



**Growing Mid Wales
Partnership Meeting
The Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron
Friday, 12th April 2019
10:30am – 12:30pm**

Attendees

Ellen Ap Gwynn (EAG)	Leader, Ceredigion County Council (Chair)
Rosemarie Harris (RH)	Leader, Powys County Council (Vice-Chair)
Ann Elias (AE)	Ceredigion County Council
Alun Davies (AD)	Farmers Union of Wales
Ann Watkin (AW)	Welsh Government
Arwyn Davies (AD)	Ceredigion County Council
Carwyn Jones-Evans (CJ-E)	WLGA
Ceri Stephens (CS)	Mid Wales Manufacturing Group
Claire Miles (CM)	Mid Wales Regional Engagement Officer
Cllr. Peter Davies MBE (PD)	FUW
Cllr. Rhodri Evans (RE)	Ceredigion County Council
Cllr. Rowland Rees Evans (RRE)	Mid Wales Tourism
Cllr. Dafydd Edwards (DE)	Ceredigion County Council
Emma Wilde (EW)	Mid Wales Chamber of Commerce
Gavin Crouch (GC)	Ceredigion & Powys County Councils
Gwilym Davies (GD)	Powys County Council
Jenni Thomas (JT)	Powys County Council
Lisa Griffiths (LG)	Powys County Council
Mark Dacey (MD)	NPTC Group of Colleges
Nia Williams (NW)	Mid Wales Joint Committee
Peter James (PJ)	Welsh Government Regeneration
Dr. Rhian Hayward MBE (RH)	Aberystwyth University
Rob Halford (RH)	WEFO
Rob Holt (RH)	Visit Wales
Russell Hughes-Pickering (RHP)	Ceredigion County Council
Val Hawkins (VH)	Mid Wales Tourism
Vanessa Naughton (VN)	Welsh Government



In attendance

Llion Bevan – Communications Officer – Ceredigion County Council

Seren Jones – Note taker – Ceredigion County Council

1.	Introductions and Apologies The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. The Chair expressed condolences on behalf of the Partnership to the family of Cllr. Paul James, who tragically lost his life yesterday following a road traffic collision near Bow Street, Aberystwyth. Cllr. Rosemarie Harris (RH) invited Cllr. Ellen Ap Gwynn (EAG) to assume the Chair of the GMW Partnership for the forthcoming year (2019-20). EAG thanked RH for her work to support the Partnership in the last year. Apologies for today's meeting were received from:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arwyn Watkins OBE - Cambrian Training• Cllr. Dafydd Meurig - Gwynedd County Council• Cllr. Martin Weale - Powys County Council• Cllr. Phyl Davies, Powys County Council• Dr. Rhodri Llwyd Morgan - Aberystwyth University• Gareth Jones - Powys County Council• Gerwyn Evans – Welsh Government• Hayley Thomas - Powys Teaching Health Board• Hywel Davies – University of Wales Trinity St. David• John Jones - Welsh Government• Julian Atkins - Brecon Beacons National Park• Matt Morden - Coleg Sir Gar• Peter Howells - NFU• Peter Skitt - Hywel Dda University Health Board• Rebecca Williams – CLA• Rob Halford – Welsh Government• Terri Thomas – Welsh Government• Vivienne Lewis – Welsh Government	
2.	Minutes and actions from last GMW Partnership on 11th January 2019. The Minutes from the meeting held on the 11 th January 2019 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.	
3.	To receive a presentation by Dr. Rhian Hayward, Aberystwyth University	

