

**Caerphilly Public Services Board**

**Local Delivery Group Meeting – 10:00 21 November 2024**

**MS Teams**

**Attendees**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** |
| Gina Jones | GAVO |
| Heather Pells | CCBC |
| Heather Delonnette | CCBC |
| Jeff Reynolds | CCBC |
| Jade Carter | CCBC |
| Louise Woolley | CCBC |
| Emma Davies-MacIntosh | ABUHB |
| Paul Hudson | CCBC |
| Jane Roberts Waite | CCBC |
| Paul Cooke | CCBC |
| Louise Aston | CCBC |
| Rob Hill | CCBC |
| Clair Roper | ABUHB |
| Jayne Carter | NRW |
| Ian Evans | CCBC |

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Pritchard

Kath Peters

Sian Wolf-Williams

Julie Reynolds

Mike Wyatt

Alison Gough

Kelly Hayes

Vicki Doyle

Heather Delonnette said that we need to think about a Vice Chair for the group, at a future meeting.

Emma Davies-MacIntosh has replaced David Llewellyn. She has done similar job in Torfaen.

1. **Minutes of the previous meetings and actions**

Minutes approved.

Paul Cooke and Louise Woolley have met transport.

Bus figures have been circulated

1. **Caerphilly Health and Wellbeing Centres - Jeff Reynolds**

Jeff Reynolds – Sports and Leisure Services Manager for CCBC.

Caerphilly Leisure and Wellbeing Hwb. The Council adopted its first Sport and Creative Recreation Strategy in 2019 which set its ambition in terms of sport and active recreation in all facets, over 10 years.

The strategy looked at all aspect of resident’s opportunities to engage in sport and recreation.

The strategy focusses on four inspirational and aspirational facilities, in Caerphilly, Newbridge, Risca, and one in the Bargoed/Aberbargoed areas to serve the north of the county borough. They have worked with partners and secured £20 million in funding which CCBC has match funded.

The aim is to have a generational facility, so people are of ages can use the facility. It will have active play and tag active and a future studio which can be adapted to future needs.

There are also collaborative spaces, supported by local employers, school, GAVO etc where partners’ activities can be delivered outside of their normal facilities.

They are talking to Welsh Government about how to make the building as carbon neutral as possible. Links are being made with Paul and the Decarbonisation Strategy.

Active travel is also being considered.

**Action** JR will meet Rob Hill to talk about accessibility to the site.

REYNOJ@Caerphilly.gov.uk If people wish to contact Jeff about the project.

1. **Update on Action Plan – Town Centre – Paul Hudson**

Paul Hudson stated that the SPF funding is coming to an end. They have been focusing on spending monies in town centres and a couple of projects are due to start in January.

There is no confirmation of what future funding may be and what that means in terms of interventions. There is a hopeful expectation that funding will be similar to what was previously allocated, as the UK government has signalled there will be funding for longer term regeneration. What this will look like and who will administer it is currently not known. 2025/26 is a transitional year with reduced funding to what was previously available under SPF.

There are two draft Place Making Plans for Bargoed and Blackwood and an existing plan for Caerphilly, that JR’s Wellbeing Hwb is a part of. Regeneration are working with consultants to develop the plans. They are looking at potentially accessing the Welsh Government acquisition fund for some of the vacant and disused buildings they want to repurpose, as well having secured internal funding.

In terms of physical improvements, they are working actively with the business community and stakeholders. In Caerphilly they are working with Link HA around developing affordable housing and office space.

**Action**

**Paul Hudson invited people to get in touch with him with any idea or proposals.**

1. **Update on action plan template - Employment – Louise Aston**

LA said that the end of SPF funding is impacting them too, and that there is funding uncertainty.

Employment Team looking at a potential Meanwhile Space in Caerphilly and there has been a delay on this until after Christmas.

They are looking at extending the Meanwhile Space in Bargoed. They are talking to the landlord about options.

The Apprenticeship Working Group had its inaugural meeting in September. An attempt to arrange a subsequent meeting did not receive good take-up and there was little feedback on the draft action plan that was distributed. LA said that partners need buy in to the apprenticeship sub-group for it to be successful. The meeting was rearranged to next week.

LA had a useful meeting with ABUHB and hoped to work together on this agenda.

A place is funded through Academy and that is working well but dependent on the level of future funding from SPF.

Employment for over 50s is in progress. LA has met with Rob Hill, the Age Friendly Officer at Caerphilly Council, and with Adam Sadler, the Principal Business Development Officer .

