

Minutes of the RCDA/RCBI Community Network meeting held at the Phoenix Centre on Thur. 13th May 2004.

Present: M.Brewer, C.Lewis, W.King, S.M.Todd-Jones, J.Moore, G.Beckers, P.Evans (observer), G.Edwards, M.Thomas, D.Williams, J.Abbott, S.M.Farr, N.Hammond.

Apologies: P.Cannon, B.McGrath, M.Chapman, P.Worman, E.Jenkins, H.Gruffydd.

Organisations represented: RCBI, RCDA, Ystrad BGC, Ton & Gelli BGC, Llwynypia BGC, Cory Junior Band, Pentre Primary PTA, RVIC, Ton Pentre Recreation Assoc.

1. Neal Hammond introduced the theme of the meeting, which was '*Preparing for Phase Two of the Community Regeneration Grid – From Community Initiatives to Community Business*'. He explained that the RCBI Board had already debated this, and that the matter was now being brought in front of the network for approval.
2. Action Plan 2003 was reviewed and the targets were re-visited.
3. The form to be taken for Action Plan 2004 was discussed and agreed.
4. The proposed Community Enterprise Framework (Appendix 1) was approved.
5. The implications of the new structure for development, which placed community enterprise and sustainability at the heart of our regeneration strategy, were discussed in some detail.
 - a. Definitions of Community Development, Community Enterprise and Community Business were discussed and adopted (Appendix 2).
 - b. Because of the potential pitfalls for network members with charitable constitutions, it was agreed that community businesses would be managed by general committees of RCBI, which would include representatives of the various organisations making up the network.
 - c. The three represented Boys' & Girls' Clubs adopted a commonly agreed approach (Appendix 3).
 - d. Community Business staff may be deployed throughout the network, and will be employed by RCBI.
 - e. With regard to the Bwllfa project, suitable leasing and working arrangements will be agreed between the landowners and RCBI.
 - f. Activities and programmes, including security and maintenance, related to Bwllfa and Ynys Fields are to be organised and managed by paid staff responsible to the appropriate general committee as per RCBI's constitution.
 - g. The agreements made at this meeting are to form the basis of Action Plan 2004, which is intended to prepare the way for the Community Regeneration Grid – Phase Two.
6. Composition of the new Steering Groups was adjourned to the next network meeting.
7. The mechanisms and principles of profit distribution within a community enterprise framework were adjourned to subsequent meetings.

Next Network Meeting: Thurs. 24th June 2004, 2 pm @ Phoenix Centre