

## Regenerate NPT (LAG)

Meeting: 10am, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Venue: Aberdulais Visitors Centre

### PRESENT:

Catherine Linnie – Godden – South Wales Miners Museum  
Bethan Blackmore - NPTCBC  
Rhysian Pingilley – Glynneath Training Centre  
Julie Bibby – Dove  
Carys Miles - NPTCVS  
Lynn Bray – South Wales Chamber of Commerce  
Catrin Evans - NPTCBC  
Jonathan Cosson – Warm Wales  
Angeline Spooner-Cleverly - NPTCBC  
Neil Thomas - NPTCBC  
Tony Potts - NPTCVS  
John Davies – Welsh Government  
Wayne Slade – Unite Neath & Disc Trades Council  
Jonathan Morris – NPT Homes  
Ian Whitehead-Ross – Whitehead-Ross Education & Consulting  
John Evans – NSA Afan  
Clive Ball – NPTC Group  
Lynda G Williams – GCG Community Council  
Peter Hunter – Blaenhonddan Community Council  
John Davies – BayTrans  
Marian A Lewis – F.S.B  
Natasha Lewis – NPTCBC  
Ben Riseborough – LAG Manager NPTCBC

### APOLOGIES:

Alison Owen  
Emma Wilcox  
John Cronin  
Susan Chilcott  
Len Preece  
Cllr. Antony Taylor  
Cllr. David Lewis

Item No.	Subject	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded.	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> Minutes were approved. Rhysian noted that she sent her apologies for last meeting.	
3.	<b>Matters arising not on agenda</b> There were no matters arising.	
4.	<b>LAG Advisory Roles</b> Ben informed the group that Lisa Willis from the European Team will be advising the RDP team on all projects that are	

	<p>available and will be checking through our funding applications to make sure no existing projects are being duplicated.</p> <p>Ben will inform the group of information being passed on from Lisa.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Rural Programme Update</b></p> <p>Bethan went through the handout with the group.</p> <p>Marian Lewis – there is no broadband in the rural areas which causes a big problem for businesses in those areas.</p> <p>John, Welsh Government – John informed the group that there is an ICT team in place in WG. John informed the group that they should bring this issue up with their minister and John will also feed this issue back to WG.</p>	RDP team
6.	<p><b>LDS Revisions</b></p> <p>Ben informed the group that a revised LDS has to be with Welsh Government by the end of March.</p> <p>Ben went through the handout explaining all the targets. Ben explained the additional LAG targets and informed the group that these targets will not be monitored by Welsh Government but will be monitored by the RDP Team.</p> <p>Catrin – what evidence is needed?</p> <p>Ben – the RDP team are coming up with a framework for these targets and once this has been done these targets and the framework will be sent out to the projects.</p> <p>Marian – brought up the issue of tourism being non-existent in NPT</p> <p>Ben – the LAG have supported a tourism project.</p> <p>Lynda – Can GP services apply for funding, to assist people in getting to them?</p> <p>Ben – the surgeries themselves can't apply, but there could be potential for a community group to apply for a transportation project.</p>	RDP team
7.	<p><b>Stage 2 applications update &amp; results of project appraisals</b></p> <p><b><u>Pull together project</u></b></p> <p>No conflict of interest</p> <p>2 year project, £64k</p> <p>32/55 average score</p> <p>Medium priority</p> <p>Ian – lottery application is this ongoing? Ben informed the group that the lottery application is still ongoing.</p> <p>Ian - Is this project dependant on both funding applications, this needs to be clarified.</p> <p>Ben – a lot of skills development-related projects are coming to us for funding. There is possible duplication here with other schemes.</p> <p>Lynda – these similar projects should be working together.</p> <p>John, BayTrans – The application mentions community transport, but there are already experts in this field.</p> <p>Rhysian – there is a need for these types of projects to work</p>	

