



Full Commission Meeting
Monday 21st November 2022 - 10:00 AM
University of Huddersfield & MS Teams

Minutes

Welcome and introductions

A full list of attendees is appended (see Appendix 1 – Attendees).

Apologies were received from: Bill MacBeth (BM), Kath Shackleton (KS), Alistair Branch (AB), Cllr Will Simpson (WS).

Introduction and welcome to new commissioner Phil Sugden from Kirklees colleague

Minutes from previous meeting

Professor Peter Roberts (PR) asked attendees to consider the minutes of the previous KCC meeting (02/09/22).

Members agreed no further corrections were required and that the minutes were an accurate account of events.

ACTION: Secretariat to make correction and upload with correction agreed final version of minutes to website.

Minutes from previous meetings are available on the KCC website:
<https://www.kirkleesclimate.org.uk/meeting-agendas-notes>

Sub-group updates

PR invited each of the sub-groups to provide an update to the wider Commission on recent activities.

Buildings & Homes

Gideon Richards (GR) led the update.

Key points:

- The group have not met since the previous meeting.
- At the last meeting we decided that we need to review an effective way going forward of collaborating with Council officers and looking at what might be a suitable programme.

- Currently working out the high-level side of things and will then identify a way forward for the group.

Energy & Waste

Gideon Richards (GR) provided an update.

Key points:

- No further updates at present as trying to sort out the company side of things.

Movement & Transport

Professor John Allport (JA) led the update.

Key points:

- GR commented that there was a discussion regards the A629 regards the report that came through but that has been postponed based on finance and issues around WYCA
- There is a conversation that probably needs to be had about the Amazon warehouse
- Working with the University working towards using the University as a lab for small-scale energy generation and integration. Looking at micro hydro, energy from waste, different processes and pulling together pilot scale rather than lab scale testing on campus. Looking into research in this area and partnering with other establishments around the world.

Community Engagement & Involvement

Tom Taylor (TT) led the update:

Key points:

- Not had a formal meeting yet due to other commitments for the group
- Third Sector Leaders Kirklees organised a Community Buildings network meeting recently which included discussion about energy use and costs for community buildings, particularly as they offer warm space for people who are struggling to heat their own homes. Some energy renewal contracts for third sector organisations are seeing 300% increases so there are a lot of challenges for them.
- There is a need to work together across sectors to ensure community buildings remain economically viable and accessible. This will require investment and support for fragile and vital community organisations managing buildings.
- The One Community Foundation is also reviewing how to build up funds and distribute funds to support insulation and renewables in community buildings.
- Also looking at how to find new streams of funding and how to do this in a joined-up way with the Local Authority.
- There is a group meeting in December with people from the LA to look at lottery bids and climate action fund which has a theme about community and nature.

- We would welcome a conversation about some of the strategic planning and look forward to the Environment Strategy as it is a real opportunity to take a co-production approach, which really values the knowledge, experience, skills and relationships of the residents and community organisations of Kirklees.

Discussion:

- PR mentioned the importance of fuel poverty and the impact of retrofit programmes in domestic housing. It would be good to understand more what is being done in Kirklees in terms of retrofit. From the work already done in Northern Ireland the retrofit has had a positive impact on tenants who are stating they have had a 70% savings.
- GR added that he recently attended a meeting with Huddersfield Civic Society of which he is a committee member and the University of Huddersfield. We have an annual lecture every March/April and this year we are looking to do it on energy efficiency. We are linking in with the buildings and homes sub-group and the better homes hub at WYCA. We will also discuss with Tom Taylor (TT) about engagement for this.
- PR suggested to also talk to Abdul Ravat (AR) about the social homes sector, it would be good for them to do a presentation at the next meeting. PR has done a paper on the economics of retrofit and how this more than pays for the cost of retrofit which gives a permanent solution.
- TT highlighted the importance of community buildings and that there are 150 to 200 in Kirklees and if we can find a way of insulating and getting some renewable energy to those. Then every year that money is being put into those organisations the money is no longer going out to the internal energy companies anymore it is circulating within that community. This provides a social, economic, and environmental sustainability. Whilst it's important to retrofit homes it is also vital to consider community buildings.