	<p>Dr. Rhian Hayward MBE, Chief Executive Officer of Aberystwyth University's new Enterprise and Innovation Campus, attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the project to date. A copy of the presentation is attached below.</p> <p> Aberystwyth Innovation & Enterpri</p> <p>An opportunity for questions followed.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Dr. Rhian Hayward for her presentation today.</p>	
4.	<p>To receive a presentation by Mr. Steve Hughson, Chief Executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society</p> <p>Mr. Steve Hughson, Chief Executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the annual Royal Welsh Agricultural Show.</p> <p>An opportunity for questions followed.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mr. Hughson for his presentation today.</p>	
5.	<p>Regional update to include the regional economic programme and related developments</p> <p>Gavin Crouch (GC), Special Advisor Business & Analytics, stated that the Strategic Priorities for the region have now been finalised and will be circulated following today's meeting.</p> <p>The vision for the Growth Deal is being worked on and a single programme of a small number of themes/areas is being developed which is being led by the private sector.</p> <p>GC provided feedback on the workshops that have taken place to date which are helping to form the vision for the Growth Deal. Workshops have been well attended and good engagement has taken place.</p> <p>GC stated that he would like to see more representatives from the manufacturing and agriculture sectors attending future workshops.</p> <p>Based on feedback, GC hopes to have a draft vision in place by the end of next week.</p>	
6.	<p>Regional Engagement Update Report – Quarter 1 Update</p>	

	<p>The Chair referred to the attached pre-circulated Regional Engagement Update Report which provides an update on work undertaken during Quarter 1.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to the recommendations contained on Page 3 as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the submission, previously agreed by written procedure, to the NAFW EIS Committee inquiry into regional skills partnerships 2. For RET officers to arrange a regional meeting with Welsh Government and relevant officers and stakeholders to discuss proposed Superfast Broadband activity, and map properties that will not be serviced after the end of the new programme. This information can then be used to inform activity under the new regional economic programme. 3. To note the position in respect of the update on the Employability Plan and the roll out of Working Wales on 1st May 2019. 4. To note the information on regional exposure to Brexit published by the WLGA. <p><u>TRI Programme</u></p> <p>Two of the indicative regional list of projects have failed to progress and two are now approved. The successful projects are the Regional Property Development Investment Fund with TRIp funding of £1.5m for two years and Canolfan Dulais, Lampeter (TRIp funding £1.533m). Burgess House, UWTSO and Ladywell House have failed to progress.</p> <p>The outcome of these changes is that approximately £700k has been lost from the first year's allocation of the programme and, because of the commitment of resources in each of the following years, there is some pressure now in these years which will need careful management.</p> <p>WG Homes and Places, are asking for certainty on deliverability and likely actual spends on the remaining indicative projects within the available indicative budget allocation for the region over the remaining two years of the Programme by this coming June. They are anxious to avoid underspend and loss of resource for the region</p>	
7.	Connectivity and Infrastructure Working Group - Quarter 1 Update	

	<p>AE presented the Connectivity and Infrastructure Working Group Quarter 1 Report to the Partnership for information.</p> <p>AE congratulated Welsh Government on the opening of the Newtown Bypass.</p> <p>AE stated that good work has been undertaken with the Marches LEP. An invitation has been received to join them at an event at Westminster on the 8th May 2019.</p>	
8.	<p>Nomination of private sector representative from the Growing Mid Wales Partnership to sit on the Regional Learning and Skills Board</p>	
	<p>Consideration was given by Members for a private sector representative from the GMW Partnership to sit on the Regional Learning and Skills Board.</p> <p>The Members agreed that it would not be appropriate at this time due to the work that is ongoing for the Mid Wales region to have its own entity for learning and skills.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee</u> MS stated that a House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee enquiry has launched relating to the effectiveness of Growth Deals and City Deals for Wales and the potential for similar funding to be granted to Mid Wales.</p> <p><u>Visit Wales – Tourism Consultation</u> RH stated that Visit Wales are running a consultation until the 14th May on ‘10 questions – let’s shape the future’. RH confirmed he would circulate the details via the secretariat.</p>	
10.	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 12th July 2019 at 10.30am in County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys • Friday, 11th October 2019 at 10.30am in The Chamber, Penmorfa, Ceredigion • Friday, 10th January 2020 at 10.30am in County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys 	

Leader of Ceredigion County Council, Councillor Ellen Ap Gwynn, Chair.

