

North East Scotland Climate Change Partnership

Annual General Meeting

27 August 2009

10am

Court Room, University of Aberdeen

King's College, Aberdeen

Present: Cllr Martin Ford (chair) (Aberdeenshire Council), Fraser Lovie (Aberdeen University), Robert Collier, Kate Yuill (both Chamber of Commerce), Bill Slee (Macaulay Institute), Alex Tait (NHS Grampian), Alan Owen (Robert Gordon University), Ewen Cameron (SNH), Lorna Paterson (NFUS), Ian Cowe (Forestry Commission Scotland), Craig Thompson (Scottish & Southern Energy), Belinda Miller, Alison Leslie (both City of Aberdeen Council), Emma Gordon (Moray Council), Robert Gray, Peter McCallum, Kelly Fairweather, Fiona Graham (all Aberdeenshire Council)

Apologies: Cllr Clark, Jan Falconer (both City of Aberdeen), Andy Willox (FSB), Phil Sleigh (NFUS), Christine Gore, Iain Gabriel, Roddy Matheson (all Aberdeenshire Council), Tom Anderson (SEPA), Alastair Graham, Alan Cormack (Grampian Police), Ian Carstairs (Scottish Enterprise), Peter Murray (Grampian Fire & Rescue), George Baxter (S&SE), Gavin Miles (Cairngorm National Park Authority),

	Minutes DRAFT	Action
1	Apologies as above.	
2	The minutes of the meeting of 1 June 2009 were agreed as accurate. Matters arising – Covered in Agenda	
3	Resume of Partnership in 2009. MF summarised the main achievements of the Partnership since its launch. The 5 meetings, carbon baseline workshop, and sharing of information amongst the network were a good start but there was plenty of work to do to raise the profile of climate change in the north east.	
4	Election of chair. Martin Ford was elected unopposed to be chair of the Partnership for 2009/10 (proposed by Alan Owen, seconded by Kate Yuill). MF thanked the members but reminded the group of the original suggestion for the chair to rotate round the Partnership.	
5	Carbon budget/footprint. A short paper had been circulated summarising the position after the workshop in May. It is likely that members will need to take a paper to their own organisations to get formal approval for the group to proceed as per the approach set out in the paper, with amendments if necessary. RC comments: 1) refer to GHG emission sources which are changing; 2) include contribution to mitigation from sequestration offshore; 3) a common standard is needed so comparable with other areas. Agreed that the methodology should not be too complicated; should use data from various sources as appropriate; could be refined as it developed. Reference was made to NFU footprint approach in Europe and also work in Wales.	All

	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. comments on the approach should be sent in prior to the next meeting; 2. funding sources should be investigated, including EU 3. Bill Slee will convene a steering group, with Alan Owen as partner and representatives from council and private sector members. Volunteers should email BS. The group will finalise the details of the approach and start work on drawing up a carbon baseline for the North East. <p>The steering group would contact the Government on the footprinting issue, in the context of the Climate Change Act targets and footprint methods being used elsewhere in Scotland.</p>	<p>all</p> <p>BS AO others</p> <p>BS</p>
6	<p>Priorities for next year. Members can email additional suggestions to FG for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. public awareness/education. RC to see whether Chamber member could advise. 2. Climate change adaptation. Could do regional adaptation strategy. 3. Develop case studies. Eg inspiring NHS Grampian work, small business, waste awareness. Forestry Commission Scotland are creating 40 case studies; could share these. One option was to create a portal or link but with an NESCCP 'stamp of approval'. EC could comment on any draft template. Belinda Miller agreed to have a paper on options for the next meeting. 4. commercial opportunities for business, and identification of incentives and constraints. Bob Collier will prepare a paper. 5. training, including for eg renewable energy installations for local plumbing firms. Potential RGU project with reference to an MOD link on renewable energy and skills with HND courses. Alan Owen to prepare initial paper on training opportunities. 	<p>all</p> <p>RC</p> <p>BM</p> <p>RC</p> <p>AO</p>
7	<p>Dates of meetings. These were agreed to be in November, February, May and August. FG to circulate dates.</p>	<p>FG</p>
8	<p>Venue for November meeting. Robert Gordon University.</p>	<p>AO</p>
9	<p>Alex Hill, Met Office Chief Advisor to the Scottish Government, gave a presentation on 'Climate: Past, Present and Future'. This was attended by additional representatives from the Partner organisations and was followed by questions and discussion. The presentation powerpoint is to be circulated separately. Alex Hill would be very happy to give further talks to any of the organisations or answer any additional questions. Contact details: alex.hill@metoffice.gov.uk</p> <p>Martin Ford thanked Alex Hill for his interesting and informative presentation.</p> <p>Martin Ford thanked Fraser Lovie and the University of Aberdeen for providing the venue and refreshments for the AGM, and Aberdeenshire Council for funding the lunch.</p>	