Business & Economic Activity

Bill Macbeth (BM) not present but provided an update sent via email:

Key points:

- The Textile Centre of Excellence launched the pilot programme in May 2022 to deliver a series of knowledge events and expert support to integrate sustainability into company business models, providing insights and analytical tools to create, structure and support a process for driving forward activities that generated competitive advantage at every stage.
- The programme is proving to be very successful:
 - 10 companies joined in May (24 participants, including senior leaders)
 - 17 enlisted in the Institute of Management Development's Winning Sustainability Strategies online programme.
 - A mid-term review was highly positive with companies requesting a desire to learn more about the circular economy and to develop and test a set of common KPIs as a framework with which to measure and report impacts.
- On 26th October, the Centre hosted the KTN's Impact UK, 'Ignite Labs' project. 'Circular Economy in the Textile and Fashion Industry - an opportunity to learn, share and

network' which included participating companies, the Ellen McArthur Foundation and many others.

- An evaluation Workshop is planned for 9th December which will discuss proposals for Stage 2 including:
 - The definition and testing of common KPIs/metrics.
 - The creation of a 'company sustainability champions' network that will provide access to continued learning, personal development, sharing of best practice and capacity building.
 - The recruitment of a second cohort of companies
- At the national level, Innovate UK is launching a series of competitions that should accelerate sustainability activities across the sector including:
 - A £30 million Fashion & Textile sector Challenge programme. The first call is for a £4 million Circular Fashion and Textiles recycling and sorting demonstrator project.
 - A £19 million fund to support up to 5 'Green Transition Ecosystems' research projects.
 - A 'Creative Catalyst' programme providing 200 grants of £50k to businesses in Stage 1.

While Phase 2 of the programme will again be funded by the industry, the programme would be relevant to many other sectors.

Nature & the Countryside

Tony Newham (TN) led the update.

Key points:

- The group have had monthly meetings
- The group have been focusing on creating a carbon credit scheme for businesses. This is a scheme where businesses would pay for carbon credits and the money would be invested in one of several possible environmental carbon capture type projects.
- We would really like the council to sponsor and own this scheme in its implementation locally.
- Another project the group are involved in is a relatively new thing in farming, which involves the planting of what is called herbal ley instead of using fertilizer. This has a double benefit as it's not using fertilizer, avoids emission of CO₂ in the making of it because it's made from gas. Herbal ley is a way of retaining carbon within the soil and building in carbon instead of degrading the carbon out of the soil
- The group is also looking at in some detail biochar burial. This is the creation of charcoal from organic material, for example, farmers or landowners who cut hedges, cut trees or whatever those trimmings are normally just either burned. For example: 1 ton of hot, hard or softwood converts into 3 tons of sequestered CO₂. One ton of wood chip converts to 2 1/2 tons of sequestered CO₂.

- The group are still looking into blanket bog restoration, and it is known that the restoration of blanket bogs is up to 25 times more effective in sequestration of CO2 than is planting woodland.

Young People

No update provided

PCAN Update -Andy Gouldson -

Presentation appended (see appendix 2)

Andy Goldson talked through the slides:

Key points:

- A 5-year investment (to the end of 2023), focused on engagement and impact, to accelerate local climate action.
- 3 key priority areas:
 - Developing local climate commissions that mobilise actors and resources and build capacities for action.
 - Strengthening the evidence base and making the case for local climate action
 - Focus on finance and investment with focus on developing platforms for climate finance and investment
- Initially set up three commissions that are funded directly by PCAN and this is Leeds, Belfast and Edinburgh.
- There are now 20 or more commissions adapting the model originally developed by PCAN. Some are local commissions and others are regional or district commissions.
- They have completed more than 10 detailed climate action plans and 60 summary climate action plans.
- Also completed a climate jobs tracker looking at how many jobs are at risk in each area in high carbon sectors versus how many jobs we'll see demand for their skills go up.
- Prepared one net zero finance plan and working on low carbon investment prospectus's and how to finance them.
- CCAG carried out an evaluation on Climate Commissions and interviewed them
- They suggested key roles for the commissions and one of them is that they feel Commission's play a key role as a convener and bringing people together and enabling different kinds of conversations about what to do about climate action.
- Leeds Commission is carrying out a review of where they are at due to funding and sustainability.

Discussion points:

- KA highlighted that issues in delivering in partnership with the commission and wanting to know what AG thought about any other ways of doing this
- AG responded that every place must develop something that work for them but most of the commissions they have spoken to are saying they are not a delivery body. But what they can do is convene a conversation and build partnerships and catalyze actions, but they cannot deliver those actions as it's not their role. We are currently working with Local authorities that are collaborating as they develop local adaptation plans.

