



# Burnley Action Partnership

## ENVIRONMENT THEME GROUP

### MINUTES

10.00 am on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009

#### PRESENT

David Brown (Chair)	Burnley Borough Council
Angela Culleton	Burnley Borough Council
Phil Dewhurst	GPC Offshoots Manager
Jackie Flynn	Lancashire County Council
Councillor Roger Frost	Executive Member for Planning & Environment
Gordon Howley	Burnley Community Network
Heather Nicholas (Note Taker)	Burnley Borough Council

#### APOLOGIES

Martin Bradley	Burnley Community Network
Daniel Bond	Environment Agency
Kim Coverdale	Burnley Community Network
Richard Garth-Jones	Burnley Community Network
Simon Goff	Burnley Borough Council
Katie Plant	Burnley Borough Council
Keith Swindell	Burnley Borough Council

NO	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<b><u>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</u></b> 1.1 David Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced members to the Group.	
2.	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> 2.1 David Brown noted the apologies above.	
3.	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009</u></b> 3.1 The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4.	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> 4.1 Keith Swindell will be moving on at the end of November 2009.	

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4.2	<p><i>Flood Risk Update:</i> David Brown attended a Local Resilience Forum Flood Group meeting on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 to discuss the Pitt Flooding Bill Recommendations and take stock of Strategic Flood Risk Assessments and Level 2 Risk Assessments across the County.</p> <p>There will be significant changes to the Environment Agency's Flood Warning system in April 2010, when the system will move from the current 3 tier system (watch, warning and severe) to a 2 tier system (Flood Alert and Flood Warning). Consultative groups have been/are being used to gauge effectiveness and trials will take place via the website in the near future.</p> <p>Gordon Howley queried whether communities had been consulted on Burnley's 4 flood risk areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Burnley Town Centre (Calder/Brun conduit/rear of Charter Walk)</li> <li>▪ Fulleage (Lyndhurst Road, etc)</li> <li>▪ Padiham (southern edge of town centre)</li> <li>▪ Victoria Road, Padiham (Sweet Clough)</li> </ul> <p>There has been no direct consultation with residents on the flood aspects (properties at risk relatively small), however, the areas have been flagged up as part of the Area Action Plans (AAPs). David Brown highlighted that it is more of an issue for local authorities, when considering planning consents.</p> <p>Residents can identify properties at risk by entering their postcode via the Environment Agency website system and at risk areas can receive pre-recorded messages giving information and an all clear.</p> <p>Neighbourhood/Rural Forums could be used to promote advice on warnings/what to do in areas specifically at risk, etc.</p>	
4.3	<p><i>Rural Consultation Event:</i> Gordon Howley fed back on behalf of Martin Bradley, following a meeting of the Rural Sub-Group on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Martin hopes to arrange a Consultation Event in Burnley before Christmas (using the Pendle event as a good practice model). The purpose of the Consultation Event is to give the rural communities a voice, an opportunity to raise concerns and highlight general concerns on, eg, schools, transport, etc. Martin hopes to follow-up the Burnley Consultation Event with a similar one in Hyndburn.</p> <p>Themes/concerns falling out of the consultation events will be discussed Pennine Lancashire-wide.</p>	

