

## Regenerate NPT (LAG)

**Meeting: 10am, 10th December 2015**

**Venue: Croeserw Community Centre**

### **PRESENT:**

Sue Reed – NPTCBC

Alison Owen – DANSA

John Evans – NSA Afan

Ian Whitehead-Ross – Whitehead-Ross Education & Consulting

Peter Hunter – Blaenhonddan Community Council

Clive Ball – NPTC Group

Carys Miles – NPTCVS

Angeline Spooner-Cleverly – NPTCBC

John Davies – BayTrans

Cathy Lewis – Tourism Swansea Bay

Julie Mallinson – NPTCU

Steve Mallinson – NPTCU

Les Hughes – NPTCU

Ben Riseborough – NPTCBC RDP

Bethan Blackmore – NPTCBC RDP

Suzette Phillips – NPTCBC RDP

Jonathan Morris – NPT Homes

Len Preece – Canolfan Maerdy

Julie Davies – NPTCBC

Rebecca Sharp – NPTCBC

Sarah Fowler – NPTCBC

Emma Wilcox – NPTCBC

Susan Chilcott – NPTCBC

Cllr. A. J. Taylor – NPTCBC

Natasha Lewis - NPTCBC

### **APOLOGIES:**

Tony Potts – NPTCVS

Cllr. David Lewis

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> AT welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded.	
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> Minutes were approved. Sue Reed noted that she was present in the last meeting.	
3	<b>Matters arising not on agenda:</b> There were no matters arising.	

4	<p><b>LAG Membership:</b>  BB explained to the group that there are currently 24 members of the LAG. BB will email a list of these members to everyone. BB asked the group to ensure that if they are unable to attend a meeting would they please send their apologies.  Cllr Marian Lewis would like to join the LAG and also Jonathan from Warm Wales. Both members were approved by the LAG subject to paperwork.</p>	BB
5	<p><b>State Aid update:</b>  BR asked everyone to refer to the handout. BR explained to the group that all project applications are being sent to Neil at Welsh Government to check for State Aid before the project can be approved.</p> <p><b>Awel Amman Tawe</b> - this project will offer shares which are classed as commercial activity. The decision to withdraw this application has been accepted.</p> <p><b>DANSA, Bio Future</b> - There are businesses already offering this. The decision to withdraw this application has been accepted.</p> <p><b>DANSA, wheels to work</b> - As this project will involve hiring out mopeds, this is seen as commercial activity. The decision to withdraw the application has been accepted.</p> <p><b>Credit Union</b> - This project is seen as contributing to commercial activity. BR doesn't agree with this decision as this business is a non profit organisation. Awaiting further information from Neil.</p> <p><b>Green Business</b> - Stage 3 application has been approved. One element of this project which is capital work is seen as commercial activity. The project is currently in talks with other match funders.</p> <p>All other projects that have been sent to Neil have no State Aid, but there are a few projects still left to send.</p>	
6	<p><b>RCDF Scoring Proposals:</b>  BR explained to the group that RCDF is the capital side of LEADER. A few projects have put together an EOI and the deadline for all EOI is 31st January 2016. After this deadline Welsh Government will collect all applications for NPT and send them back to the LAG. The LAG will then approve these projects based on their strategies.  BR proposed to the group that there should be a RCDF panels created within the LAG members who will look at all the projects and come back to the wider group with their recommendations. The group were happy with this</p>	

	proposal. BR asked for anyone who is interested in sitting on the panel to contact the RDP Team.	
7	<p><b>Stage 2 applications update &amp; results of project appraisals:</b> 5 stage 2 applications, 3 stage 3 applications.</p> <p><b>Age connect</b> - No conflict of interest. This project fits in with theme 5. <b>Approved to stage 3.</b></p> <p><b>South Wales Miners Museum</b> - No conflict interest. This project originally put in a different application which was not eligible; they have now submitted a new application. <b>Approved to stage 3.</b></p> <p><b>Pontardawe Riverside Centre</b> - No conflict of interest. The group asked if the project could clarify if the people accessing the services will be from rural areas. Also the group asked if the project could address any duplication with other services already existing. <b>Approved to stage 3 but asked to clarify points brought up.</b></p> <p><b>NPTCVS/DOVE/GTC</b> - Carys Miles left the room. NPTCVS will take the lead on this project. <b>Approved to stage 3.</b></p> <p><b>Ffilm Cymru</b> - No conflict of interest. <b>Approved to stage 3.</b></p>	
8	<p><b>Stage 3 Project Presentations + questions &amp; answering + final decisions:</b></p> <p><b>Credit Union</b> - Clive Ball left the room. IWR asked for a breakdown of the staff costs which was presented. The funding for the staff costs will be used to increase the hours of part time staff. Credit Union left the meeting. BR informed the group that there are still concerns under State Aid for this project. <b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Tourism Project</b> - Cllr Taylor left the room. The job role will help businesses to market themselves. There could be a link for this project with biodiversity. The Tourism Development Officer will be recruited through NPTCBC recruitment processes. <b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Whitehead Ross</b> - John Davies left the room. SC asked why has an activity provider outside of the County Borough been chosen rather than a local centre (i.e. Margam or the discovery Centre). Ian explained that</p>	

	<p>children preferred to travel outside of their local area as it increases their enjoyment of the experience. He also informed the group that a local minibus company is used. CM asked if the children from all rural wards will actually benefit as stated in their application. Ian replied that probably not all will benefit but they will all be given the opportunity. They are consulting the Youth Service as a method of actually attracting service users, and the search will have a wide range. Ian also stated that only young people in our designated rural wards would benefit. Cathy Lewis left the meeting.</p> <p><b>Approved.</b></p>	
9	<p><b>AOB:</b> BR informed the group that any members that have not completed the project scoring training will be contacted by the RDP team to arrange this.</p>	