

### Swansea Environment Forum Executive Committee Meeting

**Date & Time: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 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		Swansea Built Heritage Group	PM	Present
Sarah Kersey		Environment Centre	SK	Present
Delyth Higgins		Sustainable Swansea Project Worker	DHig	Present
Andrew Davies		ABMU	AD	Present
Gill Williams		CCS - Housing	GW	Present
Suzie Richards		CCS – Sustainable Swansea Unit	SR	Present
Sarah Bennett			SB	Present
Chris Howell		CCS – Waste/Parks	CH	Present
Hamish Osborne	Vice Chair	NRW	HO	Apologies
Alyx Baharie	Treasurer	Swansea CVS	AB	Apologies
Ant Flanagan		Gower Power	AF	Apologies
Heidi Smith		Swansea University	HS	Apologies
Tanya Nash		CCS - Sustainability	TN	Apologies
Chris Lindley		CCS - AONB	CL	Apologies
Rebecca Wright		NRW	RB	Apologies

Item No	Minutes	Action by
1.	<b>Welcome/Intro /Apologies/Conflicts of Interest</b>	
2.	<p><b>2.1 Minutes of the last meeting</b> The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p><b>2.2 Matters Arising</b> 6.1 DH has fed the recommendations of SEF into the Better Swansea Partnership (BSP) rapid review of outcomes and primary drivers consultation.</p> <p>6.2 AD said he chairs the Early Years Strategy Group for ABMU and that there links to outcome F.</p>	
3.	<b>Contracts Group Update</b>	
	3.1 DH updated the Executive Committee on the SLAs with The	

	Environment Centre and PMD Developments	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Public Seminars Update</b></p> <p>4.1 SR said that they are organising a Festival of Behaviour Change in Autumn. DH said that a week-long Renew Wales event could incorporate SEF seminars and also The Environment Centre is also developing a programme of public events.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Public Service Board</b> (item added to the agenda on the day)</p> <p>5.1 SEF has been invited to join the Public Service Board (PSB). CH explained that this is not a continuation of the Local Strategic Partnership this will work differently. Explained the sub group structure and the 4 priorities include: Domestic Abuse, Independence of Older People, Good Start in Life, Economic Development. CH said that there is a need for a broader inclusion and that priorities are light on the area of environment. AD said he has been elected as vice chair of the PSB. There was a feeling that there is too much focus on the CCS and need to broaden to involve other Statutory partners. AD said they were changing the thinking and being more strategic.</p>	<p>Meeting between NRW, ABMU and SEF on how they contribute</p> <p>SEF to write formally to PSB and say how SEF can be involved.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p><b>Sustainable Swansea</b> 6.1 DHig updated the meeting Sustainable Swansea. Engaged with over 200 people during real nappy week.</p> <p><b>Renew Wales</b> 6.2 DHig updated the plans to hold a week-long Renew Wales event which helps build capacity and raise awareness. SR 2<sup>nd</sup> half of September Festival of Behaviour Change could fit.</p> <p><b>Community Green Space</b> 6.3 SK said Community Green Space project has been going through a process of evaluation.</p> <p><b>Clear Streams</b> 6.4 PM said that Fran, Winter and HO and he were all facebook administrators.</p> <p><b>Low Carbon Swansea</b> 6.5 PM sent a report from the last year.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Strategic Partnership Activities</b></p> <p><b>Healthy City</b> 7.1 PM updated the Priorities of the Healthy Urban Environment Group: 1<sup>st</sup> city centre developments, 2<sup>nd</sup> watching brief food and growing, 3<sup>rd</sup> priority promoting the natural environment to early years.</p>	

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on Swansea City of Innovation</b>  Huw Mowbray, Property Development Manager from Swansea City Council (SCC) gave a presentation to the meeting.</p> <p>8.1 HM explained focus on St Davids &amp; Civic Centre. Policy position is city wide framework, sustainability design, fit for purpose, green artery linking the city together.</p> <p>8.2 Members of the executive asked questions after the presentation. DH asked about the timeframe for development HM replied 15-20 years; St Davids by 2021 and Kingsway within the next 5 years. DH asked if plans were detailed or concepts. HM replied Mariner Street is the only one which is a detailed plan and has a planning application submitted.</p> <p>8.3 AD commented that the plan needs to be strategic, footfall figures about the city centre are really important and that there is primary care development potential in the city centre.</p> <p>8.4 HM said the framework document is available on the SCC website.</p> <p>8.5 PM commented that it is important to anticipate changes in 15-20 years' time, including climate change and its impact.</p> <p>8.6 DH commented that a robust green infrastructure is needed to be planned for. HM responded that the designer's The Urbanists are currently working on this. DH asked if there are opportunities to contribute to the design of greening the city. HM said SEF needs to get into contact with Phil Homes. SK asked if the Council was taking consideration of Biophilic Cities. HM said that Geoff Profit was organising a Biophilic Cities Conference and these needed championing.</p> <p>8.7 HM said detailed proposals are going to be available in the next few months.</p> <p>8.8 PM said the Healthy City focus is the city centre development and there should be engagement with the healthy urban environment working group. HM thought a workshop with SEF would be good.</p> <p>8.9 AD said the city fathers had a very distinctive vision of the city and that we shouldn't be looking to comparing Swansea to Cardiff.</p>	<p>Workshop to be held under the banner of Healthy City working group and SEF invite key people to include green infrastructure and culture</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business (AOB)</b></p> <p>9.1 AD has established an environment board on the ABMU. He could organise a presentation for SEF EC. AD updated that Reena Owen has been commissioned to look at sustainable transport to hospitals.</p>	

	9.2 PM updated the meeting on the new signatories. The SEF Executive Committee Members unanimously agreed that Veronica Wade, Winne Weston, Jenny Edwards are no longer signatories and would be removed. Current signatories are Deb Hill, Alyx Baharie, Hamish Osborn, Sian Jenkins and Sarah Kersey.	
10.	Close 11.45am Date of next meeting: 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016 10am – 12pm Venue: The Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea, SA1 1RY	