

Climate and Zero Carbon (CWP) meeting
Held on 20th April 2026
MINUTES

In attendance:

Randall Anderson
Alicia Villagr  Ayuso
Jo Boait
James Manningmore
Jan-Marc Petroschka
Fred Rodgers
David Preston (Secretary)
Richard Setchim (Chair)
Stephan Solomonidis

Apologies:

Humfrey Brandes
Anne Corbett

1. AMBUE study update

The Chair reported that Dan Sanders has yet to reply to his email about the AMBUE study but as soon as this is received, he will forward this response to the CWP members. The Chair also stated that Dan had confirmed that the study was not just about heating but cooling too. There will be two reports, a winter and summer one. The CWP have yet to receive official clarification on timelines and scope of the study. *(Update: Dan has offered to meet with CWP to discuss what next steps they are preparing and potential CWP support. David Preston is looking for a suitable meeting date).*

2. Objectives / Purpose

All members present at the meeting were asked to write on post-in notes what they consider their three most important objectives for the CWP. The completed notes were categorised into the following groupings:

BEO Engagement

The Heating system
The Building Envelope
Landlord improvements
Energy production
Low demand periods using renewables
Building Management System (BMS) efficiency

Guidance for Residents

Small practical projects
Advice to residents
Specific carbon reduction projects
Energy containment
Guidance
Mandate
Opinion of residents
Cooling
Self-help for residents

Strategy

10-15 Year Plan
Governance
Chair of CWP
Timings
Budget issues for CWP

Finance

Grants
Cost benefit/affordability
Financing

Communications/Guidance/Data

Data analysis
Data sharing
Sounding board for BEO/City of London
Listing advice on what will and won't get listing
Input to AMBUE

Through brainstorming of the list above, the CWP agreed on three things they intend to tackle pending / following input to the Ambue study which remains the priority:

- (i) Produce a list of statements the CWP want the BEO to think about when they are undertaking their next major projects.
- (ii) Distribute a set of self-help items for residents, distributed through the usual channels including the quarterly Barbican Life magazine.
- (iii) Survey residents about what interventions they have made in their flat and what they want to see achieved (Data Capture).

3. Terms of Reference

The Chair reiterated that CWP is a working party with a task-oriented remit, reporting into the Residents Consultation Committee (RCC) and the Barbican Association General Council (BAGC). It was noted that the CWP does not hold decision-making authority. When the CWP finishes tasks, it effectively steps back, with outputs passed to decision-making bodies, such as the Barbican Residential Committee for funding and/or action.

Members were encouraged to read the CWP Terms of Reference that had been circulated and is available on the Google Drive. As many of the tasks previously allocated to CWP are now incorporated into AMBUE's scope, it is evident these require updating. However, amendment of Barbican committee Terms of Reference is on hold pending the outcome of the Governance review which is in progress.

4. Communications

CWP minutes and other reports are fed to both the BAGC and the RCC. The Barbican RCC meetings are recorded and uploaded to YouTube. However, communication to residents is inconsistent and often relies on individual RCC reps producing updates.

It was agreed that to increase transparency and consistency, the Barbican Association (BA) website administrator should attach the CWP presentations and minutes to the BA website under 'Events' so that interested members can download the documentation from all meetings.

It was also agreed that a condensed report of CWP meetings would be placed in the BA Newsletter that reaches all Barbican flats.

5. Matters of Interest

The Chair reported being on the City of London climate action mailing list. It was noted there is limited residential housing content in their publications but flagged one item of interest - low-carbon building research upgrades being done on inner city churches. A paper relating to this is now on the CWP Google Drive. Also, a project using waste heat and underground energy sources (including London underground heat) was highlighted as a potential model to reference when presenting retrofitting.

The Green Champions network was noted as providing useful engagement and leverage opportunities with enthusiastic young City staff involved. James Manningmore stated that he regularly gives a presentation to university student audiences describing listed-building retrofit projects and case studies.

The idea of plug-in solar panels was raised. Stephan Solominidis volunteered to research the technical, regulatory and practical aspects of these panels and report back to the group.

(Update: Done and circulated to CWP and Dan Sanders).

6. Closure

The meeting closed after confirming actions on communications and document uploads. Members will await the uploading of minutes and published materials on the Google Drive and the BA website. This will include a condensed CWP meeting summary to appear on the BA website 'Events' calendar which will reduce repetitive legwork when engaging stakeholders. This summary will also be disseminated via the BA Newsletter.