

## **Menheniot Green**

Progress report and Work Plan for Menheniot Parish Council from

Cllr Adrian Cole Chair MPC

20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### **Introduction**

A meeting was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to reflect on the project work undertaken last year and to propose a work plan for the next year for consideration by the Parish Council.

It was also an opportunity to confirm the Working Groups Terms of Reference and whether any changes were recommended.

The meeting was well attended and presented a good representation of those involved.

The minutes of that meeting form part of and are referenced in this report.

### **Review of projects 2024.**

It was recognised that again Cllr Keith Goldsmith had led the Menheniot Village's very successful entry to the National Open Garden Scheme. Keith was congratulated on his efforts in bringing together 5 private gardens and three community spaces to be enjoyed by the visitors who attended and for the monies raised for the RHS nominated charities. The open gardens also contributed to the judges visit for the Village in Bloom competition.

Building on that interest Menheniot Green on behalf of the Parish entered the RHS Village in Bloom Pennant Cup. The entry won overall with a gold award and took the cup. Well done to all, individuals and community groups and thanks to all of our sponsors which meant that the project was self funding. Sponsors have been thanked personally and given a copy of the certificate. Some additional awards were given for individual elements and community areas.

Tree of life project continues with 16 taking up the offer of a tree at the start of the current school year.

Wilding and wild flowers bed these brought a lot of pleasure to residents and impressed the judges in the Village in Bloom.

Community Garden is thriving and again an intrinsic part of the local community.

Geothermal Energy has not progressed as far as was hoped due to external shifts in the market for renewables and economic uncertainty.

## **Work plan**

RHS Village Pennant Cup it is proposed that Menheniot Green enter this year. Groups can still enter their own individual projects.

NGS It was hoped that the Garden Clubs would work together and encourage more gardens to open.

Tree of life to continue with MPC support

MPC to continue to support the community spaces and wild flower beds.

Continue to push for opportunities in the Parish for geothermal energy projects.

## **New Projects**

Habitats including community composting.

Support and input to Cornwall Residents Energy Plan

Input into MPC Vision for East Rd field.

Opportunity to work with the Cricket Club on future projects.

Opportunity to support EV charging provision in the Parish

These suggestions will be further considered and developed by MG for future consideration by the Parish Council including financial support at the March meeting.

## **Review of terms of reference**

It was agreed that one Councillor would take the role of Link and local representatives to report to the main group through the link Councillor.

Councillors present all volunteered to be part of the leadership of Menheniot Green together with a clear interest from the community groups. Subsequently it was suggested to Councillors the following be appointed subject to agreement.

It was proposed that the following representatives be asked to support Councillor Sean Smith as Link Councillor ;

Open Gardens and ViB Cllr Keith Goldsmith working with the Gardening Clubs and individuals.

Habitat Jaynene White and Rob Diamond.

Energy matters Cllr Sean Smith working with Cllr Adrian Cole.

Open spaces Cllr Steve Roberts consulting with MSA,MLCC, Cllr Keith Goldsmith and supported by Cllr Peter Luck.

The Meeting is requested to note the work of Menheniot Green and support the planned projects for the coming year.

Cllr Adrian Cole  
February 2025