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Gwynedd Local Action Group Minutes - LEADER

16.10.2019

Nant Gwrtheyrn

Present:

Representative from the Enterprise Sector:		
Dafydd Watts	(DW)	Energy Saving Trust
Menna Jones	(MJ)	Antur Waunfawr
Gwion Llwyd	(GLI)	Dioni
Ian Nellist	(IN)	Small Businesses Fedration
Representatives from the Voluntary Sector:		
Sian Tomos	(ST)	GISDA
OG Thomas	(OG)	Voluntary
Geraint Strello	(GS)	BT / Technology
Arwel Jones	(AJ)	Llŷn Partnership
Representatives from Menter Môn/ Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig:		
Aaron Warren	(AW)	
Rhian Hughes	(RH)	
Rhys Gwilym	(RG)	
Eleth Owen	(EO)	
Dafydd Gruffydd	(DG)	
Zoe Pritchard	(ZP)	
Anwen Davies	(AD)	Gwynedd Council





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Point	Details	Action
Meeting of the Local Action Group		
1.	Menna Jones extended a warm welcome to the meeting to everyone. She will be chairing this Local Action Group meeting on behalf of Gwenan Williams who is absent due to illness.	
2.	9 members' apologies were received through RG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Einir Young (Bangor University) • Craig ab Iago (Dyffryn Nantlle 2020) • Ceri Cunnington (Antur Stiniog) • Gwenan Williams (Private Sector) • David Ingham (D.I.Y. Industries Ltd) • Cllr. Gareth Thomas • Alex Saul (Greenacres) • Rhodri Owen (Glynllifon) • Carys Williams (Mantell Gwynedd) • Iolyn Jones (One Voice Wales) 	
3.	Declarations of Interest GS declared an interest for the PAF LoRaWAN as he is part of the scheme. MJ expressed an interest in the Social Academy Training as he is a mentor on the programme that is led by Creu Menter.	
4.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 10/07/2019 <u>Minutes received as correct.</u> No matters arising from the minutes GS and MJ seconded the approval.	
5.	Financial Update ZP presented an update to the members on AGW's financial situation. She explained that £1,237,193.46 had been allocated to date by the LAG and if the applications in this meeting are approved today, the sum will rise to £1,296,633.46. ZP explained that AGW had been successful in ensuring match funding from the NDA. AGW Update ZP explained that AGW has 32 live projects at present and that the total value of these projects is £43,820. She explained that there had been changes in staff as Carwyn ap Myrddin had left his post and that RG had taken over as Senior Officer. This leaves	





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	<p>an Administrative post empty. ZP explained that we have interviewed for the post and had chosen a person to fill the position but unfortunately the person had to refuse the job as she had been offered another post. We will be advertising the job once again and interviewing in the middle of November.</p> <p>ZP explained that we have received a draft of the Wavehill appraisal and this will be shared with the members once we are happy with the contents.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Slate Areas – Hannah and Gwenan</u></p> <p>Hannah and Gwenan from Welsh Slate (Gwynedd Council) came to the meeting to give a presentation on the project. Hannah explained that the purpose of this project is to support the nomination for World Heritage status to North West Wales Slate Areas. This is being done by engaging with communities and seeking to regenerate through heritage. Receiving World Heritage Status would bring economic and social benefits to the slate areas and she explained that this status would not stop development or add planning restrictions on the area.</p> <p>The aim of the LleCHI project is to ensure that local communities profit from their heritage to give them opportunities to regenerate through heritage. Gwenan explained they were also working with young ambassadors and teaching young people about the importance of heritage.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Update on Current Projects</u></p> <p>Ffiws- RG reminded the members what the project is actually about, and what is the definition of ‘Gofod Gwneud’ or ‘Maker Space’ is. He explained that we have come across a location on the main street in Porthmadog and are in the process of setting out the furniture and equipment in the space. So far the laser machine, 3D printer, 3D scanner and hand equipment have arrived. Once all the equipment has arrived familiarising sessions will be held for each one.</p> <p>RG explained we put a brief up on Sell2Wales at the end of September to find individuals who would be able to help with running the familiarising sessions and other workshops. 3 tenders were received: Wyn Griffith, Jo Hinchliffe and Menai Rowlands. The 3 will be included in the project framework.</p> <p>The project launch was held last Thursday night in the Ganolfan, Porthmadog with over 30 people present. Jo Hinchliffe led the night by talking about her interest in Maker Space and the types of things it</p>	