	<p>together.  <b>Not approved</b> – go back with recommendations.</p> <p><b><u>Working with nature</u></b>  Catrin Evans left the room  This project will be run by the Countryside and Wildlife Team.  3 year project, £100k  38/55 average score  Medium priority  This project has the potential to be County Borough wide.  This project hopes to achieve 500 project applications and 250 stakeholders.  John, BayTrans – very supportive of this project.  Lynda – would like to see them go into schools, recommend this to the project.  Neil – There is already a lot of research been carried out and this project needs to tap into that.  <b>Approved to stage 3 – with recommendations.</b></p>	RDP team
8.	<p><b>Stage 3 project presentations + question &amp; answering + final decisions</b>  <b><u>Go for IT</u></b>  Ben – How will the project manage to continue after the RDP funding?  Dean – there are already groups set up that will continue this work after the funding.  Lynda – would you go out to libraries?  Dean – Yes, there is equipment available to take to different places.  Marian – Would the project look at the benefits of facetime and other phone uses?  Dean – Yes this is looked at and facetime has been a very big hit.  John Evans – have you looked at working partnerships?  Dean – yes this has been looked at and referrals are taken from other partnerships and also people are referred to other partnerships.  Rhysian – this project is needed.  Dean left the room.  54/70 average score  High priority  Ben – duplication checks will be carried out.  <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b><u>Fflim Cymru</u></b>  No conflicts of interest  Marian – asked if BayStudios have been contacted for funding?  -No they have not been contacted</p>	

<p>Peter Hunter – what is your overall goal for the young people?          -We aim to help the young people build confidence using film and also introduce them to people in the industry.</p> <p>Catrin – Is there scope got youth leaders to continue this after the funding has finished?          -Yes the kit will be left at the end of the project and more skills will be giving to help carry on this project.</p> <p>Ben – At the end of the project will there be an end of project report that can be shared.          -Yes there will be a report produced at the end of the project.</p> <p>Left the room          46/70 average score          Medium priority</p> <p>Ian – Issues with the value for money of this project.</p> <p>Marian – Does not think that this project is sustainable, too short of a window.</p> <p>Peter Hunter – this is a very competitive industry, is this project value for money?</p> <p>Rhyisan – this is an inspirational project but would be better as a longer project.</p> <p>Neil – excellent opportunity for young people, should be a longer project.</p> <p><b>Not approved</b> – Recommendation to go back and take more time in developing the application.</p> <p><b><u>Past to present</u></b>          No conflict of interest          Ben – in the project application there was no mention over other funding streams that have been explored.          Catherine – yes other funding streams have been looked at.          Catherine left the room.          51/70 average score          Medium/high priority          John, BayTrans – very impressed with the museum and this project idea.          Rhysian – this project should be supported.  <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b><u>Riverside Centre – Glantawe Outdoor Education Academy</u></b>          No conflict of interest          Ben – how will the project identify that the person is at risk of NEETs?          Rob – we are not able to identify this but the organisations in partnership will.          John, Baytrans – will the scheme give the children opportunities and skills they do not learn at school?          Rob – yes they will have safety skills etc. and also they will be given the opportunity to have responsibility for themselves and others.          Catrin – what do you envisage at the end of the project?</p>	<p>RDP team</p>
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	<p>Rob – the project will stand on its own merits.  Rob left the room  49/70 average score  Medium priority  Lynda – the wildlife project and this project could work together.  Neil – concerns over the project trying to access everyone at risk of needs, there needs to be work carried out with the youth service.  Jonathan – not sure what we are being asked to fund? This is not clear in the application.  Clive – vague on definition of people who are NEET?  RDP team to send this projects business plan to LAG members  <b>Not approved</b> – go back with recommendations and ask to re-submit a stage 3 application.</p> <p><b><u>CVS/GTC/Dove</u></b>  No conflicts of interest  Lynda – could you get the elderly involved by using their gardens to grow things and offer them free vegetables?  Catrin –is there scope to promote growing in your own garden?  Rhysian – yes the project will teach families to grow their own.  Peter – would the project be working with schools?  Rhysian – yes we are currently working with schools.  Rhysian, Carys, Julie and Tony left the room  53/70 average score  High priority  Lynda – there is still scope for this project to work with more people.  Ben – We have applied for the co-operation supply chain fund, together with several other authorities in the South East. This will be for a local produce project, so there will be lots of potential for this project to work with this other project.  <b>Approved.</b></p>	RDP team
9.	<p><b>AOB</b>  John, BayTrans – we are currently looking for a representative from the LAG to sit on our partnership as Sue Reed will be retiring. The partnership will run for the next 2 years and will meet twice a year.  Please can anyone interested contact John.  Lynda asked if the LAG members will have a chance to go and see the projects that have been approved?  Ben – Yes this will be looked at and arranged.</p>	