



Cofnodion Grwp Gweithredu Lleol

LAG minutes - LEADER.

25.4.2018

Football Club, Porthmadog

Present:

Enterprise Sector Representatives:

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| Ian Nellist | (IN) | FSB |
| Dafydd Watts | (DW) | Energy Saving Trust |
| Gwion Llwyd | (GL) | Dioni Ltd |
| Gwennan Williams | (GW) | Bwyty Lleu |
| Menna Jones | (MJ) | Antur Waunfawr (Temporary Chair) |

Voluntary Sector Representatives:

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| Craig ab Iago | (CI) | Dyffryn Nantlle 2020 |
| Arwel Jones | (AJ) | Partneriaeth Llŷn |
| Ceri Cunnington | (CC) | Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog |
| David Ingham | (DI) | DIY Industries Cyf |

Public Sector Representatives:

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| O G Thomas | (OG) | One Voice Wales |
| Helen Pye | (HP) | Snowdonia National Park |

Gwynedd Council Representatives:

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| Dylan Griffiths | Gwynedd Council – Digital Gwynedd |
| Lindsey Ellis Edwards | Gwynedd Council - Regeneration Manager |

Menter Môn/ Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig Representatives:

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| Dafydd Gruffydd | (DG) |
| Rachel Roberts | (RR) |
| Eleth Peate | (EP) |
| Aaron Warren | (AW) |
| Rhian Hughes | (RH) |
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| Local Action Group Meeting | | |
| 1. | DG welcomed everyone to the meeting and he thanked Menna Jones for chairing the meeting in the absence of Alun Evans who is being treated in hospital, DG wished him a quick recovery. | |
| 2. | Apologies were received from 5 members through RR. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Einir Young - Bangor University• Aled Jones-Griffith - Llandrillo Menai Group• Delyth Vaughan Rowlands - Mantell Gwynedd (Maternity)• Siân Tomos - Gisda Cyf Anwen Jones * RR said Delyth is now on maternity leave and so AGW will look to refill her place.* | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest Dafydd Watts completed the Declaration of Delegation for the Cyd Ynni application. Staff Update DG reported that Zoe had returned part-time and had settled well. | |
| 4. | Minutes of Meeting 01/02/2018 <u>The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record.</u> <u>Proposed by: Menna Jones</u> <u>Seconded by: Helen Pye</u> Dafydd Watts noted that he was working for the Energy Saving Trust and not Severn Wye. DG noted that the 'Pop-Up Museum' project is not going ahead because the AHNE (Natural Area of Outstanding Beauty) has rejected the application and therefore there is no match funding. AJ said that the AHNE officers were able to approve funding of £3k and could pilot one event if AGW could also contribute. It was then accepted that the remainder of the minutes were correct. | |
| 5. | Financial Report RR gave a presentation on the financial report and presented the financial table. She stated that there were £422,505 worth of applications approved at the last meeting and therefore £919,410.38 had been allocated to date. Today's applications are worth £75,663 with £2,000 match funding from Gwynedd Council. By July (next LAG) applications that include more match funding will have to be considered. DG commented that discussions had started with the NDA to give match funding again towards the next round but this cannot be confirmed for 8/9 months. In | |





