

Forward Plan 2023

Introduction

The Council in July 2021, adopted four policy commitments to tackle the impact of climate change and to set up Menheniot Green as an ongoing working group to carry out project work in the parish.

The four Policies have guided and supported Menheniot Green to successfully deliver a number of projects since. See latest report to MPC April 2023.

When adopting the Policies, Councillors noted the progress against various individual projects.

This Forward Plan builds on that and identifies intended future projects.

The Policies

Policy 1 Leadership

1. The council will demonstrate leadership across the parish by working to best practice in all aspects of the management of its estate and assets.

Policy 2 Influencing

1. Where the council has no direct control over issues that may impact on climate change, it will use its best endeavours to influence other parish stakeholders.

Policy 3 Resources

1. The parish council can establish an annual budget for projects that can mitigate the impact of climate change and support movement towards a zero-carbon environment.
2. The funding could be drawn from reserves and determined in November as part of the council's annual financial review.

Policy 4 Planning

1. The council will discharge its duties as a consultee in the planning process to comply with all aspects of the Cornwall Local Plan 2010-2030 and its subsequent iterations.
2. It will apply all policies contained in the Menheniot Neighbourhood Development Plan that relate to climate change.

3. It will incorporate new policies arising from the Cornwall Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD), and other documents as they are adopted

The Council has acted on and implemented the above policies that are within its remit.

The Council has encouraged, facilitated and made available funds for a variety of projects across the parish involving many volunteer groups to improve our environment.

Some projects undertaken during the last period will be enhanced and further engagement encouraged to expand the scope and impact of the work in accordance with the policies as follows;

- (a) **Tree for life.** This scheme will be offered again to new starters at Menheniot Primary School. Each new starter will be offered a young tree to be planted and cared for.
- (b) **Wild flowers** This project resulted in wild flower beds being established in Merrymeet and East Road field. The beds will continue to be supported as necessary and further sites identified. A suggestion has been received from the Tennis Club for beds to be sown this year by the tennis courts. Residents and Community groups to be invited to suggest other areas that can be made into wild flower areas.
- (c) **Holy Well** Discussions between the Church and MPC have taken place as reported over the year leading to draft options. This project if it is proposed, is given a target start on site date of end 2023. Detailed proposals will be consulted on and brought to the Council at a future meeting. A sum of £500 will be requested to fund a detailed measured survey of the site to enable a detailed specification to be prepared.
- (d) **Community Garden and The Green** On going support for maintenance and enhancement of these assets.
- (e) **The Menheniot Gardens Day** In cooperation with garden owners and groups, to support and encourage a Menheniot Gardens Charity day through the National Garden Scheme to highlight the excellent gardens in the Parish and encourage more interest.
- (a) **Community Energy** A steering group has met intermittently since June 2022 with the intention of exploring the Geothermal energy generation opportunities in the parish. Whilst there has been approaches to potential partners, there has been slow progress. The changes in the economy has not helped the prospect of potential investment in such schemes. Discussions are currently taking place to identify the most likely potential sites in the Parish for further detailed study.

Action These are the key actions for Menheniot Green in 2023

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