- PR stated that we have just had a conversation about retrofit and want to work with the council on this. We are going to review the proposals to upgrade the A629 and provided feedback on the carbon assessment.
- GR mentioned that we talked about
- but we talked a lot about pooling resources in terms of knowledge and things like that from the different commissions. The just wondering if there's any sort of you know view of how we could bring those kinds of expertise and knowledge together, first part of it.
- How do we get into government and talk to them about renewables and onshore and how we sort of step that up if we want to meet up climate targets.
- AG stated that PCAN published a report looking at the state of place-based action climate working in the UK last year and we are planning on doing another one. We are thinking that this should be a joint report with all the commissions and the aim would be on behalf of the 20 plus commissions around the UK these are the issues that we see. We are looking at doing this in the period through to Easter and published in June.
- AG also stated that they sent a letter to Rishi Sunak couple of weeks ago with their six key asks of what we need from national government to support regional and local action on climate change.
- They sent a supplementary letter to the new Secretary of State for Transport on Aviation. This emphasised that the Yorkshire Commission has just published a new aviation position paper and that the main finding of that is that we need a national aviation strategy which is regionally balanced and socially fair but is consistent with the 6th carbon budget.
- There will be a national policy forum early in the New Year and it will be good to have Kirklees representation at that meeting.
- PR will be happy to collaborate this and if any representation is needed to go into central government, then they can do this.
- PR stated that it might be a good idea to feed this back into the Scottish parliament and Northern Ireland as well.
- AG responded and stated that they are doing this and have commissions in Belfast and Cardiff
- TT expressed interest in the different models of commissions but also where they get the capacity to do all the different work. The model is that commissions are not organisations within themselves with their own staff usually and is this the case.
- AG responded and stated that Surrey have set themselves up as a community interest company that has allowed them to employ a member of staff. The Yorkshire Commission has sponsorship from different organisations. The issue of resourcing is a key issue and many LA's are happy to second staff into them for a certain length of time as a secretariat. Many Universities have also offered support and resources as well for example in Leeds the University has provided four posts to support the Yorkshire Commission.
- AG stated that the Yorkshire Commission had the regional climate summit, and they launched their climate action pledge, and it would be great if organisations in Kirklees would be interested in signing that pledge.
- AG mentioned that the Yorkshire Commission is running a whole series of delivering impact sessions focusing on key areas. One was done on retrofit a few weeks ago and there is another one coming up on New Build standards that Chris Herring has been

involved in. We would welcome the input from Kirklees Commissioners for those consultations and we will let everyone know about these.

Quick update on upcoming Environmental Strategy and upcoming workshop

Kat Armitage (KA) provided an update

Keys points:

- We have now provided a couple of updates on the scope about various frameworks on which to base the strategy on.
- The strongest steer from the commission was that we should do something bespoke in Kirklees and we want all of you involved in helping us design the vision in this.
- We will be organising a workshop to get you all together to discuss this
- In the background we are looking at what we already have and what we do not. We have been trying to group them into themes for the strategy.
- The strategy is a partnership document, and we will also be bringing other partners as well on other themes. We will probably ask lots of organisations to commit to deliver parts of the strategy.
- We are talking to all the political groups and have workshops set up
- We have workshops with other partners and residents as well.

Discussion points:

- GR asked about the engagement with the different political groups and RG confirmed the dates of the meetings
- KA highlighted that it is a strategy it is not a plan and following on from these detailed plans will be developed.

Enterprise Education at 3M BIC - Sustainability Workshop Project

Presentation slides from this item are appended (see appendix 3 **Error! Reference source not found.**).

Catherine Brentnall (CB) (Curriculum Lead Enterprise Education at the University of Huddersfield) talked through slides:

Key points:

- It's an organisation called E UK Enterprise Educators UK added a theme for their research projects called Planetary Sustainability. So, they did speak about sustainability before, but it's kind of like they've upped the ante by recognising the planetary dimension, the climate and ecological dimension of this. And there's two projects that they funded, they're just small.
- Two projects they have funded which are small projects:
 - One of them is in the University of the West of England. So, in the in the UE, they are doing projects where they're aiming to get students to propose ideas that address climate change.
 - And our project at the University of Huddersfield is more of an influencing piece and really, we we're trying to influence ourselves and our field enterprise education to mainstream this issue into our conversations. So, what does that

look like the project look, I'm working towards delivering the workshop on January the 25th.

- The idea is to get stakeholders in and around the university who have an interest in enterprise business sustainability and how these things intersect. To answer the question around enterprise education and planetary sustainability, what can we do? What can enterprise educators do?
- So essentially for January the 25th and the workshops is that we have that we have as much as possible a reflection of the system in the room. So that would be yes, people from the university lecturers and students and support service staff that have an interest in this. But also, stakeholders up around and outside the university.
- Please see the link in the power point already circulated to register to attend the meeting.

