

Eco Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 30th March, 4 - 5 pm

Student Liaison Office

Attendees:

Elise Cox (Student, Project Officer)

Angel Dunlop (Student, Committee Secretary)

Vlad Basiuk (Student, Treasurer)

Jon McLeod (Staff / Eco Schools Coordinator)

Danny Topping (Staff)

Apologies:

Alexis Leigh Thompson (Communications Officer)

Nick Andrews (Staff, Estates Manager)

Kurtis Kirby (Chair)

1) Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

No items were raised.

2) Review of Oceans Week

Good points

- £315.00 raised for UOCEAN 2050
- Sales good - lots of interest
- Stalls well attended - good range
- Fun to organise / do
- Some costumes / a lot of blue
- Message got across
- Difficult to ignore
- Visible
- Craft items sold well
- Questions / areas to look out

To improve:

- Sealife - questions raised about their reputation e.g. standards of care of fish, even though they do conservation work and beach cleans
- Dress up - could have had more take-up (but Ofsted Inspection probably affected this a bit)
- Cakes - no vegan offer / or not labelled as such
- More games would be good

3) Progress with Action Plan and monitoring

The group looked through the updated and final working version of the action plan. There was support for all elements of it and it was noted that it has been 'trimmed' to make it more realistic within the timescale we have.

 Eco Schools Action Plan 2024-25Updated

Comments on some of the actions /topic areas:

Biodiversity: The 'dead hedge' a good idea - Elise has an idea of what works on this.

Healthy living: Vegan food day - Danny has not heard from Karl yet to confirm the plant-based food promotion.

The group discussed the plant-based and vegetarian offer in the college catering outlets.

It was felt that the vegetarian choices were generally OK. There are often no vegetarian paninis in Relish and the idea of the International days being predominantly plant-based seems to not been acted upon.

Action: Danny, Vlad and Alex will be working on the ‘Healthy Living’ aspect of the plan and will reach out to Sue Flynn the catering manager again about the plans and the concerns raised.

Jon noted that from his discussions with the Student Union in the run-up to Oceans Week, it is clear that they have concerns about the catering too - largely around cost. It would be worth working together with the Student Union on student voice about the catering provision.

The Committee members then split up to look at the monitoring forms for the three areas. The main points are recorded in the links below.

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[!\[\]\(a03a7eb2f4046e1d3c76772003e549ea_img.jpg\) Monitoring and Evaluation Tool 24/25 Marine](#)

[!\[\]\(cbe2492b119e39e02a1dab2af4a4b296_img.jpg\) Monitoring and Evaluation 24/25 Healthy Living](#)

4) Date/focus of the next meeting

Monday 28th April, 4 - 5 pm, Committee Room.

- Main item - planning for the ‘plant-based food’ event / promotion
- Monitoring updates for the 3 action plan areas
- Sharing Action Plan progress with the college community in different ways and getting more people involved

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