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	<p>Gordon Howley to ask Martin Bradley to e-mail the Consultation Event date to the Group prior to e-mailing all the necessary information (time, date, venue, etc) to Katie Plant. Katie to circulate to the Group on Martin's behalf.</p> <p>4.4 <i>Low Carbon Industrial Economy &amp; Future Jobs Fund:</i> Green jobs in the area have been created through Groundwork/third sector groups in relation to food waste/delivery services to local restaurants. Agreed the need to build on and recruit to this initiative.</p> <p>4.5. <i>Lancashire Waste Strategy:</i> Angela Culleton fed back following her attendance at the Lancashire Waste Partnership meeting on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Discussions are underway, looking at all the different streams, to identify additional works and an action plan. A meeting with take place with the County in the New Year, in relation to the bulky waste collection and recycling. Work will continue through 2010 to evaluate what is happening in the County in relation to food waste. The food waste collection will roll out in 2012, once a robust/cost effective system is identified, which fits in with Lancashire County Council's waste treatment end use facility.</p> <p>Phil Dewhurst suggested involving the third sector in the food waste options appraisal. Having run a system on a small scale, working closely with local communities, they could share their expertise and perhaps pilot a scheme, etc.</p> <p>The Lancashire Waste Partnership Conference is scheduled to take place on morning of Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009.</p> <p>Jackie Flynn to let David Brown have any feedback on the Huncoat site request for a Public Inquiry re the CPO (an item on the Conference Agenda).</p> <p>4.6 <i>Local Climate Impact Profiles (LCLIPs):</i> David Brown fed back on the work undertaken by David Hortin to produce Burnley Borough Council's Local Climate Impact Profile. Lancashire County Council is the co-ordinator, with input from Districts. David Hortin has completed a lot of preparatory work for Level 2, from a fairly low base, and made good progress. The Profile includes an overarching policy, detailed Service Unit appraisals and action planning to reduce the impact.</p> <p>David Brown to provide Councillor Roger Frost with a hard copy of Burnley's Local Climate Impact Profile.</p>	<p><b>GH/MB</b></p> <p><b>KP</b></p> <p><b>JF</b></p> <p><b>DJB</b></p>

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	<p>David Brown gave the LCLIPs' presentation to the BAP Executive (includes representatives from the Police, College, etc) on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009. He highlighted a simple philosophy, ie, what we do can be affected and harmed by severe weather conditions.</p> <p>4.7 <i>Canal Litter Boat:</i> The bid was unsuccessful because the litter boat it is deemed a mobile amenity. However, Steve Rumbelow (Chief Executive) is involved with other East Lancashire Authorities and is hoping to get a jointly funded litter boat (which will be launched by Fred Talbot). The Canal Working Group continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss strategic issues and the Canal Operation Working Group (comprising Burnley Borough Council, British Waterways &amp; Veolia) continues to meet on a weekly basis to clear litter on the canal. The Working Group has made a massive difference to the area, resulting in the receipt of thank you letters noting the remarkable change, etc. The litter clearing involves some good work with community volunteers – a really good, sustainable piece of work.</p> <p>4.8 <i>Dog Control Order (for dog fouling offences):</i> A report will be tabled at the Executive to cover enforcement action on the tow path.</p>	<p>AC</p>
5.	<p><b><u>PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>5.1 Nothing to report at this time on the first five Indicators in the “BAP Environment Theme National Indicators” table - measured on an annual basis. However, work continues in relation to these Indicators, eg, LCLIP, fuel poverty and CO<sub>2</sub>. Jackie Flynn to let Fleur Vickery have her commentary for capturing under fuel poverty. Jackie to also pass the commentary to Gordon Howley, who will raise at the Older People’s Forum.</p> <p>5.2 <i>BAP ENV NI192 – Percentage of household waste sent for re-use, recycling &amp; composting:</i> Improving but still a long way to go - reasonably optimistic re tonnage figures being on target. The introduction of food waste collections should make a real difference. Need to keep sending out refresher messages.</p> <p>5.3 Referring to the last four Indicators – doing okay on all, quite well on some. Weed spraying continues to be an issue which needs to be improved to avoid having an impact on the figures. Angela Culleton reported that a huge amount of weed growth has been removed manually to improve cleanliness.</p>	<p>JF JF/GH</p>

