

Regenerate NPT (LAG)

Meeting: 10am, 8th December 2016
Venue: Cwmafan Community Engagement Centre

PRESENT:

Catrin Evans - NPTCBC
Jonathan Cosson – Warm Wales
Neil Thomas - NPTCBC
Tony Potts – NPTCVS (Vice Chair)
Natasha Lewis – NPTCBC
Ben Riseborough – LAG Manager NPTCBC
Len Preece – Canolfan Maerdy
Daron Herbert – Natural Resources Wales
Alison Owen – DANSA
John Davies - BayTrans
Bethan Blackmore - NPTCBC
Cathy Lewis - Tourism Swansea Bay
Ian Ross -Whitehead-Ross Education and Consulting Ltd
Cllr Antony Taylor (Chair) – NPTCBC
Cllr Marian Lewis – Federation of small businesses
John Cronin – Representative of Port Talbot Trades Council
Wayne Slade – Representative of Neath Trades Union Council
Angeline Spooner-Cleverly – NPTCBC

APOLOGIES:

Clive Ball – Neath Port Talbot College
Julie Bibby – Dove Workshop
Peter Hunter – Blaenhonddan Community Council
Suzette Phillips – NPTCBC
Lynne Bray – South Wales Chamber of Commerce

Item No.	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies: Cllr. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting Minutes were approved.	
3.	Matters arising not on agenda There were no matters arising.	
4.	General RDP Update Ben explained to the group that under RCDF measure 7.1 an indicative allocation of £50,000 has been reserved for Neath Port Talbot to carry out feasibility studies, though this is yet to be officially confirmed. Ben went through appendix 2 and explained to the group that Neath Port Talbot has a success rate of 75% for all RCDF applications submitted. LEADER – Ben informed the group that the funding for LEADER is secured until 2020. A new window will be opening	

	<p>in January and we will be trying to target theme 4 and 5, this will be done by press releases, drop in sessions and use of social media. There will also be a LEADER event on 14th February. This will be a joint event with Communities for Work. All LAG members will be invited and more information will be sent out closer to the event.</p> <p>Ben informed the group that Ffilm Cymru have withdrawn their application as the Kaya festival is no longer being held at Margam Country Park.</p> <p>Daron – if money from other LAG's does not get fully utilised, will that money then be re-allocated out?</p> <p>Ben – No, all LAGs have until 2020 to spend their allocations and all of them are fully committed to doing so. If they do not manage to spend all their allocation then Welsh Government will keep it.</p>	
5.	<p>Sub Group Discussion</p> <p>Ben sent an email out to the group to ask for interest in sitting on a sub group, there was plenty of feedback and a lot of interest.</p> <p>Ben went through the terms of reference for the sub groups.</p> <p>Theme 1 – Catrin Evans, Cllr Taylor, Daron Herbert, Len Preece, Neil Thomas.</p> <p>Neil recommended Arts Council for Wales.</p> <p>Theme 2 – Ellen Richards, Jonathan Morris, Susan Chilcott. Neil recommended speaking to Andrew Collins.</p> <p>Theme 3 – Alison Owen, Maggie Elsey, Clive Ball, Daron Herbert, Johnathan Cossin, Len Preece, Wayne Slade, Allison Harris, John Davies.</p> <p>Theme 4 – Alison Owen, Wendy Larkham, Ian Isaac, Jonanthan Cossin, Peter Hunter.</p> <p>Theme 5 – Angeline Spooner-Cleverly, Layton Emery, Julie Bibby/Lesley Smith, Len Preece, Emma Wilcox, Lisa Thomas, Jon Cronin.</p> <p>John Cronin was moved from theme 3 to theme 5.</p> <p>Everyone agreed the generic sub group terms of reference.</p>	
6.	<p>LEADER Co-operation Update</p> <p>Bethan informed the group that we are looking at a feasibility study for a craft network, it is proposed that it could be jointly funded with Bridgend. We are hoping to submit an EOI in March 2017.</p>	
7.	<p>Stage 2 applications update & results of project appraisals</p> <p>Angeline and Neil left the room.</p> <p>Average score 36</p>	

	<p>Medium priority</p> <p>Len – even with the profit made on the previous project which is mentioned in the application, this project would not be sustainable.</p> <p>Daron – the application is still not clear on digital inclusion. This application could be expanded a lot further still.</p> <p>John – Similar projects in Cardiff are mentioned in the application but there is no evidence to say these projects were successful.</p> <p>There is a list of people interested but no evidence of this.</p> <p>Catrin – concerns on digital inclusion. Likes the idea of the project, is there scope to fund the development side of the project?</p> <p>Ben – applicant has already said they have reduced the project as much as they can.</p> <p>Scores are low and there are a number of concerns around the table. Recommend funding the development side of the project.</p> <p>Not approved – go back with recommendations.</p> <p>Angeline and Neil came back into the room.</p>	
8.	<p>Project Update – The Engagement Retreat</p> <p>Ian gave a short presentation about what has been achieved by the project so far and invited questions from the group afterwards.</p> <p>Neil – what criteria are you using for young people to access the programme?</p> <p>Ian – open access as long as they live in rural wards and are aged between 11 and 16.</p> <p>Marian – pleased to see that the programme is open to all children.</p> <p>Len – congratulations to Ian in the way his organisation is run. This project has benefited Canolfan Maerdy greatly.</p> <p>Jonathan – what is the best form of publicity that has been used?</p> <p>Ian – Youth Service, Social Media, working with schools.</p>	
9.	<p>Promotion of LEADER activities</p> <p>Ben asked the group if anyone had newsletters/promotional material they use on a monthly basis that can be used to promote LEADER and RCDF.</p> <p>Action: Ben to send an email to all LAG members to ask for their suggestions on publicity materials.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Marian invited everyone to see the sewing rooms situated behind the community centre.</p>	

	<p>Tony – on behalf of the group would like to thank the RDP Team for all their work.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor – thanks everyone and wished everyone a merry Christmas.</p>	
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