

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES EXECUTIVE GROUP
Minutes of a meeting held on
13/06/13 at 2pm in the
Council Chamber, Penmorfa, Aberaeron

Present:		
Ceredigion County Council	Cllr Gareth Lloyd (Chair)	
Careers Wales	Donna Evans	
CAVO	Chesca Ross	
Twristiaeth Ceredigion Tourism	Alun Davies	
Coleg Ceredigion	Luned Jones	
Ceredigion County Council	Peter Austin	
Ceredigion County Council	Cllr Alun Williams	
Tai Ceredigion	Steve Jones	
FUW	Caryl Wyn-Jones	
TCT	Alun Davies	
Antur Teifi	Dewi Williams	
Ceredigion County Council	Allan Lewis	
Ceredigion County Council	Dan Harris	
Natural Resources Wales	Sue Byrne	
Ceredigion County Council	Steffan Gruffudd	
Lead Body	Mike Shaw, Gareth Rowlands, Alison Kinsey	
In attendance	Karlis Ozolins	
		Actions
1	Membership	
	None.	
2	Apologies	
	Menter Aberteifi	Ann Stokoe
	Ceredigion County Council	Keith Morgan
	Ceredigion County Council	Huw Williams
	Ceredigion County Council	Eirlys Lloyd
	JobcentrePlus	Sara Kenny
	Trinity Saint David's	Jane Davidson
	Trinity Saint David's	Matt Briggs
	Aberystwyth Arts Centre	Louise Amery
	TPMW	Dee Reynolds
	Ceredigion County Council	Mari Morgan
	The Group noted the apologies	
3	Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests	
	None.	
4	To agree minutes of last meeting of the Sustainable Futures Executive Group 14/03/13	
a	The Group agreed the minutes.	
b	Matters arising	
	None.	

5	Presentation “Economic Inclusion” Karlis Ozolins, Wales Co-operative Centre	
	<p>The group received a presentation on Economic Inclusion from Communities 2.0. As part of their work under digital inclusion, Communities 2.0 have increasingly noticed the effect that the new Welfare Reform Act is having upon claimants – a swing from digital inclusion to economic inclusion. Digital technology feeds through all aspects of the new Act and they aim to put together a new resource which is planned to assist front line staff to help claimants.</p> <p>The Group thanked Karlis and noted the presentation.</p>	
6	Items for information	
a	<p>LSB – SIP Action Plans</p> <p>The SIP Consultation has been passed and the LSB is now working on delivery. Priority outcomes have been enhanced for economy and place. It was reported that each of the Population Accountability Plans from each of the LSB Executive Groups including Sustainable Futures were discussed at the LSB Advisory Group meeting on 4th June. Following this discussion it was agreed that the information from these would be placed into the draft RBA Action Plan templates and presented to the LSB at the Core Group meeting on 17th June in order to get feedback and guidance on the direction that the work was going as well as offer direction to the LSB Executive Groups on how to progress the work.</p> <p>The Group noted the update.</p>	
b	<p>Vibrant and viable Places Guidance & Ceredigion response</p> <p>This document was issued by the WG as guidance for the future regeneration of Wales. The new Minister for Housing and Regeneration is Carl Sargeant, he wishes to prioritise homes and housing more than they were previously. There is an opportunity for Local Authorities to bid into the £30m ‘pot’ and it is hoped that Ceredigion will submit an EOI with continued priorities for housing investment and vibrant retail for some of its towns.</p> <p>The Group noted the update.</p>	
c	<p>Regional Learning Partnership – update</p> <p>There is a conference in Llanelli today on education and entrepreneurship. A representative of the council will be presenting examples of work done with the private sector at Food Centre Wales to local and regional businesses attending.</p> <p>Members discussed whether council staff were or should be receiving training on entrepreneurship as takes place at Monmouth Council. It was agreed that this should be followed up.</p> <p>The Group noted the update.</p>	MS
d	<p>Destination Management Group – update</p> <p>This group continues to meet regularly to bring forward its action plan and build on the Ceredigion Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>The Group noted the update.</p>	
e	<p>FLAG update presentation</p> <p>Members received an update on the current status of the FLAG. The FLAG Local Development Strategy had been approved in September 2012, since then two projects had been submitted to WG, one for Lead Body and one, the Animation, Communication and Evaluation (ACE) Project - both approved this June. They will run to September 2015.</p>	

