



Minutes

Name of Meeting	Environment & Sustainability Forum – Mission Zero Community Hub, IPCC and Climate Strategy updates	
Date and Time	24 th May 2022 at 1700	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees		
	Natasha Dix (Chair)	Chris Quirk
	Holly Jones	Marianne Sullivan
	Abigail Reynolds	Richard and Gilly
	Robert Packham	Katie Churchill
	Lester Slade	Brian Taylor
	Paul Fuller	Tom Murphy
	Dina Jung	Penny Acton
	John Hobart	Michael Murwill
	Rob Sauven	Cllr Cameron Palin
	David Thornton	Fiona Middleton
	Sarah Innes	Steve Davis
	Matthew Whittaker	Ian Boyd
	Christopher Ashman	Matt Greg
	Nora Clinton	Venetia Verey
	Tony Gillingham	George Wilks
	Debbie Andre	Maggie Nelmes
	Ally De Trey	Nora Aridi
	Vince Ward	Roger Bartrum
	Sarah	Rob
	Steve	
Apologies	Dave Newton	Rob Brooker
	Gilles Bergeron	Chris Quirk
	Alex Minns	Caroline Knox
	Kathy Domaille	Steve Hastings
	Colin Rowland	
1. Welcome and housekeeping		
1.1 ND – Welcomed everyone, focus for tonight is MZCH update, IPCC report and Climate Strategy update.		
1.2 Apologies received from: Dave Newton, Rob Brooker, Gilles Bergeron, Chris Quirk, Alex Minns, Caroline Knox, Kathy Domaille, Steve Hastings and Colin Rowland.		

1.3 ND shared on screen Minutes from last meeting held on the 24.03.22 and provided an overview. Confirmed all actions completed. Forum agreed previous minutes.	
1.4 Holly Jones introduced Abi Reynolds who has just joined the Climate Change Team within the IWC and is the Climate Change and Biosphere Coordinator. ND advised HJ has also been promoted within the IWC and will now be our Climate Change Delivery Manager and will be supported by Climate Change and Biosphere Coordinator who will also help support the administration of those MZCH to give RS more support.	
2. <u>MZCH Land Use Hub update</u>	
2.1 Rob Sauven took us through the land use hub presentation which was displayed onscreen.	
Q. Penny Acton: In the Eastern Yar, I saw a map that showed the footpaths and thinks this is where beaver reintroduction being considered. Is this building on what is already there? And how are people that are already involved in developing being involved?	
A: Rob confirmed they are building on what's there. We have involved RSBP, Hampshire and IW Trust and National Trust all of whom are in. The rest of the land, not all is owned by farmers including 3 farm clusters. Initiated by NDU but managed by AONB they are also involved. To enable us to put in an application each landowner/farmer had to provide a written letter of support. We hope to make farmers' lives easier by putting in a lot of the work relating to farmers.	
Q. Natasha Dix – have you engaged with Environment Agency?	
A. Rob confirmed, and they are a member of the hub.	
Q. Marianne Sullivan: We had our annual meeting last week which resulted in a disagreement. When we get to the harbour then everything goes pear shaped. Does your interest stop at the sluice gate at St Helens or is the harbour included?	
A. Rob advised doesn't know. In terms of specific agreements, the last landowner is RSPB, so this stops at edge of RSPB land and doesn't go into Bembridge harbour itself. Open to further discussion. Also, something for ND, as we look at the boundaries we need to discuss how we manage. ND- we need to look at that in both in terms of planned investment in defence area and how that downward waterflow affects area within the harbour.	
3. <u>Next Together for Mission Zero event</u>	
3.1 Nora Clinton: took us through the TFMZ presentation which was displayed onscreen.	
3.2 The next event will be held on the 15 th June 2022 at Café Isola at extended the invitation to all.	
3.3 ND it's important to link TFMZ with ESF to ensure networking/ideas stay consistent and continue to communicate.	
4. <u>IPCC: Climate mitigation and adaption reports</u>	
4.1 Holly Jones: took us through presentation which was displayed on screen.	
Q. Paul Fuller: you mentioned the decrease in carbon footprint for the island. How do you measure that? Can we publicise that as good news for IOW leading the way?	

