

Minutes

Cadwyn Clwyd Board of Directors

10:00am, Tuesday 18th July 2017

Gwernymynydd Community Centre, Gwernymynydd, Mold, CH7 4AF

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Mr John Les Tomos (JLT) David Darlington (DD), Mr A Jedwell (AJ), Cllr Huw Jones (HJ), Ms Janine Beggan (JB), Mr Gareth Evans (GE), Ms Lowri Owain (LO), Mr Adam Bishop (AB), Ms Catrin Jones (CJ), Ms Delyth Jones (DJ), Mr Silas Jones (SJ) and Ms Lowri Edwards (LE).

Apologies: Cllr Hugh Jones (HJ (W)), Dr Norman Jones (NJ) and Ms Carolyn Brindle (CB)

Not Present: Cllr Rhys Hughes (RH),

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and AJ went through matters arising. LO mentioned that the Flintshire representative vacancy on the BOD has been advertised on social media and over e-mail but no one has expressed an interest. GE suggested David Hill, member of the Mold Town Council and also a Flintshire LAG member. JLT mentioned he will stop by David on his way home from today's meeting. Theme 4 Officer Renewable Energy Co-ordinator has been procured on a self-employed basis on Sell to Wales. 4 submissions were received and interviews are to be held next week in Dolgellau. Contact has been made between Corwen Museum Group and Denbigh Museum Group. However, we are not sure if Denbigh Museum Group has shared their RDCF EOI with the Corwen Museum Group. LO mentioned she has met with Niall Waller from FCC and attended a Flintshire Destination Management Plan meeting last week and met with Adrian Barsby yesterday to raise awareness of the LEADER funding opportunities for Flintshire and to help boost projects in the county. BOD felt there would be scope to look at the 3 LAG brainstorming sessions together and share ideas cross borders. HJ mentioned that DCC Cabinet will choose the LAG representatives today. HJ, Cllr Merfyn Parry and Cllr Martyn Holland have put their names forward. Cllr Eryl Williams has not put his name forward. Denbighshire LAG will need to re-elect a chair in the next meeting. HJ mentioned he has already been chosen as a director of Cadwyn by the Cabinet. JB announced that Cllr Hugh Jones has been appointed as a Director of Cadwyn Clwyd. Cllr Hugh Jones and Cllr Terry Evans have been appointed Wrexham LAG members.

ACTION: Agenda point in next LAG meeting to look at the 3 brainstorming sessions

3. Cadwyn Adfywio Update

LO provided an overview. The RDCF EOI for the ground floor of the bank has been successful and LO has been invited to submit a full application. LO is half way through the application and is waiting for clarification from WG if Cadwyn Adfywio is eligible as the project applicant. Once the full application is sent to WG the project can begin at risk. LO mentioned she is looking to VAT register Cadwyn Adfywio to save money on the project. This will incur minor implication for Cadwyn Clwyd regarding cost of rent etc. Match funding for the project is not secured. LO has applied for the Lottery's Heritage Fund and will also seek from the AONB SDF fund. If no match funding is forthcoming Cadwyn Adfywio might need to borrow money from Cadwyn Clwyd on a repayable loan basis.

Land fill tax levy something agrisgate levy? Wg does administer it. Not sure if there is a live quarry around 3 miles from corwern?

LO informed that a tenant has currently taken up one of the office space on the 2nd floor.

4. **Rural Development Programme Update**

LO gave an update on the RDP schemes and mentioned the RCDF scheme has an additional window opening in August and closing in October. £2 Million has been allocated for this round. BOD members were requested to refer any groups to Cadwyn Clwyd for guidance on submitting an EOI for the RCDF scheme.

LO gave an overview of the Eluned Morgan Report. The report directly mentioned Cadwyn Clwyd, Menter Môn and Planed and their importance in local deliverance. Cadwyn Clwyd, Menter Môn and Planed will give a joint response to the report.

LO mentioned that WG are holding several EU Transition Workshops to allow stakeholders to shape the future direction of potential future rural programmes. LO mentioned there is emphasis in these workshops on a community led structure with local delivery.

ACTION: circulate reply to the report to BOD members

ACTION: Eluned Morgan Report to be made an agenda point in the next meeting

5. **LAG Update, Quarterly Reports and Outputs**

LAG Update

AB gave an overview of the projects approved in the last LAG.

Quarterly Reports and Outputs

The quarterly reports and outputs table were accepted. There are no concerns with the outputs at this stage of the programme.

Smarter Energy

SJ provided an overview on the Project. Partners include Severn wye, Green Valleys and Planed. SJ went over the 2 EOIs that have currently been approved by the Steering Group. Smarter Energy will have a presence on the new Cadwyn Clwyd website and an information leaflet is currently being designed.

Collaborative Sustainable Natural Flood Risk Management on the River Clwyd

DJ mentioned she has recently submitted to WG a claims profile for the project. This hopefully means the project will be approved soon. The Project was due to be approved in May 2017 but it seems there are some administrative issues within the WG. Coed Cymru has begun work on the project at their risk.

6. **Financial Reports**

CJ gave an overview of the financial report. Company reserves remain stable and it was explained the P & L showed a loss because of the Timberwise invoice that was paid during this period. Only concerns with the committed spend in Flintshire but as LO explained previously processed are in place to tackle this issue. Finance Officers are currently preparing the first claims for the WG to cover the period July 2015 – March 2017. The claims process in this programme is different to the claims process in the previous programme. Claims in this programme are submitted through an online portal as well as all supporting documentation. As

the WG funds are getting low, a further advance of £200,000 has been requested and approved by WG. It is anticipated that this will be in the Cadwyn Clwyd bank account during July. The WG payments shown in the cash flow are anticipated figures, if WG pay each claim as submitted, with the advance funding reclaimed at the end of the programme.

7. **AOB**

No other business was discussed.

8. **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8th November 2017 – Venue to be confirmed.