



## Meeting Notes | 6 December 2024

Time: 2.30pm - 4.20pm  
 Location: Menheniot Old School

Present: Cllr Adrian Cole (Chair); Robert Diamond; Jane Sandford; Cllr Peter Luck; Cllr Keith Goldsmith; Cllr Sean Smith; Alan Sedgley; Mr Rodney Barnett; Jennie Harrison; Amanda Raynham-Dobb; Cllr Tony Ball; John Hesketh (admin)

Apologies: Jaynene White

### Aim of meeting

Review of previous 12 months work and discussion on 2025 projects in order to create a draft action plan.

	Topic	Actions/Notes
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; introductions</b>                      AC reminded the meeting that Menheniot Green is a joint enterprise that brings parish councillors and residents together to work on projects that will respond positively to the challenges of climate change and improve the natural environment.</p>	<p>You can read more about MG on the parish council's website  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3wrx8smw">https://tinyurl.com/3wrx8smw</a></p>
2	<p><b>Review of last year projects and actions</b>  <b>Village in Bloom</b>  <i>Keith explains the difference between NGS (charity) and BMM (competition) that have different aims with different future plans.</i></p> <p><b>National Gardens Scheme</b>  <i>Keith will enter via the Gardening Club in 2025, starts planning in the spring. Has 8-9 gardens already signed up. All gardens need to be within walking distance (which may exclude Merrymeet) but all agreed would be beneficial to link Menheniot village and Merrymeet together.</i></p>	<p>All agreed that Menheniot would enter the RHS Village Pennant Category again in 2025.</p> <p>MG will coordinate the Village entry but individual groups may enter their own projects. See <a href="https://tinyurl.com/537tp3j3">https://tinyurl.com/537tp3j3</a> and scroll down to 'newsletters'</p> <p>John to produce personalised certificates for donors and sponsors for Keith to deliver. Article for parish magazine.</p> <p>Merrymeet will consider its own NGS entry for 2026</p>

	<p><b>Tree of Life primary school</b> 17 out of 18 reception class families took a tree in 2023. We expect 16 to take up the offer this winter.</p> <p><b>Wilding and wild flower beds</b> RHS judges very impressed by flower bed in playing field on East Road and wilding on Mine Hill.</p> <p><b>Community Garden</b> (Trelawny Road) Needs to publicise itself and attract more volunteers.</p> <p>Weeds need removing</p> <p><b>Geothermal energy projects</b> MPC had had discussions with Cornish geothermal company in 2023 who had identified three potential sites inside the parish. No progress to date from company.</p> <p>This topic is already included in sustainability curriculum at primary school.</p>	<p>A R-D will get photos of last years' trees and any feedback from children.</p> <p>Tony &amp; John to collect this years trees next week.</p> <p>MPC will continue to support these schemes in 2025.</p> <p>Keith will organise photos and an article for church magazine. John to source and cost signage.</p> <p>John to cost non-glyphosate options.</p> <p>Adrian will resume discussions with geo company and report back.</p>
3	<p><b>New projects and areas of activity</b> Habitats Community composting Reaction and involvement on the published Cornwall Residents Energy Plan</p> <p>Input into future vision for East Rd playing field</p> <p>Willow Garden (cricket ground) No longer usable or accessible, and CC members reluctant to maintain until future lease options agreed. Have installed new electronic scoreboard for coming season.</p> <p>Residents Energy Plan All agreed this was a project for MG</p> <p>EV Charging Keith asked the group to consider the topic. MPC has spoken with a commercial company who did not consider demand was high enough.</p>	<p>New MG coordinators will examine these suggestions</p> <p>Alan R interested in contributing</p> <p>MG welcomes opportunity to work more closely with CC.</p> <p>MG working group to consider as a project.</p> <p>MPC had previously considered this in April 2023 and rejected proposal: report here <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3kcsmezv">https://tinyurl.com/3kcsmezv</a> MG to include in its review list.</p>
4	<p><b>Confirm the MG Working Group terms of reference:</b></p>	

	<p>Work needed to improve communication between different parts of the working group</p> <p><i>One parish councillor will volunteer to link all parts of the working group together. Needs to be able to move quickly so that decisions can be made easily.</i></p> <p><i>Each village needs a local representative to link to main group so that everyone knows what is happening.</i></p>	<p>Peter Luck, Sean Smith and Tony Ball agree to lead MG. One will volunteer to lead and report back to MPC meetings (not just on the competition). Will review Terms of Reference and circulate for agreement.</p> <p>Volunteers needed from Menheniot Village, Pengover Green, Merrymeet (Do you need a volunteer from Lower Clicker, Island Shop and Doddycross?)</p>
6	<p><b>Next steps</b></p> <p>Meeting notes to be circulated to people attending and published on MPC MG website.</p>	

### Abbreviations

BMM	Blooming Marvellous Menheniot
CC	Cricket Club (Menheniot Looe Club)
EV	Electric Vehicle
MG	Menheniot Green
MPC	Menheniot Parish Council
NGS	National Gardens Scheme
RHS	Royal Horticultural Society
WG	Working Group