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	<p>creates. Jen Fenner from Liverpool also came to the launch to speak about how she began her business in Maker Space. RG explained that we have created a number of contacts in the launch and that a number of people want to be part of the project.</p> <p>RG explained that he and AW had been to visit Maker Space in Liverpool recently, and that they had learnt a lot. One of the most important things to come out of it was the importance of community.</p> <p>A video of the launch was shown.</p> <p>Electric Community Cars – RG explained that the two communities chosen for this project were Bethesda and Abergynolwyn. The electric cars have arrived, and after a vote on our social websites, it was decided to call the cars Carwyn and Carwen. RG explained that we have recruited Glyn Hudson and Amy Thompson to help with this project as they are ‘specialists’ in the electric car field and have electric cars themselves. The two of them will lead the project together with AGW by engaging with the communities and helping them through the first steps of the project e.g. installing a charging point, arranging launch events, and contact with CoWheels etc.</p> <p>RG explained that the cars are being branded and that the charging points will be installed next week, after which they will be ready to move to the communities.</p> <p>The prices for using the cars have been decided with the communities.</p> <p>A video was shown of RG and Glyn Hudson discussing the cars.</p> <p>Local Produce Vending Machine RG explained that the vending machine’s term at Nant y Big Campsite came to an end at the end of September. According to the data collected, the most popular produce were milk and the biscuits / crisps. The things that didn’t sell as well included bacon and sausages. One of the lessons learnt from the project was that the honesty shelves worked better than the vending machine. RG explained that the owner of the camp had enjoyed having the machine there and he intended to get one for the campsite for next year.</p> <p>RG reminded members that we have still not found a location for the machine for the next six months and that we are open to any suggestions. He explained that we are looking for a community location this time so as to trial the machine in a different situation.</p>	
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8	<p>Project Revision Form</p> <p>1. IOT – LoraWan Following the workshops and events held during this project, RH explained that it would be beneficial to use the money left over to</p>	
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create more events that will show how LoRaWAN and the 'Internet of Things' can be of advantage to farms, towns, local businesses and residents of the Welsh countryside as well as different sectors. The 'Internet of Things Year' project has attracted the interest of a number of institutions including DCSM, Ofcom, Fibrespeed and the Welsh Government. These have all visited Anglesey and Gwynedd over the summer to see the work done so far.

However, there is not enough money to fund this fully and so an extra £10,000 is needed to achieve it. This will fund the cost of different events including EXPO co-operative with Anglesey as well as other events which raise awareness of the project, a consultant's time, digital engagement in county areas, film work and marketing. RH felt strongly that more action is required during the next 6 – 9 months.

LAG members approved the extra sum of £10,000 for the project.

2. Crowd Funding

RH explained that this is a project giving support to three different ventures trying to collect money using Crowd Funding. There are so many communities in Gwynedd seeking help in this field that it would be very useful to be able to produce a final report on this project mentioning the 3 different ventures. It would also be useful to hold an event in order to report back to the communities on the lessons learnt. RH explained that there are different lessons to be learnt from the three ventures that took part. ZP added that AGW had also produced a Tool Kit for Crowd Funding.

We are asking for an additional £5,620 to create a report and a closing event.

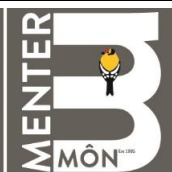
The LAG members approved the extra sum of £5,620 for the project.





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9.	Applications for approval	
9.1	<p><u>Dark Skies – Joint Project</u></p> <p>MJ welcomed Jackie Lewis to the meeting to present this application. JL explained that this application was a joint application between Gwynedd, Anglesey, Lithuania and Austria - the first application with others in Europe.</p> <p>JL explained that she and RH had gone to a Link meeting in Finland where LEADER representatives from other countries were networking and sharing ideas. This is where contact was made with Lithuania and Austria. Following a visit to the two countries, it was decided that it would be possible to work jointly with them, especially with Dark Skies as this is something the 3 countries have in common. The project aims to raise awareness of Dark Skies status and tries to attract people to those areas, highlighting concerns arising from light pollution etc. They are also keen to start a 'Dark Sky Academy' namely a club for young people to be able to learn more about Dark Skies by building a telescope themselves etc. It also intends to hold a launch event for the project at the same time in the 3 countries.</p> <p>Each country will use its own finance, with Anglesey and Gwynedd contributing £20,000 each to the joint project.</p> <p>Lithuania and Austria will also contribute £20,000 each, giving a total project cost of £80,000.</p> <p>IN raised a few worries about the project as it meant working jointly with other countries in the EU and the UK is in the process of leaving the EU. JL explained that the LEADER spending timetable has been extended until June 2023 so no political matters will arise.</p> <p>LAG members approved a total of £20,000 for the joint working project.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>Preventative Care – Joint Project</u></p> <p>ZP explained that this is a joint project between AGW and Arloesi Môn led by Sioned Thomas in Anglesey. ZP showed a video explaining the project generally and explained that the project had derived from an IOT Care event that was held a few months ago. She explained that the hope was that we would go out to procurement for companies to come back with pioneering technology suggestions that could be installed in the homes of individuals taking part in the project. Those individuals taking part would be over 70yrs old who want to continue to live in their homes</p>	





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9.3	<p>independently. The equipment will monitor data in the home and then send that data on to a member of the family or carer. ZP explained the importance of trialling the different equipment in the homes so that we can compare the data at the end of the project.</p> <p>We are asking for £23,820 for this project and Anglesey will contribute exactly the same amount also. We will be looking for 20 individuals in Gwynedd and 20 in Anglesey in order to trial the technology for a period of 6 months. ZP explained that it is important that we monitor and appraise the data thoroughly at the end of the project. In order to do this properly we will need an outside person to do the appraisal. A closing event will also be held to share good practice, costs, and what didn't go quite so well etc.</p> <p>GS added that there is a lot of technology already out that would answer some of the problems that had been discussed in the meeting. He also believed it would be difficult trying to find 20 people in the county that could / were willing to take part in the project and that the carers that work for the Council didn't have the time to help. We must find what is already available before thinking about new things.</p> <p>ST explained that the technology would benefit a lot of people, especially families living far away from their relatives and who want to keep an eye on them.</p> <p>MJ explained that it is difficult to find technology that is most appropriate for individual needs.</p> <p>The LAG members approved a total of £23,820 for joint working project and £2,500 for the appraisal.</p> <p><u>Social Academy Training</u></p> <p>ZP explained that this is not an application but we need a conversation about the potential of taking part in the academy. One thing highlighted in the Wavehill appraisal was that we want to increase the LAG members capacity, because when AGW comes to an end, the LAG members will still be out in the community making a difference.</p> <p>MJ explained what the Academy is and explained that she is a Mentor for the scheme. The Academy has been operating with ventures and schools in Scotland for a number of years and now operates across the world. They have established over 700 social ventures in schools in Scotland by encouraging entrepreneurship.</p> <p>The training explains to young people what social ventures are.</p>	
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	ZP asked the members whether they were interested in further talks with the academy. The members were keen to move on with further talks.	
Next Date		
10.	sZP confirmed that the date for the next LAG meeting is 26 February 2020. Location to be confirmed.	