A. The bay figure is slightly different from the figures in our climate strategy. The bay focusses more on scope 1 and 2 so almost entirely carbon dioxide. Figure in our strategy were slightly higher, that was from a report produced by Regen which include some further scope 3 emissions. There is about a 2 year lag in reporting and we are expecting 2020 figures over the summer.	
Q. Natasha Dix: like for like is there a true difference in reduction or is because of the data sources?	
A. looking at scope 1 and 2 there is a difference. Bays prefer scope 1 & 2 because more solid figures around energy use. In terms of scope 3 need to do some more calculations, I can investigate this and report back.	
ND: With regards to promoting those changes. What we can do is look at the climate strategy refresh, assess like for like, so we have a bit more certainty and we can be clear on how the IWC is leading the way and why it is slightly different from the original strategy.	
ACTION: HJ will circulate data provided in the presentation.	
5. <u>IWC climate strategy updates</u>	
5.1 Holly Jones: took us through presentation which was displayed onscreen.	
5.2 Natasha Dix: suggested talking to Nora about promoting Green Impact Programme through TFMZ. ACTION: HJ to look into prompting GIP through TFMZ	
Q. Cllr Cameron Palin: asked when the EV charging points that have been installed already, when will they be available for use?	
A. Expecting to be switched on over the summer and we are waiting for exact dates TBC. This may be to do with the connection agreements.	
Q. Marianne Sullivan: Can you confirm if the to be installed are fast chargers? Is there funding available for more charging points?	
A. Believe these are the rapid chargers which take approximately 1hour to charge. Will follow up on grants or schemes available	
ACTION: HJ To provide information on grants/schemes for EV charging points.	
Q. Dina Jung: what is the IWC doing to meet net zero for new builds, for example, insulation, solar panel, EV charging points and heat recovery systems.	
A. Paul Fuller: I have had a meeting with Rob Sauven and discussed priorities. We are looking at make new home as energy efficient as we can. I will be meeting with James Brewer to see if we can amend text within the Island Plan to focus more to wards net zero. Our old housing stock it is going to be more challenging.	
Q. Cllr Cameron Palin: How is the air quality monitored across the Island?	
A. Air quality is monitored in 12 locations and they are reported on a monthly average and a full report annually.	

<p>To date, no areas for concern above the annual average, one or two months in one area was slightly above recommended average for a month. no sites have been frequently above the recommended limits.</p> <p>Natasha Dix: provided Link for published annual statistic report. https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/Air-Quality/Air-Quality-Final-Reports</p>	
<p>Vince Ward: Future IoW are partnering with EcoWise for ECO4, We are currently doing ECO3 at the moment. In June ECO4 is coming out for a whole house retrofit for eligible households. We have an event on the 25th October</p>	
<p>Q. Matthew Whittaker: are you aware of who the operator for bike hire will be?</p>	
<p>A. Holly Jones: Currently not aware, we will share information once received.</p>	
<p>Q. Marianne Sullivan: Bembridge has set up their own sustainability group. We met yesterday and we have got a plan of what we are wanting to do, would you like us to send over our plans?</p>	
<p>A. Holly Jones: Yes please.</p>	
<p>6. Pre-submitted Questions</p>	
<p>Q: Is there an up-to-date plan for the upkeep of New Copse (an important area of ancient woodland) and is it available for public scrutiny? Is there one person who is responsible for ensuring that the plan is adhered to in a correct manner? Is there a plan to ensure that at this most critical time, when every tree matter, developers in particular will fast learn that there are consequences to their actions?</p>	
<p>A: IWC does not own/manage any land in the area according to the current property map, so we do not have a management plan for the area. I'm not sure who this area of land belongs to or who it is managed by.</p> <p>However, the area is designated as a SINC (Site of Importance to Nature Conservation) so there may be some restrictions to development on the site, but I don't have enough information available about the site's designation to determine what, exactly, applies at this site. I have approached Wild on Wight to see if they have further information but no reply yet.</p> <p>Regarding enforcement – the council will enforce complaints against tree damage, removal etc. where it is able to and when it is appropriate to do so. You may have seen an article in the County Press yesterday about the council taking someone to court for tree removal offences. Isle of Wight businessman to face trial over tree regulations Isle of Wight County Press</p> <p>The council can't enforce what we don't know about and we don't have eyes everywhere so if things go unreported, they will not be acted upon. If you see anything that you think should be reported please do so – details in chat/minutes Report unauthorised tree work (iow.gov.uk)</p>	
<p>Natasha Dix: It would be useful if we could populate a list of how you can report different environmental concerns across the council and circulate with the minutes.</p>	
<p>Q: Output 60 from the final and adopted version of the Climate and Environment Strategy (September 2021) shows a commitment to publish a new Waste and Minerals Plan in 2021 it seems. Has this happened yet? If not, when will it be done, and will this go through a public consultation before finalisation?</p>	

A: The dates listed in the strategy are start dates for when the council will begin working on each action, so 2021 was the start date for planning/drafting
This is actually due to begin in 2022 so my apologies – I think this was a typo on my part.
There is an existing Waste and Minerals Plan, but it is a few years old now so the new one will be an updated version of this – I'll add a link to the current version in the chat/minutes. I believe this was a part of the previous planning strategy.
Similar to the new Planning Strategy, the new waste plan will go through several rounds of drafting and consultation before being finalised.