RH said that he has talked to the Hwbs and they are keen to have the Employment Team to do their road shows to target the over 50s. He stated that he is working to get Caerphilly CBC recognised as Age Friendly before working with businesses to become Age Friendly accredited.

Transport – There is a need to meet with Community Transport Wales colleagues. LA has met with Emma and had initial conversations but the bottom line is that this is outwith the scope of Caerphilly Council. The Bus Bill has been included in the Welsh Government legislative programme, but we need more of an update on this. Heather D said that if a Bus Bill is coming we need to put the Transport action on hold until we know what it means in practice. There may be work that can be done around active travel.

Paul Cooke said that transport and travel is in the 2050 decarbonisation strategy. This is a high-level document and is a strategy, not an action plan. The actions that arise will be what can be done locally and could include lobbying on the Bus Bill. LA said they have talked of a cycling scheme for employability. She stated that the three workstreams of decarbonisation, employability and the town centre are all linked.

Support with childcare. LA has met with Sarah Mutch to make sure that parents get enough information, and it was felt that the work already being undertaken means that this action is being met.

Green employment opportunities. Paul Cooke mentioned that the Employment Team links with the Net Zero Strategy. This will be impacted by SPF funding in terms of what we can do.

Heather Delonnette said that the green skills agenda will feed into the Net Zero Strategy. It’s about what all partners can do, not just CCBC, so there need to be conversations with other partners on meeting the workstreams.

LA and Emma on to meet on green skills.

Jayne Carter asked how we encourage people to get into more specialist green skill areas. Louise stated that people need certification for green skills, and this has been problematic for higher qualifications. For example, one already needs to be an electrician or plumber and then gain a relevant green skill certificate.

Jayne said that they still have apprenticeships in NRW.

Jayne asked about working with people with protected characteristics. Louise said that they work with everyone, and, for example, work with DWP re workshops for those who are 50 plus and work with the Autistic Society regarding people who are ND.

**Action – LA to send Jane Roberts Waite information on apprenticeship activities.**

**Louise and Emma Davies-MacIntosh to meet on green skills.**

1. **Decarbonisation – Paul Cooke**

Paul Cooke said that the 2050 strategy is separate from 2030 requirement to be net zero. For example, the team are working with Jeff Reynolds to influence the new development at the Wellbeing Hwb.

The aim is to write the strategy for 2050 by March 2025. There is a Task and Finish group, with all partners involved, and TFW and Cardiff Capital City Region involved in writing chapters. The structure and the chapters of the strategy are set.

There was a consultation meeting in September with residents in at Ty Penallta which is feeding into the draft.

PC said that he was confident that they would have a draft to start consulting on in February, with the document being finalised in March 2025.

PC said that the felt the LDG is the right governance to sign off the Caerphilly Net Zero plan. Then it will be endorsed by the council’s Cabinet and signed off by each of the partner organisations.

Task and Finish group will write the strategy and then there will be an action plan that will need funding to deliver it.

Louise Woolley said it’s been really encouraging to see how partners have been involved in the writing of the document and thanked the partners for this.

Rob Hill said that this work fits well with the Age Friendly Community aspects and asked to join the Task and Finish group.

LW Woolley offered that if your area cuts across chapters then please come and get involved.

Caroline Millington said that Adult Education and the Decarb team are putting together a Carbon Numeracy and Literacy level 1 course to deliver through Adult Education.

**Action**

**Rob Hill to join the Task and Finish group.**

**Partners whose work cuts across Decarbonisation to get in touch with Louise Woolley.**

1. **Any other business**

None.

Heather D said that the date of the next meeting has changed to allow the Net Zero Strategy to come to the meeting for approval.

1. **Date of next meeting 21st March 2025 – 10 - 12**

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| **Agenda Item**  | **Action detail** | **Responsible** |
| **1** | **Appointment to Vice Chair on the next agenda**  | **HP** |
| **3** | **Jeff Reynolds to meet Rob Hill to talk about accessibility to the new Leisure facility.** | **JR and RH** |
| **3** | **Jeff Reynolds to update the LGD group as the project advances** | **HP** |
| **5** | **Louise Aston to send Jane Roberts Waite information on apprenticeship activities.**  | **LA** |
| **5** | **Louise Woolley and Emma Davies-MacIntosh to meet on green skills** | **LW and EDM** |
| **6** | **Rob Hill to join the Task and Finish group.** | **RH** |
| **6** | **Partners whose work cuts across Decarbonisation to get in touch with Louise Woolley.**  | **All** |