	<p>Each FLAG area in Wales has a budget allocation of £320k. Under the ACE project, mixed activities which complement each other are planned with the objective of retaining jobs, creating new ones and developing new products. Ideally at the end of the project it is hoped that the relatively diverse and fragmented fisheries communities will come together with a single voice and feel confident to communicate with the Welsh Government on policies that affect their future, whilst having achieved a number of activities that had not previously been undertaken in the county.</p> <p>Members discussed the project and noted that promotion of local fish, both to buy in local shops and eat in restaurants should be part of the project.</p> <p>The Group received the presentation.</p>	
f	<p>Wavehill – Developing a Future Regeneration Strategy for Ceredigion & Arrangements for the interactive session with the Sustainable Futures Group & Employability and skills element</p> <p>Work has progressed regarding the desk research. Various dates have been set for presentations by Wavehill and the group noted the importance of attending to pass on opinions, ideas and sentiments of local groups. Wavehill intends to hold a discussion meeting on the emerging strategy with the SF group but a date had not yet been set.</p> <p>The Group noted the update.</p>	
g	<p>Report on prioritisation of future projects for Aberystwyth Regeneration Area</p> <p>Since the new Minister had been in post there had been some changes to the programme of work, with the focus more on housing. The work involves working with both the private and social housing sectors. This will be presented to Aberystwyth RA during the July meeting.</p> <p>The group noted the report.</p>	
h	<p>Axis 3 RDP Steering Group minutes</p> <p>The group agreed the minutes.</p>	
7	Items for Decision	
a	<p>(i) Quarterly Project Progress reports for CER 53, 58 & 59 circulated on 15-04-13</p> <p>(ii) Quarterly Project Progress reports for CER 24, 55 & 56 circulated on 21-05-13</p> <p>(iii) To agree and endorse Quarterly Project Progress reports for CER 52 & 54</p> <p>All the above Quarterly Progress reports were agreed and endorsed by the Group and agreed that those reports discussed today should also be submitted to WG.</p> <p>The group also noted that the new Axis 3 Micro Grant officer was to start the following week and that any interested micro businesses should contact Lead Body in the first instance.</p>	
b	<p>To agree and endorse the application for extending the grant scheme of the Ceredigion Social enterprise Growth Fund to November 2014 circulated via email on 18-04-13</p>	

	The Group agreed and endorsed the above application.	
8	To note submission of Consultations	
	<p>I. Partnership for Jobs and Growth - European Structural Funds 2014 - 2020 consultation (ends 23/04/13) Submitted to WG on 23/04/13</p> <p>II. RDP 2014-2020 Next Steps Submitted to WG on 23/04/13</p> <p>Lead Body thanked the group for their contributions which had been submitted to WG following circulation to the group for agreement. WG had received 125 responses altogether. These were currently being reviewed and collated prior to being reported to Welsh Ministers.</p>	
9	AOB	
	<p>1. Members noted that Aberystwyth Regeneration Area has an event at the Morlan Centre on June 24th from 2-7pm where all the current regeneration activities will be on display to the public.</p> <p>2. In November 2012 the Welsh Government published a revised Planning Policy Wales Chapter 7 on Economic Development. The Welsh Government recognised that the policy needed to be supplemented by a Technical Advice Note (TAN) to provide more detailed guidance to assist local planning authorities prepare their Local Development Plans and make planning decisions. Draft TAN 23 is the result of that process. The guidance covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning economic development at a strategic level • Working with neighbouring authorities and relevant stakeholders • Identifying and assessing economic benefits of development proposals • Establishing an evidence base to help prepare economic development policies for LDPs. <p>A detailed practice guide will also be produced to advise local planning authorities about undertaking Employment Land Reviews, and this will be the subject of a further consultation that will take place at a later date.</p> <p>Dan Harris will be coordinating the Authority's response to this consultation, so if you have any comments you would like to make please email them to him. All relevant documents have been published on the Welsh Government's website, click on the following links to access them: English- http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/planning/economic-development-technical-advice-note-consultation/?lang=en / Welsh http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/planning/economic-development-technical-advice-note-consultation/?lang=cy</p> <p>In order to respond within the deadline comments are needed by</p>	

	Monday 1st July.	
10	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be on 12 th September 2013.	

Signed: Date: