

The Environment and Ecology Forum

Meeting: Thursday, 1st March 2018 at 6.00 pm in Meeting Room 1, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP

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AGENDA

	WELCOME LETTER
1.	APOLOGIES
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Members and Officers are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interest in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting, if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.
3.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (MAXIMUM 10 MINUTES)
4.	MINUTES (Pages 7 - 8) Minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd November 2017
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
6.	WHAT IS FRACKING? Piet Velzeboer on the geology and mechanics behind Fracking.
7.	AIR QUALITY A VIEW FROM THE CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILS Dave McConalogue of Gloucestershire County Council and Alex Mason from Gloucester City Council on what both authorities are doing to address the issue of air quality.
8.	INFORMATION EXCHANGE

	Members are invited to share information about forthcoming events and activities with the Forum.
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING TBC

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Dear Forum member

RE Environment and Ecology Forum 1st March 2018

Air quality has been an issue raised at a number of meetings. It has been a difficult area of work to get to grips with as although the City Council monitors air quality and publishes the Annual Status Report (ASR) as highway authority the County Council potentially have a big impact on air quality in the City. Fortunately we have representative from both levels of government to come and talk to us about it.

Also the topic of Fracking has been brought up in the past. We were hopeful of having a discussion at the last Forum but sadly our speaker was unwell. Thankfully he has found time to come along to this coming meeting so we will kick off with what should be factual account of what Fracking is and is not. Whether or not it is the right thing to do is something I am sure we will discuss.

I often say this but I do think this one will be a really interesting meeting so I do hope you can come along.

Yours Faithfully,

Richard Trelfa (Independent Chair of the Environment and Ecology Forum)

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E&E Thursday 2nd November 2017

Draft mins.

1. Andrew Harley wanted it to be known that he had no objection in principle to the meeting being recorded.
2. Richard suggested that if it was to be videoed then some sort of service plan would have to be in place prior to acceptance. This was accepted with minor variations.
3. Item 9. Air quality. Statement from Jonathan Whittaker to be circulated. Concerns were voiced regarding the incinerator and air quality in particular around lack of on the ground monitoring. Meyrick was going to try to get an outside speaker to come and talk about the issue. Cllr Cook was going to ask GlosVain.
4. Cllr Brown pointed out Tidal Lagoon Power had been bought up at PMQs. Sadly no new light shed on whether or not it would get the green light.
5. Item 6. Wayne Best gave a presentation on 4 projects he was involved in concerning habitat and flood management. All were related and looked at river management in a holistic manner by allowing rivers to flood more naturally into area of POS and slowing the flow of brooks and streams as they came off the Cotswolds escarpment. There were significant habitat gains - some such as the European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) biodiversity was the prime driver. Wayne passed round maps showing where some of the interventions were to take place. These were draft and were to give a flavour of what might happen as consultation had not yet occurred.
6. Wayne answered a number of questions - these confirmed that even though it is European money it was committed, that Westgate/Alney was not one of the schemes he was talking about and that a lot of work had been done since 2007. Wayne suggested he may be able to get a list of schemes together to circulate.
7. Item 7. Meyrick gave a brief synopsis of options for dealing with litter and low level environmental crime. There were a number of interventions available and they ranged from bringing outside contractors in to issue fixed penalty notices on people committing offences to encouraging community litter picks. All were being considered and it was likely that the City Council would produce a statement soon on how it was going to tackle the issue.
8. Suggestions included reducing the charge for bulky items. Having a round for bulky items once a month to being more proactive in terms marketing the options available to people.
9. Information exchange. Andrew Harley announced with sadness that the Kingsholm Tenants Group was being wound down. This was one of the oldest in the Country and had been active since the 50s.

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