



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
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MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : REGENERATION, PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE MEETING

TUESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor G Jones (In the Chair)

Councillors S P Brown, E Galsworthy, K Moran and M O'Neill

Councillor P Williams – Cabinet

Cooptees:

Howard Jackson

Officers:

Chris Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager) Zoe Thomas, Alison Reddy, Ian Evans and Maria Purnell

Howard Jones (Scrutiny Officer) and Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1308	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Barrett, Councillor B Carter, Councillor E C Galsworthy and Councillor C Barry Cabinet Member.
1309	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	Mr Howard Jackson Declared his Interest in Item 3 – Social Enterprise Developments – Taff Bargoed Development Trust as he works for the Trust. Councillor K Moran Declared her Interest in Item 3 – Social

		Enterprise Developments – Taff Bargoed Development Trust as she is a Trustee.
1310	Social Enterprise Developments	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor P Williams, Chris Long, Zoe Thomas, Alison Reddy, Ian Evans and Maria Purnell to the Meeting.</p> <p>Chris Long referred the Committee to the ‘Social Enterprise Developments’ report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by Councillor Williams and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 5.1 of the report – How many jobs were created – How many are still in existence • Sustainability – Is the money making a difference to the area • The number of jobs and schemes that are grant funded – What are the exit strategies • Paragraph 5.4 – What Organisations have benefited from the kick start • Paragraph 3.5 of the report – What is the capacity and expertise in the Department – Is the Department coping. • How is this being monitored – What criteria is being used • When will follow up reports be available for the Committee • Paragraph 5.1 of the report – What is the net contribution – How was this figure arrived at – How was it estimated • Explanation requested in relation to the 119 gross jobs created by the programme • What is the cost per head of the jobs created • What have the Officers learned in terms of the way forward • What is the geographical spread • How are the 29 funded • Are VAMT involved • Paragraph 4.2 of the report – The four Strategic Outcomes – How are they going forward – How are they being monitored – How are the outcomes being monitored • With the move from grants to repayments is the quality of the bids going up • Liability for the loans • Is there a learning and knowledge gap • How set up are the Organisations • Paragraph 6 of the report – What support and advice is given – What is the role – Is there mentoring • What are the barriers to going forward • How is monitoring being undertaken – What elements do the Officers want to monitor • Paragraph 7.8 of the report – What is the involvement with local Elected Members and dialogue with the community

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph 8.2 of the report – How far along is the draft strategy and when will it be finished <p>The Chair then thanked Councillor Williams and the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
1311	Performance Board - Community Regeneration	<p>Councillor E C Galsworthy entered the Meeting at 3.20 pm.</p> <p>Maria Purnell referred the Committee to the 'Performance Board – Community Regeneration' report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by Councillor P Williams and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the actions to date How is it being formalised and built into the Performance Management Programme What is the evidence base for this Paragraph 4.2 of the report – What support is the Department giving re: – Self- evaluation – Challenge process Working with external partners – What is the benefit to Merthyr Tydfil In terms of potential employees – How are the needs of a Company articulated Duelling of the Heads of the Valleys Road – What is the awareness raising Paragraph 5.2 of the report – How is data collected – Are the Department confident that the data is correct to show what the Department wants Paragraph 5.3 of the report – How are needs being monitored – What is the relationship with The College <p>Councillor P Williams then suggested that the Committee Chair together with the Chair of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee meet with representatives from The College.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTCBC Performance Board – Could other Scrutiny Members be invited to attend <p>Councillor P Williams referred to the Terms of Reference for the Committee but did not see why a Scrutiny Members could not sit in on the Meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Committee notes its satisfaction with progress and that this matter be looked at in six months time.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Councillor Williams and the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
1312	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow Up Actions	<p>The Chair advised that he had no update in relation to this item.</p>

1313	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the items that had been discussed at the Meeting.
1314	Annual Work Programme	The Committee agreed that the Chair of the Committee liaise with the appropriate Officers to discuss the Forward Work Programme.
1315	Any Other Business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.