were seeing between 10 – 30% reductions on energy consumption on prepaid meters. Other findings have been based on household repairs and insulation measures.

PM requested a 1-1 meeting with PS to follow up some of the project findings.

A follow on from this project based on water efficiency and healthy living was being developed. **PS** suggested **PM** contact council services who already undertake this work via **MK**.

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MB suggested the project could be broadened out to include active PCT participation.

PS suggested that the success of the project is something NTHomes could look at delivering to its tenants.

TB discussed the use of social media in collating data and it could provide a solution to evaluation of large data sets.

Whole House Improvement Programme – Oxypod and Rad fans

MK outlined that the GNT project based on 25 property trial with Oxypods and Rad fans has been used as a contribution in a successful North Tyneside Council grant application to National Energy Action which will retrofit 45 properties with a wider range of low carbon technologies (70 in total).

Installation of the products under the NEA grant project will be completed by March 2016 with monitoring of energy consumption continuing until March 2017. GNT money will be drawn down once the results of the energy consumption monitoring are assessed by National Energy Action.

MK circulated pictures of installed units.

GNT Carbon Off Setting Woodland

MK reiterated that the project will enable 10,000 new trees to be planted in the Borough to create a GNT Carbon Capture Woodland. North Tyneside Council Officers, in consultation with the NTC Environment Board, have now identified Fenwick Pit Heap as a suitable site for such a project.

An outline design plan has been compiled and drainage works on the site is being undertaken. Additional funding for site infrastructure had been identified by NTC's Biodiversity Officer.

The Board discussed sponsorship of trees and infrastructure from residents, schools and corporate business.

MK will inform the Senior Manager for Environment (Samantha Dand) of the Board discussion surrounding sponsorship.

Countryside Stewardship Management Grant Schemes (DEFRA) and Forestry Commission grants were also highlighted as a way to add some financial benefits from the project. MK to investigate further.

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<p><u>App Development</u></p> <p>PN reported that Newcastle University PhD students were to begin work at Burnside College week commencing 7th March. The initial project and workshop will focus on lighting.</p> <p>IM added that as part of the NT Sign project he had worked closely on the content of the app with a regional company Nutshell Technology. He explained the process of how residents can access services via smart phone app technology. The NT Sign App cost c. £8000.</p> <p><u>GNT Green Business Award and Sponsorship</u> This Agenda Item was deferred.</p>	
<p>5. Chairs Report</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>IM Emphasized that Executive reports were only addressed if exceptions occurred.</p> <p>The core agenda items of the NTSP Executive were based on Digital information management specifically 'big data' and the launch of the North Tyneside SIGN app for residents to access well being / health based services.</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>MK highlighted 4 grant application opportunities which had been forwarded from the Councils Funding Team. All grants had very challenging application timings.</p> <p>MK would circulate to Board members for information.</p> <p>MK informed the Board of changes to staffing within the Fire and Rescue Service and Northumbria Police. New representatives from both services would be notified of the future Board meetings and its objectives as soon as personnel details were made available.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>8. Future dates and venues 2nd June - NTC (details to be confirmed).</p> <p>1st Sept – Northumbrian Water Scientific Services, Northumberland Dock Road, Wallsend</p> <p>December – TBC</p>	