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5.4	<p>David Brown circulated a document provided by Daniel Bond, highlighting Indicators relevant to the Environment Agency, including actions/timeframes. The document is really helpful, giving a richer picture of what is actually going on.</p> <p>Angela Culleton highlighted that it is good to see the Environment Agency share Burnley Borough Council's view re NI196.</p> <p>Katie Plant to circulate the document with the Minutes.</p>	<p><b>KP</b></p>
6.	<p><b><u>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY</u></b></p> <p>6.1 The Group discussed the following pages of the refreshed document, circulated with the Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Page 8, paragraph 3.5 – Natural &amp; Built Heritage</li> <li>▪ Page 13, paragraph 4.9 – Environment</li> <li>▪ Pages 24 &amp; 25 – Strategic Priority - Places &amp; Places: 3 Year Delivery Pledges</li> <li>▪ Page 28 – People: 3 Year Delivery Pledges</li> </ul> <p>6.2 The following comments and suggestions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Natural &amp; Built Heritage:</i> Last paragraph - change “Coal Clough Wind Frame” to “Coal Clough Wind Farm”. Consultation ongoing, await planning application to replace 24/26 turbines with fewer larger turbines.</li> <li>▪ <i>Environment:</i> Cleaner streets picked up in targets on page 19 (Ref 36), however, not picked up in Places: 3 Year Delivery Pledges. AAPs not picked up. Need to educate people/provide adequate bins. Community statistics include changing behaviour.</li> <li>▪ <i>Strategic Priority – Places &amp; Places: 3 Year Delivery Pledges:</i> Need to include a higher profile statement re greener streets.</li> </ul> <p>Green Champions (at least one in every single Ward) are providing objective measures. Good suggestion raised by Jackie Flynn to recruit College/School Green Champions, with the support of the College/school. Angela Culleton to take forward. Gordon Howley happy to raise the matter via the Trust (in line with the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)). The profile could also be raised at the Heads Group via Stuart Smith at the Sixth Form.</p> <p>Suggested Place Branding be used on litter bins, however, need to balance smart litter bins with the public realm.</p> <p>Suggested a problem source/packaging initiative. Agreed difficult to do things locally but should be able to support the National Strategy &amp; WRAP who are currently engaged.</p>	<p><b>DJB</b></p> <p><b>DJB</b></p> <p><b>AC</b></p>

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	<p>Need to educate older people re litter and the links to Council Tax.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>People: 3 Year Delivery Pledges:</i> Suggest “Secured funding and started work on the Pennine Lancashire Forest Park” be included in the Places: 3 Year Delivery Pledges on page 25.</li> </ul> <p>6.3 David Brown to liaise with Mick Cartledge/Keith Swindell and include the following in the final document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ambition - dramatically improve street cleanliness in 3 years.</li> <li>▪ Engage with colleges and schools to be more responsible with litter, perhaps weave into the curriculum and include Groundwork initiatives around broader environmental issues including litter.</li> </ul> <p>6.4 Phil Dewhurst announced the successful bid for Eco-Therapy Opportunities funding in Burnley. Burnley Borough Council will be involved through the Forest of Burnley. The aim is to provide greater social inclusion for people with mental health problems. Phil to circulate the information to the Group and consider including the data in the targets.</p>	<p>DJB</p> <p>DJB</p> <p>PD</p>
7.	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>7.1 The Group agreed 3 nominations to the Group: Councillor Roger Frost Martin Harrison Tom Woodcock Katie Plant to add the names to the circulation Group and invite to the January meeting.</p> <p>7.2 <i>Carbon Trust – Interest Free Loans for Businesses:</i> David Brown to forward Farida Ahmed’s e-mail attaching an e-mail from Tom Cumberlege (Carbon Trust) to Kate Ingram for discussion at the BAP Economy Group and to the Community &amp; Business Employers Forum via Hugh Bramwell (or Gordon Howley). Katie Plant to circulate the e-mail with the minutes.</p> <p>7.4 Katie Plant to circulate future meeting dates with the minutes and add a table to the Agenda (last item).</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>KP</p> <p>KP</p>
	<p><b><u>DATE, TIME &amp; VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></b> 10.00 am on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Room 1, Burnley Town Hall.</p>	

### Future Meeting Dates

<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> August 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall

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