

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON MONDAY 17TH OF JULY 2023

Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

<u>PRESENT</u> Councillors Mrs S Benbow Jones, Mrs I Twigg D Wright Mrs G Wright and Deio Jones Project Coordinator.

APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs Joan Jones

TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM JAYNE RODGERS AND ZACHARY JONES, CARBON REDUCTION OFFICERS AT WCBC.

Following the meeting on the 11th of July the WCBC carbon reduction officers were due to attend the meeting, had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

TO DISCUSS AND RECAP FOLLOWING ON FROM THE LAST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Deio Jones stated to members that the Cadwyn Clwyd project is now finished, and the report has been submitted, but there is still a small amount of money left over. The next plan is to put together a bid for a longer-term project with the People And Places lottery grant.

The feasibility studies highlighted that there are facilities in the community that would benefit from being linked together, the People and Places grant could be used to employ a community project officer to put together a community forum, explore ways of further funding, encourage volunteer groups, grow community transport, organise and development activities and events and funding for the football pitch renovation etc. This would be on a fixed term contract to end at a certain date to be determined but the council. There is also a chance to working in partnership with other organisations to attract further funding.

This would be a 5-year project and would also include applying for funds for the council to give out as grants to community organisations.

Deio Jones stated that he would help with the job description and offer advice and guidance, and details can be ironed out later. A discussion followed regarding the personal skills required for the role.

Councillor D Wright discussed what organisations could partner with Cefn community council.

Deio Jones asked if the committee could make a list of local organations could be partnered with the council. A forum would need to be set up between local groups to ascertain where any grant money should awarded.

ACTION PLAN/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Deio Jones stated that he would like to get the bid in for the People and Places bid around September time, but before then, there is a chance that there will be grants available from the Shared Prosperity fund. He will investigate further with Cadwyn Clwyd and report back.

Councillor D Wright discussed the opportunities for money from the Low carbon Communities fund to be used on the land at Bro Gwilym for allotments, and where further funding come from to develop the land. Cllr Wright stated that he will discuss with relevant officers at WCBC to explore ways in which the land could be released to Cefn Community Council in trust.

A discussion followed in the best way to develop the allotment idea and possible match funding avenues.

Cllr Wright will email the Low Carbon officers with all of the projects that Cefn Community Council have engaged in that work towards the LC agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday the 20th of September at 10.30am

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed