

Promoting and facilitating environmental sustainability in Swansea

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Swansea Environment Forum Executive Committee Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday 7th February 2017 10am-12pm

Venue: Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea, SA1 1RY

Name	Role	Representing	Abbrev.	Present / Apologies
Deb Hill	Chair	CCS – Nature Conservation	DH	Present
Philip McDonnell			PM	Present
Sarah Kersey	Secretary	Environment Centre	SK	Apologies
Delyth Higgins		Sustainable Swansea Project Worker	DHig	Apologies
Andrew Davies		ABMU	AD	Present
Fran Rolfe		NRW	FR	Present
Chris Howell		CCS – Waste/Parks	CH	Present
Patrick Holcroft		CCS	PH	Present
Hamish Osborn	Vice Chair	NRW	HO	Present
Alyx Baharie	Treasurer	Swansea CVS	AB	Present
Ant Flanagan		Gower Power	AF	Present
Heidi Smith		Swansea University	HS	Present
Tanya Nash		CCS - Sustainability	TN	Apologies
Chris Lindley		CCS - AONB	CL	Apologies
John Childs		FOE	JC	Present
Peter Anderson		Vocal Eyes	PA	Present
In Attendance				
Peter Mannion		ABMU - ARCH	PMan	Present
Nigel Little		Coeden Fach	NL	Present
Ruth Evans		Coeden Fach	RE	Present

Item No	Minutes	Action by
1.	<p>Welcome/Intro /Apologies/Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>No conflicts of interest declared. New conflicts of interest policy draft may be ready for next meeting.</p>	SK to send out draft conflicts of interest policy

<p>2.</p>	<p>2.1 Matters Arising</p> <p>2.9. JC corrected amount of £94,600 to £94.6million pension fund. JC updated that there had been a positive response and the committee will be meeting on the 9th Feb to discuss it.</p> <p>3. Ant gave an update on SCREES community energy. All the shares have gone. Launch at the end of march for new scheme (run by Gower power). Surplus will be invested into rural area. Approx. half a million of community benefits for small businesses and enterprises in the area. AD asked about potential community energy with health infrastructure.</p> <p>4. AD provided update on discussions with Wheelrights. AD has been discussing with Rob Stewart to push these ideas further, which is much wider than the active travel plan. Discussing developing a sustainable transport network across the county.</p> <p>Omission to last minutes. SEF exec re-elected the officers of SEF (chair, vice chair and sec) during last meeting.</p> <p>8.2 JC and PA that efforts to raise issues relating to climate change have met with some success. Consultation period ends at the end of the month.</p> <p>2.1 Minutes of the last meeting The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	<p>AF and PMan to discuss further.</p> <p>SK to report on proposal to archive minutes.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Presentation: A Regional Collaboration of Health (ARCH) by Peter Mannion</p> <p>3.1 PMan presented ARCH, a regional collaboration of health to the meeting. A collaboration making the health service fit for purpose with the different needs of today. ARCH is a Partnership between ABMU, Swansea University and the local authority health boards. Spans 6 local authorities and covers 1million people. It's about improving the services, the health of the people of wales and up skilling the next generation of healthcare workforce. It also aims to drive investment, create jobs and to boost the economy.</p> <p>3.2 ARCH builds on the priorities already established through the clinical strategies set out by the health boards. Divided into 4 programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing – broadly located with clear transportation lines centres for people to access services, which are traditionally accessed in hospitals. • Service transformation – Moriston hospital to become the regional centre for services. • Research enterprise and innovation – take the technology ideas coming out of the workforce to create jobs. • Skills and education – With an ambition to see an increase in number of doctors and nurses, increasing access to those jobs for welsh domicile students. 	<p>PMan to send SEF the video that didn't play in meeting.</p>

3.3 New developments
Llanelli wellness and life science village.
Neath town centre regeneration scheme.
Moriston health campus. Currently master planning the site. Zoning it for education, wellbeing. With the right services in the right place.

ARCH is 15 months old. It is the only program of its kind on this scale, with this ambition (globally best practice used to develop it).

3.4 PA stated that we have an extinction event for health care, with everyday pressures making health services look radically at how they deliver.

3.5 CH asked how does ARCH link into council's social services with our aging population challenges. PMan responded that there is already work in this area. ARCH links into social service to meet the needs of their service users. However, it is on a project by project basis working with existing partnerships.

3.4 JC – how is ARCH tapping into further education? PMan responded that there is a range of work areas for students to get into. The ARCH scheme has a program to cover this to widen this access.

3.5 HO made comments on wellbeing and the environment. PMan explained that each of the wellbeing centres will be required to meet two key elements 1. Digital links and 2. Social prescribing (green exercise, counselling, art therapies, green leisure provision within the centres). HO asked "Do you have links to NRW where we manage large areas across wales?" Would be worth exploring that link. PMan responded that ARCH would be keen to see those links developed.

