

Minutes of the Environmental Strategy Steering Group meeting held at the Phoenix  
on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 7 pm.

Present: Wyndham King, Dean Jones, Gerda Beckers, Neal Hammond.

Apologies: Pauline Worman, Shan Farr, Kerry Davies.

1. Bwllfa Development Project. Reports and copies of applications were distributed. We have registered with Woodlands Trust and are seeking registration with Environment Wales so that we can apply to them for a Management Grant. We have also applied for an Active Lifestyle Grant, but Neal is not too hopeful of success. Representatives of Cyd Coed are meeting at the Phoenix on 29/11/06 prior to a site visit. We have been promised by Groundwork Trust that the bridges will be completed before then.
2. Fight Blight. There was a progress report from Neal, particularly about the 'Adopt a Station' project. Shan is to contact Geraint Morgan of Arriva to discuss the best way forward.
3. Pentre Park and Ynys Park was discussed. Dean was confirmed as the main development officer for these projects.
4. Listed Buildings. There are four listed buildings in our immediate vicinity – St. Peters Church, Old Council Offices, Old Workmen's Hall (now the Phoenix) and Bethesda Chapel. Large amounts of money have been spent on restoring St. Peters and the Phoenix, but Bethesda is in serious danger. Neal was given permission to examine options for saving Bethesda and also options for increasing community usage of St. Peters Church. It was considered that the old Council Offices are outside our province.
5. Area Regeneration Footpaths. Neal reported on plans to develop footpaths in the locality. His idea in Pentre was to develop Landmark Walks based at St. Peters and the Phoenix and linked to the Bwllfa. This was approved.

**Next meeting: 7 pm, Wednesday, 8th November at the Phoenix.**