

John Wheatley College

Board of Management

Sustainable Development Committee

Minutes of the Sustainable Development Committee held on Wednesday 29th September 2004 at 3.00pm in Room F/01, Easterhouse Campus.

1. Sederunt

The meeting commenced at 3pm and was attended by:

A Inglis(Chair);
F Doyle;
J Brown;
M Grant;
H Dunlop;
D Thomson (from 3.10pm; and
I Graham, Principal (Ex officio);

In Attendance

S Wilkie (for recording purposes only)

2. Apologies

A Kirk

Mr Inglis welcomed members to the first Committee meeting. He advised members that the running order of the agenda had been slightly amended.

3. Remit of Sustainable Development Committee.

The Chair spoke to this item and advised members of the remit of this Committee.

Mr Graham advised that ISO 14001 should be placed on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

The Principal noted that the schedule of meetings for this Committee should be included within the Terms of Reference. It was agreed that a new point 5 should be included in the paper.

Mr Graham thanked everyone for expressing their interest in membership of this Committee.

4. Correspondence

(a) Scottish Executive - Access to Environmental Information

Mr Graham advised that Alex Kirk would attend this event. Mr Doyle asked whether he should also attend. Mr Graham advised that only one delegate would be sent to this conference from the College and advised Mr Doyle to speak to Mr Kirk.

(b) Scottish Executive - Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill - A Consultation

I Graham confirmed that the College has up until 29 October 2004 to respond on the Executive's proposals regarding Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which is set out in the consultation paper and draft Bill.

The Principal noted that the College may respond but indicated that much of the consultation document will have little impact on the College.

He asked that members send any comments to him by mid October.

(c) Contacts - Sustainability

Mr Graham advised that contact should be made with the following individuals;

- (a) June Thomas(Stow College)
- (b) Glasgow City Council, Development and Regeneration Services (Ken Harris & Amanda Waugh

The Principal noted that contact should possibly be made with Scottish Enterprise Glasgow regarding heating for the building and the possible use of woodchip as a form of heating. Mr Doyle agreed to do this.

Mr Graham confirmed that the appointment of Architects for the new build would be made next week. The main issues for discussion would be water harvesting, possible use of solar heating and whether this is cost effective. The College would employ Consultants to advise the College what the best option would be available to the College.

The Chair advised that he and Ms Dunlop would discuss and agree between them who was contacting the above individuals.

5. ERDF Application for Haghill/South Cartyne

Mr Graham spoke to this item and advised members that the College has made a submission for ERDF under measure 3.1 Community Based Regeneration and advised that the new Haghill site is in a SIP area (Social Inclusion Partnership).

The Principal noted that the College was involved in a campaign with the Funding Council to have a wireless ICT system for students in the Glasgow area. He emphasised that it would cost the College £100,000 to connect the new build Clydenet.

Mr Graham then discussed key areas within the application. Unisex toilets would be established in each floor of the building. Under Part 3 8(f) Environmental Impact/Resource Efficiency. He advised that the drainage system within the East End and the use of local, on-site effluent treatment on the site would cost the College approximately £30,000. One of the College's proposals is that of 'water harvesting' this means the collection of water by the use of a tank which could be located under the car park. Mr Graham confirmed that there would be planning issues associated to this however 95% of water could be recycled within this building.

The Principal emphasised that the life expectancy of this building would be approximately 60 years.

He also noted that the College will be using the BREAM System.

Mr Graham confirmed that the College has planned its new building within the context of Glasgow City Council's Local Agenda 21(LA21) Framework.

Members agreed to note the contents of the ERDF application.

6. JWC Sustainable Development Policy

Mr Graham reported that this paper would be presented to the Board meeting in November.

The Principal advised that the College seeks to build on its Environmental Policy of 1993 and would ensure that the following points are at the heart of its mission;

- a) make suitability a corporate priority
- b) develop and delivery appropriate teaching and research
- c) contribute to stable community building
- d) maintain and develop and College in a sustainable manner
- e) monitor and report on progress towards sustainability

The Principal informed members that he was proposing to submit this paper forward to the Board and welcomed comments from members. Mr Inglis suggested that a section be inserted into the last page of the document under 'waste' a paragraph explaining the disposal of computers etc. Mr Inglis advised that he will make contact with the Wise Group.

Mr Graham asked member to submit their comments by mid October.

7. JWC Sustainable Travel Plan for Haghill/South Carntyne Campus

Mr Graham spoke to this paper and advised members that the College has decided to adopt a Sustainable Travel Plan for all users of the new building in the Haghill/South Carntyne campus.

The Principal confirmed that a railway station would be in close proximity to the new building, a new national cycle route is planned and a regular bus service would be maintained.

Mr Graham advised that during induction periods staff and students would be advised of the advantages of public transport and provide timetables for buses and trains on notice-boards.

The Principal confirmed that a car parking permit system would be implemented as this would control the amount of vehicles using the site.

Members agreed to note the contents of this draft report.

8. Green Schools: Management Strategies

The Principal spoke to this report and advised members that the John Calbot School in Bristol was built using these design strategies. He confirmed that it is extremely difficult to manage a sustainable development building as this would lead to a overlapping in education and management.

Members agreed to note this paper.

9. Greens Job Strategy - Consultation Exercise

Mr Graham spoke to this report and advised members that the College has responded to the Scottish Executive's Green Jobs Consultation Exercise.

Mr Graham confirmed that the College believes that the Executive could provide more direction via the Scottish Funding Councils to post-school education providers and emphasised the need for ISO 14001 to be imbedded in the quality system.

The Principal asked Helen Dunlop whether she had anything to add, she replied that a paragraph about health is required.

Mr Graham advised members to provide comments to him by lunch time tomorrow.

10. Closure

Having discussed all items on the agenda the Chair of the Committee thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 4.35pm.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 30 November 2004 at 3pm in the Easterhouse Campus.