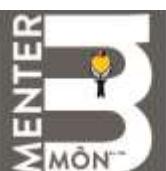
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| | <p>the meantime, therefore, AGW is obliged to match fund future applications. DG also explained that the spending profile takes us towards 2021 but LEADER can be extended towards mid-2023, and that underspend is therefore not a problem. He also said that there was an 'unrecoverable VAT' heading in the profile. As many of the projects do not include VAT, this money could help towards salaries and the rest of the money could operate projects. It is said that there will be transitional funding available after LEADER, but there is no information about this yet. DG noted that AGW will discuss and obtain confirmation from the full LAG before moving any money within the profile</p> | |
| 6. | <p>AGW website/Information Pack</p> <p>All of the members were given a copy of the 1st edition of the Information Pack at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>DG said that it is important we share information on projects, and share good practice. The information pack is intended to present what has been done, why it has been done and to share 'tips' on how to repeat the venture successfully. There will be an information pack available to all projects that will include digital videos and links. A comment was made in the sub-group that members were eager to know what happened to projects after they closed. This information pack that is available on the AGW website will respond to this. There will be information about projects that have not worked, those that have progressed, and those that have ended without success. AW said the website was almost ready, and it should become live in the coming months. It takes time to transfer information from the old website to the new one.</p> <p>Update – current projects and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The highlights of the 2017 projects were shown via a video prepared by Eleth (Marketing Officer) <p>Time to Venture</p> <p>RH gave an update on the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">At the last meeting the successful candidates were introduced, namely Raymond, Eryl, Jacqui and Lois.Unfortunately, Raymond has had to withdraw from the scheme because he has been made redundant by Gwynedd Council and therefore has to focus on other things.In terms of the other candidates, things have been moving very well. They have all received a workshop in social media and branding advice. By | |



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| | <p>next month they will have attended a financial workshop and another on how to take pictures of their businesses suitable to their websites etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also, they all prepare a weekly diary for us to find out what research they are doing on their own, and the developments they have made over the period. <p>Jacqui –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacqui has been developing 11 different flavours of desserts in jam pots. She has been pricing her product and has been experimenting on family and friends to find out which flavour is best.• She has received a visit from the Environmental Health Officer who has confirmed that her home-based kitchen is acceptable to prepare the desserts.• She plans to take orders through her Facebook page, and see how things progress before selling in local shops.• She is still working on a name for the business. <p>Eryl-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eryl's business will be called 'Gyda Llaw'• There will be two sides to the business, where she will provide children's craft workshops and the other side is creative workshops for those who are living with some kind of mental health issue.• Eryl has been very busy contacting appropriate groups as part of her research. She has also been attending events with Business Wales and it is possible she will start something similar to Men's Sheds, and call it She Sheds. <p>Tesni –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tesni has had a great deal of attention since the video of her appeared on the web. The Daily Post has run the story, Radio Cymru, the Aled Hughes programme and the ITV Coast & Country programme want to do an item on her.• The business will be called Llwybrau Defaid Eryri (Snowdonia Sheep Paths) and it is intended to start the venture on July 1st. <p>Two videos were shown to members, a video presenting Jacqui and Lois - these two videos have received a great deal of attention on social media.</p> | |
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Digital House

RR gave an update on the plan in the absence of KHE. She said that the initial sessions had taken place to identify the needs of the users. The next step will be to identify which digital gadgets will be suitable for the house. A short video of the project thus far was shown.

Dementia - 'Geo Fencing'

RH updated the plan thus far. Two weeks ago a planting session was organised in Frongoch for those living with Dementia and their carers. 6 participants took part and RH had the opportunity to speak with the carers to receive their views on the project. All the carers welcomed the idea of a bracelet on the arm of their partner or the person they care for, so that they had some form of independence while they visited Frongoch. AGW works very closely with Gwynedd Council to see what type of technology is suitable for use. RH will attend the Friday meeting with the Council to discuss this.

The second planting session will take place next month.

- A short video from the first session was shown.

Local Produce Vending Machine

RR gave an update on the scheme. This scheme was approved at the last meeting where we would be buying a vending machine and supplying it with local produce over a six month period over the summer. The open call has taken place to give local producers an opportunity to express an interest in putting their produce in the machine. The plan has been received a lot of press coverage (Radio Cymru, Daily Post, Cambrian News, BBC Wales and Radio Wales). AGW has received 8 applications. RR said that there is a need for the next open call to discover suitable locations for installing the machine. Plas Heli and Portmeirion have already declared an interest but there may be a need to think about other places e.g. a village where the local shop has closed, a tourist area or a camping area. The businesses that have declared an interest are:

- Dŵr Cerist, Llaethdy Llŷn, Te a Cofi, Coffi Poblado, Pleser Pur and Oinc Oinc, Popty, Jamiau Cath Parri.