Steve Davis: current waste and minerals plan doesn't mention fossil fuels.

Paul Fuller: There has been delays in the new Island Plan. I will speak to the officers involved.

Q: Bearing in mind the urgency of the security generals' speech, what does the IOW council intend to do to get itself and the people of this island off dangerous fossil fuels by 2025, that being the date proposed by the overwhelming number of scientists, i would suggest a massive public awareness campaign among any other proposals.

A: IWC is already working on decarbonising its buildings. We have almost completed works at 10 sites under Phase 1, including 538kWp (over half a megawatt) of solar PV installed on rooftops at 7 sites. Heat pumps have fully replaced gas boilers at 3 sites and partially replaced gas boilers at the remaining sites. This has been funded through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and we will continue to apply for funding in future rounds to carry on these works across the council estate.

The council remains strongly supportive of new renewable energy schemes across the Island. The council has invested in PTEC and as mentioned there are the new solar installations on council rooftops, from here we hope will be able to encourage more low carbon generation locally although there are still a lot of dependencies in terms of connection agreements. The energy hub (part of the MZCH) is actively working on strategic solutions. We will follow up with more information as this work progresses and will be inviting members of the energy hub to speak about this in detail at a future E&S forum as soon as they are ready to share details.

We appreciate there is a need for further public engagement around net zero activity in general and are working on a comms and engagement strategy.

Q. Diana Jung: Solar panels were free up to the 31st March under a grant. They problem was locally we don't have enough installers. Also, not many people were aware of this as doesn't feel this was publicised enough. If the opportunity arises again, can we have better publicity on this?

A. Natasha Dix: it is a common conversation regarding available skilled workers to carry out the works. Think we all agree better communication is needed.
Vince Ward: Agrees there is not enough suppliers on the island and agree need more advertisement.
Future IOW will be working under ECO04 on future schemes.

Q: How can the IWC Mission Zero Climate & Environment Strategy 2021-2040 be used by the public to:

- a) achieve the broad objectives set out for the Island? and ...
- b) develop the Island's circular economy? with ...
- c) reference to increasing the use of recycled aggregates for the construction industry, particularly as it is a strategic material with implications for the environment, housing, traffic, highways, etc and plans can cover a 10year span?

A: We expect the Mission Zero Community Hub to drive a lot of activity towards broad objectives, with the council supporting in areas where it can, as outlined in the action plan. How this works and how the action plan looks is expected to evolve over time (e.g. new research/technology being made available, some actions may become obsolete as general systems change, etc). We appreciate

there is a need for a broader engagement and comms strategy across the Island to drive individual engagement and the Together for Mission Zero events plus this forum are a starting point for that. We are working on developing a broader comms and engagement campaign and will share details at a later date.

Developing the Island's circular economy: there are already a number of initiatives on the Island, largely based around reuse (e.g. charity shops, reclamation yards, the collection service offered by the council) and we have the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on the Island. Although they are a global organisation, I know they are interested in local projects as well. While there is more to be done to design out waste, a large part of this will rely on broader policy (e.g. France a few years ago introduced a law against planned obsolescence) and businesses changing their processes.

Re. recycled building materials:

There are already 2/3 reclamation yards on the Isle of Wight already so there is some availability of reclaimed building material. What they offer may be more suitable for smaller scale rather than for large building projects – however I haven't visited either yard myself so can't be sure, this just often seems to be the case with reclamation centres.

There is at least one organisation on the Isle of Wight that produces recycled aggregate:

[Inert Recycling / Washed Screened Certificated Aggregates to series 600 Highways Specifications - Westridge Skip Hire Westridge Skip Hire \(westridge-skip-hire.co.uk\)](https://www.westridge-skip-hire.co.uk/)

They mostly sell to local construction companies and are therefore closing the loop around some types of building materials locally – however I don't have information around what % of materials used in construction on the island are new vs recycled.

Again, we know that more needs to be done around engagement and comms to improve circularity on the Island. We hope that the climate strategy will get the conversation started and get different audiences thinking. The Green Impact Programme which is being run by our colleagues in economic regen will also go a long way in getting businesses more involved.

Q: Do we still have a green garden waste waiting list? Will an extra vehicle still be added to the GGW round when there is enough demand from the list?

A: Yes, there is a waiting list. At this stage I don't think there are enough people on the waiting list to justify adding an extra vehicle to the green garden waste round, but the waiting list is growing, and we will provide any updates as received.

7. AOB

7.1 No AOB discussed.