Discussion points:

- TT asked if enterprise education include not for profit organisations.
- CB responded that yes it does
- PR stated that there will be several commissioners who will be happy to work with CB
- GR commented that it is vital to get the University to work collaboratively with partners
- KB stated that she feels there are faith representative organisations that would be useful in attended. There is a little bit more that needs to be done by the University in terms of creating meaningful partnerships so that we can sustain this work.
- CB stated that she is hoping that the workshop could be replicated in other settings. There will be a briefing after the first workshop and a participatory decision-making process that will support people to prioritise and surface actions after the workshop.

Action:

CB to circulate documents for sustainability

Incorporating The Commission – Report from the Management Group

Slides are appended (see) GR presented slides –

- The proposal is for a Not-for-Profit Company Limited by Guarantee to provide the KCC with a recognised legal presence. Within this will be three key roles to be aware of:
 - Members of the Company (which will be the Commissioners)
 - Board of Directors – (4-8 in total) – members who are appointed to the day to day running of the company under agreed tolerances
 - Selection Panel – members appointed to appoint the Directors.
- For the sake of convenience, the Management Group have proposed, that they (the relevant Commissioners) will become the initial Board.
- The draft 'Objects' of the Company are as follows:
 - Kirklees Climate Ltd is an independent advocate and agent for fair and effective action on climate change in the Kirklees district.
 - To achieve the objects Kirklees Climate Ltd shall:

- provide a forum for major stakeholders in the Kirklees area to learn, explore, share perspectives, understand, and work together.
- understand and report on the progress being made in the Kirklees area, making recommendations, and identifying priorities.
- organise events, activities, publications, partnerships, or projects consistent with Kirklees Climate Commission primary purpose in 1.

Legal support for this process is currently being sought by the KCC via existing contacts on a 'pro bono' basis. The University also has a legal school that could be approached to help with this.

- Currently 80% of the way through just need to finalise the schedules

Discussion points:

- TT and GR asked if there were any comments on the objects
- KB stated that it captures everything well
- PR stated that it is a very good summary.
- TT stated that these objects allow us to have the capability of being an agent to be able to do projects. In designing this legal document, it is worth having this in.
- KA mentioned that in terms of the selection of the people who become the directors is there anything else that we could do that would encourage greater diversity.
- GR answered in the schedule it states that they must consider diversity in terms of directors and selecting members.
- TT mentioned that the first appointees could be in for a maximum of 2 terms

Action

PR asked that all commissioners respond by Friday 2nd December for members agreement. Any questions in the meantime go to GR, TT and CH. If you have a fundamental issue with the structure part, then this needs to be quick.

Any Other Business

- GR mentioned that there is a statement in the action plan that there has been engagement with the commission. We had a workshop on adaptation, and we have not had anything other than that in terms of the action plan and it is getting people quite unsure of how we have been brought into it because he does not feel we have had the full engagement.
- PR stated that there should normally be a consultation draft and then given a final version.
- KA stated that this is the council's action plan, and it is different to the net zero report and the strategy, this is the councils. It is the next step it's not the final thing, when it says for consideration, and it outlines the things we could do that then needs thorough business cases. A few things in that document will have alongside them other processes too. It has things we would like to do, understanding there could be more details, considers there are financial issues, and we are heavily reliant on getting external funds to do this. We are still aiming for net zero and we have added adaptation which was not originally a part of the plan.
- PR stated that the Chidwell action group wanted him to look at some their representations. PR requested that the Nature and Countryside sub-group contact them by email to assist them.

- PR met with Kim Leadbeater and members of the Spen valley action group who are concerned about the amazon warehouse. They have invited PR to go and inspect the site on Friday this week and to meet with some of the members of the action group. PR feels this is something we should look at and made the point that we are not a lobbying group or planning but agreed to look at it. There is an independent company called the ISG who are bringing the amazon development to fruition. This is a peculiar one as the aspects of the case far suggest that at least two of our subgroups' buildings and homes and movement and transport to look at this and after Friday PR will call on these groups to look at this. It is going to the strategic planning committee in mid-December.

Action

- PR requested that the Nature and Countryside group reach out to the Chidwell action group to find out what they need support with.
- PR requested that the buildings and homes sub-group and movement and transport look further into the amazon warehouse issue and see if they can offer any support or advice.