There are recommendations that Plas Heli is not a suitable place because it is too similar to Portmeirion, and is a quiet location. HP proposed that it was a good idea to locate it in a campsite to link visitors with local produce. RR said that Inigo Jones had declared an interest as a venue. HP said there was a place in the Pen Y Pass car park (with the hostel located over the road), as long as the produce does not compete with the food in the café.





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LoRaWAN

RH explained since the last meeting two workshops have been held at Glynllifon. The first was held in February where 32 people were present. The purpose of this workshop was to introduce LoRaWAN and to gather innovative ideas. There were a lot of different ideas from this session e.g. a tool to measure the level in a 'slurry pit' and one to measure flooding in towns so that an early warning can be given. Before the workshops started, Mark Stanley (who was running the sessions) had sent sensors in advance to Glynllifon.

- One around a sheep's neck to monitor her movements
- One in a fridge to monitor pig vaccine temperature
- A sensor on one of the gates

The second workshop was more 'technical' and interactive where we could connect devices to the internet. The intention is to use Glynllifon as a venue to showcase how LoraWan and the Internet of Things can bring benefit not only to farms but to towns, local businesses and residents of Rural Wales. A series of events will take place over the coming months to promote this, and for the public to see value in the technology. It is also intended to rely on the funding to develop Lorawan projects beyond the walls of Glynllifon and to expand the internet across Gwynedd. A short video from the first workshop was shown. DG said that 10 sensors will be installed at Glynllifon to see the benefit of this technology in both agricultural and non-agricultural areas.

Creative Communities Fund

RR explained that this scheme was approved at the last meeting, where there are funds available for communities who may apply for up to £10,000. There is £100K of money in the fund with requests for feasibility studies, digital equipment, and any help that can assist them to be more sustainable.

The first round has been completed, and 8 applications were received with 6 approved in the sum of £40,524 from the fund.

The applications approved in Round 1 were:

- Tafarn Yr Heliwr (Nefyn) - Business Plan - £4800
- Siop Griffiths (Penygroes) - Digital Equipment - £8658
- Gisda (Caernarfon) - Business Plan - £9286
- Hafod Ceiri - Plan - £4030
- Plas Heli - Study - £4750





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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meithrinfa Maesywaun - Relocation study - £9000 <p>The amount left to be assigned is £59,476. All applications need approval by LAG members, but by email only and not in a full meeting. The next round is now open and there will be an open call for communities to apply. The applications throughout the first round had come through the Regeneration Officers.</p> <p>The closing date for Round 2 is on 4th June.</p> <p>B4RN in Gwynedd</p> <p>DG explained that he had been on a recent study trip to Lancashire with Peter Williams of the Welsh Government to see a scheme that is in operation, B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North Ltd). B4RN is a professionally designed fibre optic broadband network and is registered as a non-profit community benefit society, and is run by a dedicated local team with the help of landowners and volunteers. They offer 1,000Mbps FTTH for all properties in the community receiving the service, for the sum of £30 a month. All the volunteers dig the ditches themselves, to keep the costs down and they also put the ducting in the ground; then, B4RN blasts the fibre through the ducting.</p> <p>Research application under £5k DG explained that AGW would like to pilot a similar scheme in Llanymawddwy that has the same problem. DG presented an application for £3,000 towards a feasibility study and it is possible to make an RCDF application below the infrastructure. All the members were very supportive of the idea.</p> <p>The research application was approved by members for a sum of £3,000.</p> | |
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Applications for Approval:

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| 7. | <p>AGW.077 Cyd Ynni – Supplying Businesses</p> <p>RR presented the application on behalf of Cyd Ynni. It is a study application to try to prove that it is practical and cost effective to sell electricity to local businesses, taking advantage of the hydro power source which is in community ownership. The application is split into three parts, the first part will be research to identify the installation need for private wiring between Hydro Afon Goch and YHA Llanberis. The second part is to check if it is possible and practical to create a Local Energy Club for businesses in Bethesda. And the third part is research</p> | |
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| | <p>into options for the Hydro Afon Galedffrwd (Ynni Ocar) scheme. RR explained that Ynni Ocar is currently going through the planning process. The total cost of the application is £12,945. Members were very supportive, and could see the benefit of the project for the wider community.</p> <p>LAG members approved the Cyd Ynni pilot project at a total of £12,945</p> | |
| 8. | <p>AGW.079 Harlech Hoppa Bus</p> <p>DG explained that Harlech businesses (high street) believe/suggest that the Castle receives too much attention from visitors and that they do not visit their businesses. There has been a focus on transport to encourage visitors to visit the rest of the town. Martin Higgitt (transport specialist) commissioned a piece of work to see if it was practical to create a pilot of this kind. The pilot will therefore fund a hoppa bus for a period of 6 weeks from July 21st - 2nd September. Passengers will have to buy a ticket and the bus will run from the town and beach to the castle. The ticket income will generate 40% of the cost of the bus, and the data collection activity will prove if the model is viable. After the pilot, if the data shows that the model is viable, there will be an opportunity for the businesses and the Community Council to contribute 60% of the costs so that it can be sustainable in the future. The cost of the project is £24,750, with around £5,000 income being recovered from ticket sales.</p> <p>LAG members approved the Hoppa Harlech Bus pilot project at a total of £24,750.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>AGW. 078 Rural Value – Road Cycling</p> <p>DG presented this application. A number of cyclists come to Gwynedd, but the challenge is how to get an economic benefit from this? With this application, there will be an open call to identify 5 cafes on the routes (possibly the Brailsford Trail) to apply to be part of the scheme. There will be a workshop on how to cater for the cyclists, and how to market the business to this field. The pilot will buy equipment for each business e.g. cycle stand, cycle repair station. There will also be a handbook available to share throughout Gwynedd, and a closing event. Please note that input has been received from a number of cycling clubs for this application, and it also ties in with the Gwynedd Council strategy. The cost of the project is £28,000, with £2000 match funding from Gwynedd Council.</p> | |





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| | <p>LAG members approved the Rural Value – Road Cycling pilot project totalling £26,000. (With £2,000 match funding from Gwynedd Council, so total project cost is £28,000).</p> | |
| 10. | <p><u>AGW.080 Community Digital Systems</u></p> <p>RR presented this project. This pilot will try to prove if modern online digital technology can offer any solutions with maintenance costs to support community services. This challenge has been presented by the Council's regeneration officers and is a challenge across Gwynedd. The sub-group approved an application for £1296 to carry out research to identify one system that can respond to public toilets, car parks and community centres.</p> <p>The research has identified different systems that could work in terms of costs (low) and ease of trialling.</p> <p>The three suggested systems are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smartlock - (for community centres) where there are different codes for those who are long-term users and those who do not use the venue regularly. This means that a caretaker is not always needed to open and close the venue for the customer. (£400 cost plus installation costs)• Toilets – Recommend a 'Paypal' system, where a poster on the wall will provide details of a text message number, and for you to contribute voluntarily.• Parking - there is a challenge here for car parks that do not offer visitors a facility to pay for a day at a time, rather than every hour. The proposal is to use a 'Parkconomy' system, which is free but charges the user 20p on top of what they would pay to park. RR said that there would have to be discussions and support from the Gwynedd Council car parks department regarding this as an action on the scheme. The scheme can be promoted through local hotels rather than in the car parks. <p>CI said (regarding the toilet system) that not everyone has a mobile phone to pay online. He also noted that there may be a need to think of using a 'Parkconomy' system not just for overnight parking but also every hour. There is a huge cost to installing the pay machines, and some have also been stolen in the past.</p> <p>Lyndsey (GC) said that there was a need for more data and analytics for the 'Smartlock' system, e.g. what happens if the centre door is not closed properly?</p> | RR to arrange a meeting with Lindsey and Gwenan GC. |



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| | <p>RR noted that these are just recommendations, and that further research and discussions with GC will be carried out to identify the correct technology to be piloted.</p> <p>LAG members approved the Community Digital Systems pilot project at a total of £11,968.</p> | |
| <h3>Next Date</h3> | | |
| 11. | Date of meeting: 11th July at the Blondin Restaurant, Zip World Bethesda at 1.00pm | |