Social impact bond around inactivity – interesting.

3.6 AD keen to see the finished NRW Comeoutside project run by the health agenda.

3.7 DH raised mental health agenda.

3.8 JC asked if ARCH has links with the voluntary sector. PMan explained there are conversations about how the third sector fits in. ARCH is dedicated to continuing working with third sector.

3.9 DH – Swansea centre for wellbeing. Keen to ensure accessibility is key and there are particular issues, which would need to be resolved for example general practitioner surgeries.

PMan to circulate slides to SEF

PMan to share overview of predevelopment study for Swansea with SEF.

SEF to input into the design of Swansea Centre.

<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation: Coeden Fach Carbon Offsetting Scheme by Nigel Little</p> <p>4.1 Minutes are not in-depth here as FR's computer broke and auto save did not capture this section.</p> <p>4.2 Nigel little gave a presentation on Coeden Fach not for profit/community lead organisation that specialises in growing native trees using organic methods from locally collected Gower seed. Coeden Fach runs volunteering and specialised training days. Presentation covered new Swansea Carbon Offsetting project Coeden Fach are setting up. Generated much discussion.</p> <p>4.3 Lots of discussion generated from Coeden Fach presentation.</p> <p>4.4 AD - ABMU has acquired lots of land and there are opportunities for tree planting as part of the carbon offsetting scheme.</p> <p>4.5 CH local authorities mentioned council land. Parklands, housing land and development etc many opportunities to plant trees as part of carbon offsetting scheme.</p> <p>4.6 HS explained that Swansea University has a staff scheme for sustainability and wellbeing. Opportunity to build into their scheme for carbon offsetting.</p> <p>4.7 PA ideas on using his platform. Residents of Swansea could pledge their gardens as available to plant trees.</p> <p>4.8 DH suggested could involve business sector volunteer or corporate away days.</p>	<p>AD and NL to discuss opportunities further.</p> <p>CH and DH to meet to discuss opportunities.</p> <p>HS and NL to meet to discuss further.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Co-opt SEF Exec Members</p> <p>5.1 It was agreed to co-opt PA as representative of Vocaleyes, a social enterprise, as commercial organisations cannot be full members of SEF.</p> <p>5.2 It was also agreed that Steve Bolchover (not present) could also join SEF Exec but unsure of which organisation he would represent. Possibly, Swansea Biodiversity Partnership which he chairs.</p>	<p>DH to check who Steve is representing.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Project Updates</p> <p>Sustainable Swansea</p> <p>6.1 Written report presented by DH.</p> <p>Renew Wales</p> <p>6.2 PM is now also a Renew Wales Coordinator alongside DHig and they are working together to support community projects.</p>	

	<p>Community Green Space 6.4 Neil Barry has replaced Lea and is getting on with the work.</p> <p>Low Carbon Swansea 6.5 PM provided an update. Has 2 new member organisations; Gower Power and Tata Steel. Next event is in Vale, Clydach with a focus on legislation and compliance. A public event to promote EVs is also being organised by the council.</p> <p>Healthy City 6.6 PM provided an update. Priority area is city centre and PM has been involved with a pre consultation on the Kingsway. PM is also supporting the PSB's Best Start campaign.</p> <p>Public Seminars 6.7 JC suggested that there may be a case to organise a seminar on WFG Act for the voluntary sector.</p> <p>6.8 FR and SK got together to kick off planning a mental health and the environment seminar. A seminar for mental health practitioners to discuss using the environment and its services in their practise. Needs more people to continue planning this. HS and JC volunteered for this seminar working group.</p> <p>6.8 There was a proposal for a SEF seminar on transport. Need to talk to Ben George about this. Needs to cover active travel and needs a working group set up to include Ben George and Jane Cornelius, other volunteers needed.</p> <p>6.9 Also, proposed a SEF Seminar on the Wellbeing plan, similar to the one we discussed for the wellbeing assessment (but were unable to deliver in the short time scale).</p>	<p>DH to invite Neil Barry to next SEF Exec.</p> <p>HS, JC, FR and SK get together and plan this.</p> <p>Raise with Ben George to plan this seminar.</p> <p>SK to send members a link to wellbeing consultation questionnaire.</p>
7.	<p>Finance Update 7.1 No update provided as SK unable to attend meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>PSB/Wellbeing Plan Update 8.1 PM provided an update. All meeting notes are on the council's website. Agendas and minutes are available at this link http://www.swansea.gov.uk/lb agendas.</p>	
9.	<p>Any other business (AOB) 9.1 The Exec would like to thank Tanya Nash for all her support of the forum and invite her to join as a member from the commissioner's office.</p>	
10.	<p>Close 12.00pm Date of next meeting: May 2017 10am-12pm (tbc) Venue: Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea, SA1 1RY</p>	