

REGENERATE NPT (LAG)

Meeting: 10am, Tuesday 22 September 2015
Venue: Glynneath Training Centre

PRESENT:

Cllr Anthony Taylor, Chair
Ben Riseborough, RDP Team, NPTCBC
Natasha Lewis, RDP Team, NPTCBC
Ian Whitehead-Ross, Whitehead-Ross Education & Consulting
Bethan Blackmore, RDP Team, NPTCBC
John Evans, NSA Afan
Angeline Spooner-Cleverly, Strategic Officer, NPTCBC
Len Preece, Canolfan Maerdy
Tony Potts (Vice Chair) NPTCVS
Carl Richards, Awel Aman Tawe/Egni
Clive Ball, NPTC Group of Colleges
John Davies, BayTrans
Rebecca Sharp, Countryside & Wildlife, NPTCBC
David Lewis, Cilybebyl Community Council
Alison Owen, DANSA
Rhysian Pengilley, Glynneath Training Centre
Susan Chilcott, Cognation, NPTCBC

APOLOGIES:

Emma Wilcox, NPTCBC
Dan McCallum, Awel Aman Tawe
Elen Richards, NPTCBC
Peter Hunter, Blaenhonddan Community Council
Lesley Smith, Dove Workshops
Ian Isaac, NSA Afan
Tony McGetrick, Tourism Swansea Bay

Item No	Subject	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies: AT welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded.	
2	Minutes of last meeting (23rd June 2015): Minutes were approved.	
3	Matters Arising not on the agenda: There were no matters arising.	

4	<p>Vice Chair voting result: AT informed the group that the votes for Vice Chair have been received and Tony Potts is the new Vice Chair replacing Richard Walters who is no longer a LAG member.</p>	
5	<p>Administrative body update: BR introduced Bethan Blackmore to the group. Bethan is the new RDP Rural Community Facilitator. BR informed the group that on 3rd August we received our official approval letter for the allocation on our 4 projects. The lead body is now officially working on the new project. BR went through the approval process with the group and suggested that the process could be changed to a 2 stage process. This would consist of removing the stage 1 EOI from the process and reverting to stage 2. This was agreed by the group.</p>	
6	<p>RCDF - Update: BB updated the group on RCDF. The first window of this fund is open and due to close on 31st January 2016. The next window after this date will be 30 April 2016 to 31 October 2016. RP asked if this process will be going through the LAG. All RCDF approvals have to be approved by the LAG and we are waiting for a template from WG that can be used to formally approve projects ready for submission to WG. LP asked would you be able to apply for different strands of the funding if the project cost was greater than £128k allowed. BR informed the group that yes this would be allowed. TP asked how RCDF will be promoted. BR informed the group that a press release will go out and also asked the LAG members to promote this when possible. BR informed the group that information on RCDF can be found on the WG website.</p>	
7	<p>State Aid: BR informed the group that he attended a WG State Aid event on 4th September. WG have decided that under LEADER no State Aid is permitted. BR informed the group that every project application will be run passed WG before being formally approved to decide whether the project constitutes State Aid. BR gave the group a few examples of State Aid. BR will update the group of any further developments or changes to State Aid.</p>	BR
8	<p>Stage 2 applications update & results of project appraisals: BR informed the group that in the last meeting a number of stage 2 applications were discussed and the applicants were asked to look over their applications. An update of the applications are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmllynfell Community Council and The Wildlife Team Both organizations are still working together on their application. • The Business Team and Ambassador Training Wales This application is still in development and stage 2 application has been received. This will be sent out to LAG members soon. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Workshops, Neath CVS and Glynneath Training Centre Work is ongoing with the stage 2 application. • Neath Port Talbot Credit Union Have been asked to revise their bid and they have reduced this to £100k. <p>The group went through the 2nd stage applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPT Credit union The group agreed that they were happy for this application to go forward to the 3rd stage of the process. • Swansea Canal The group agreed that they were happy for this application to go forward to the 3rd stage of the process. • Awel Amman Tawe The group agreed that they were happy for this application to go forward to the 3rd stage of the process. • Ian Whitehead Ross The group agreed that they were happy for this application to go forward to the 3rd stage of the process but would like the applicant to keep abreast of the changing situation with regards to the similar schemes and provide an up to date analysis in their final application. 	
9	<p>Stage 3 applications Project Presentations + Questions & Answering</p> <p>3 project applicants gave presentations on their project ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognation This project was approved in principal by the group • Green Business This project was approved in principal by the group • BayTrans This project was approved in principal by the group 	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>BR informed the group that Regenerate NPT will have a stall at this year's Neath Food and Drink Festival. This stall will include some of our local producers.</p> <p>A group photo was taken for the forthcoming Autumn Newsletter.</p> <p>BR informed the group that the Performance Management Committee asked LAG to vote for a LAG representative. The Lead Body recommended that Helen Murray of PLANED be given our vote and everyone agreed.</p> <p>BR informed the group that Regenerate NPT now has a website, http://regenerate.npt.gov.uk and also has a Facebook and twitter page.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th December 2015</p>	