Meeting date forward plan:

- Friday 3rd February 2023 11:00 – 13:30 - University of Huddersfield
- Friday 7th April 2023, 10:00 – 12:30 – University of Huddersfield
- Friday 2nd June 2023 10.00 – 12.30 – University of Huddersfield

Appendix 1 – Attendees

Name	Initials	Role
Professor Peter Roberts	PR	Chair of the Commission
Abdul Ravat	AR	Commissioner
Alistair Branch	AB	Commissioner
Chris Herring	CH	Commissioner
Phil Sugden	PS	Commissioner
Gideon Richards	GR	Commissioner
Kiran Bali	KB	Commissioner
Professor John Allport	JA	Commissioner
Stephen Moore	SM	Commissioner
Stuart Sugarman	SS	Commissioner
Tom Taylor	TT	Commissioner
Tony Newham	TN	Commissioner
Katherine Armitage	KA	Kirklees Council – Senior Officer Representative
Robert Green	RG	Kirklees Council – Guest Speaker
Catherine Bentnall	CB	University of Huddersfield – Guest Speaker
Bonni Jee	BJ	Secretariat
Karen Rispin	KR	Secretariat
John Atkinson	JAt	Secretariat
Andy Gouldson	AG	PCAN – Guest speaker

Appendix 2 – PCAN Update Andy Gouldson

ESRC Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN)

A 5-year investment (to the end of 2023), focused on engagement and impact, to accelerate local climate action.

3 key priority areas:

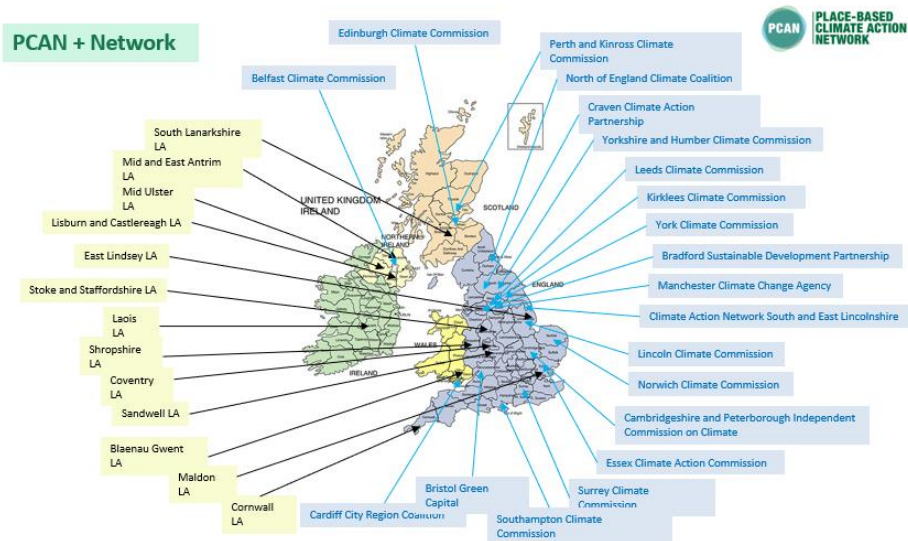
1. Developing local climate commissions that mobilise actors and resources and build capacities for action.
2. Strengthening the evidence base and making the case for local climate action
3. Focus on finance and investment with focus on developing platforms for climate finance and investment

20+ Commissions up and running (inc. local, city, county, regional)

10+ detailed climate action plans and c60 summary climate action plans prepared, plus a UK-wide climate jobs tracker

1st net zero climate finance plan completed, low carbon investment prospectus under development





What Role for Commissions?

- convenor
- knowledge broker
- evidence provider
- independent, evidence-based adviser
- awareness raiser
- policy innovator
- facilitator
- challenger

Appendix 3 – Presentation Slides from Item 5
University of Huddersfield – Catherine Brentnall

Enterprise Education and Sustainability...

The Enterprise Team



Jan 25

**Enterprise Education and
Planetary Sustainability –
What can EE do?**

Enterprise Education and Planetary Sustainability - What can EE do?

General Admission 1 +
Free
Reserve a spot

Catherine Brentnall,
Curriculum Lead
Enterprise Education
– The Enterprise
Team, 3MBIC,
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- 1) Book on to the workshop...
- 2) Help get 'the system in the room' - share with other stakeholders who would want to contribute to the conversation...
- 3) Connect with me, let's talk: c.brentnall@hud.ac.uk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enterprise-education-and-planetary-sustainability-what-can-ee-do-tickets-439096087217>

Appendix 4 – Presentation slides from item 6
Management Group Update

(Attached separately)