

Regenerate NPT Meeting
10am, 18th February 2015
Venue: Canolfan Maerdy

Present: Richard Walters – Chair

Julia Jenkins (JJ)
Natasha Lewis (NL)
Rhysian Pengilley (RP)
Suzette Phillips (SP)
Emma Wilcox (EW)
John Davies (JD)
Carys Miles (CM)
Alison Owen (AO)
Greg Kaminaris (GK)
Tony McGetrick (TMG)
Lynda Williams (LW)
Catrin Evans (CE)
John Evans (JE)
Julie Bibby (JB)
Ben Riseborough

Apologies for Absence

Clive Ball, Councillor Taylor, Peter Hunter, Ian Whitehead-Ross, Tony Potts, Ian Isaac, Sue Reed, Len Preece, Dan McCallum, Angeline Spooner-Cleverly

1. Welcome, introductions and Apologies

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Everyone agreed the minutes from the previous meeting

3. Matters arising

Email addresses have now been added to the members contact list in the member's handbook. JJ asked the group to inform the RDP Team if there are any errors on the contact list.

Dates of the Regenerate NPT meetings for 2015 have been emailed out to everyone.

4. LDS Approval

JJ referred to appendix 2, LDS approval letter. JJ informed the group that the LDS has been approved; there are a few alterations to make which need to be completed by June 2015. JJ explained that the LDS and the proposed structure for the Administrative Body and Implementation budget will now be taken forward as previously agreed. The Board were happy to proceed in this way.

The RDP Team will attend a training course on Thursday 26th February; this training day will introduce the new online claims system. JJ informed the group that the next round of RDP will formally start in September 2015. JJ suggested that in the next Regenerate NPT meeting the LAG

carry out a prioritisation exercise for all the EOIs received to date. Projects should be staggered throughout the programme. The Delivery Profile submitted on-line following the training session will require a breakdown of funding on an annual basis, this profile will have to be adhered to.

5. Brecon Beacons National Park Collaborative Projects

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority has got in touch with LAGS located in the Park boundary to see if any projects can work collaboratively. JJ and BR met with this group last week and Brecon Beacons National Park have 2 ideas they would like to focus collaborative project around. They would like to run a transport project relating to linking tourist attractions both inside and outside the Park and another project around food tourism. these projects fit in with the priorities of the Regenerate NPT LDS and 10% of LEADER funding in NPT has been earmarked for collaborative projects. JD stated that he is already part of the Brecon Beacons Sustainable Tourism Partnership and is involved with discussions around public transport and access to the Park. The park Authority will set up work-shops to develop the projects in more detail. JJ will keep the LAG informed of progress.

6. Think Links final report

BR explained the contents of the report to the group. The Think Links project has run for 3 years. The final report was completed in December 2014. The final number of people who took part in the project was around 800 people. The conclusion identified 11 project ideas which were then fed into the LDS, the project ideas are:

- Broadband exploitation programme
- Tourism support service
- Public transport improvements on evenings and weekends
- Further promotion and development of mountain biking in NPT
- Encouraging local producer markets and shops
- Cycle and walking trails
- Skills development for rural residents
- Green energy for rural communities
- Volunteering opportunities for rural residents
- Farm diversification support services
- Social enterprise development support

7. The final report will be sent to cabinet in April 2015 **Project appraisal process training session**

JJ went through the project appraisal process which was included in the LDS that WG have approved and asked them to score an example of a project.

Stage 1 of the process will be down to the lead body

Stage 2 will be scored outside of the meeting, and members will have a few weeks to do this. Results will then be discussed in the meetings.

Stage 3 is the same as stage 2. This process has not yet been finalised and this training session will test the process and any anomalies will be

identified and corrected so that the LAG are happy that the process is robust and transparent.

BR and SP have been out to visit projects leads to help them with the EOI process and application process. JJ informed group that when an EOI or project application is passed to the LAG members for scoring it has already been through checks with the Lead Body, therefore all information needed should be on the forms. JJ informed the group that the second stage EOI's will be completed by March 2015. No projects will be starting before September 2015.

The group carried out the mock scoring of a project and the following points were raised:

- A question relating to market research on the Stage 2 form would be useful.
- The full application form should be checked by the Lead Body to ensure the financials are correct.
- If the financials are not correct the Lead Body will inform the LAG at the meeting who will discuss if they have a chance to resubmit.
- The Lead Body to check that pointers raised by the LAG at Stage 2 have been addressed in the Stage 3 application before it is scored.
- The LAG would like the Lead Body to consider a realistic outcomes question on the Stage 3 application along with a weighting of scoring with the most importance being on outcomes.

JJ stated that these suggestions will be addressed.

8. AOB

No comments were made