

Rhondda Community Business Initiatives Ltd.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held at 2 pm on Wednesday, 23rd August, 2006

Present: Neal Hammond, Wyndham King (Chair), Dai Williams, Mike Chapman, Kerry Davies, June Abbott, Mal Brewer, Em Jenkins

Apologies: Pauline Worman, Gerda Beckers, Brian McGrath.

1. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 19/7/06, were accepted as a true record.
2. Correspondence. (a) Letter from Mark Large (WEFO) approving Neal's proposed revisions to the Grid project. (b) Application to register Bwllfa project with Environment Wales. (c) Correspondence from Em regarding Pentre Park.
3. Financial Report. Neal produced print-out of finances, and answered questions. Report accepted.
4. Future Strategy. Neal gave a report on the current situation with the ERDF Convergence Programme. There was some new information but the situation was still obscure. It was agreed that all we could do at present was to ensure that our present ERDF project was successfully completed and to try to position ourselves to be able to take advantage of any new opportunities that might arise in the future.
5. Regeneration Grid. Neal explained the approved revisions. This included a virement of funds from salaries to environmental enhancement projects, and an extension of the ending date from 31/3/07 to 31/5/07. Objectives and targets remain unchanged.
6. Bwllfa. There has been an encouraging meeting with Steven Bromley (Development Officer, Environment Wales) to discuss the possibility of an application for a Management Grant. First we must register our project; an application has been sent and we await a response.
7. Phoenix. Mike reported on cinema admissions, fire safety risk assessments and quotations, and ongoing work to improve areas of the building. Kerry gave a progress report on the application to improve the external front of the building. Wyndham asked that improvements to the rear of the building should also be considered. The reports were accepted.
8. Action Plan 2006/2007. Copies were distributed. Comments are to be received at or before the next meeting, which is to be brought forward.
9. AOB. Em handed a scaled map of Pentre Park to Kerry, which is to be copied and returned. Kerry will pass copy on to Dean Jones who will be the lead officer on this project.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 6th September at 2pm.