



Community Development Report

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Point	Notes	Actions
Green Infrastructure Project	<p>This is progressing well and the Cwmaman Project Plan is not completed. Within the partnership of organisations, I am currently supporting the others with the development of their project plans – which will then be used to create the Delivery Plan to secure the funding.</p> <p>This is a 3-year funded project. We will secure a dedicated officer for those 3 years. We will receive ongoing support from Ecology Officers from all 3 County Councils involved and 4 x 5-week woodland training courses from SmallWoods (other partner).</p>	
Well-being Integration into Council Operations	<p>I have developed a system, following the process above, which will allow for each project proposed to Council for agreement, to be presented in a manner that meets legal compliance.</p> <p>This is being shared with colleagues and I will support them as needed in ensuring compliance with minimal extra/reduced time spent in compiling reports.</p> <p>The draft Well-being Report is progressing and I require the Council to agree a set of key objectives for the next 3 years of operations. These can be as detailed or as open as is necessary to provide clarity on direction.</p>	<p>Council to identify a list of the key priorities for the next 3 years for inclusion within the Report.</p>
Community Engagement and Support	<p>Since my last report I have met with the following groups/organisations to take forward community development priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ysgol Y Bedol School: education, young people, skills and economic regeneration. - Black Mountain Fishing and Camping (Business): economic development, environment, youth engagement, leisure and tourism. - Hearth Workshop: skills, social engagement, volunteering. - INCC: ecology, environment, volunteering. - Welsh Government: funding, advocacy, access to support. - CAVS: volunteering, education, funding, officer support. - AVH Action Group: asset development, community cohesion, health. - Carms. County: leisure and tourism, environment, funding, partnership delivery. - Syrian Refugee Support: social inclusion, loneliness, skills, volunteering. 	
Existing Projects	<p>The majority of focus over the last month has been on the completion of tasks within existing projects. This has allowed progress to be made in a number of areas and, should this approach to the CDO delivery continue, it will support greater outcomes.</p> <p>Key progress made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer Hub: event organised and planned for the 7th and 8th of June in Ammanford. - Education Hub: positive discussions with Marissa regarding the development of education services within the centre. - Technology Hub: Engagement with Ysgol y Bedol and Swansea University. - Well-being Duties/Compliance: internal systems development. 	

Going Forward:

GI Project	I will be supporting other partners with the completion of their project plans with the understanding that their support, advocacy and knowledge will provide an opportunity for them to reciprocate once the project commences fully.
Technology Hub/Education	I will continue to support Ysgol y Bedol with the F1 remote control car competition as it is providing an excellent opportunity to both raise their aspirations and promote the use of the MakerSpace within the community and Carmarthenshire.
Well-being Report	I aim to finalise the report, with inclusion of the Council priorities/aims and vision for the next 3-years. This will then be circulated to Council for consideration prior to a special meeting being called.
General Duties	I aim to work with colleagues to finalise a shared project modelling approach that will provide a more efficient means of communication, planning and monitoring give the increasing workload of all staff as the Council moves forward in developing the community.
Volunteer Hub	I will be delivering the Volunteer Celebration event, in partnership with CAVS, on the 7 th and 8 th of June in Ammanford. All Councillors are invited to attend and, if possible, support the MakerSpace/Community Centre stand on the days of the event.
Education Hub	Marissa and I will be meeting with Adult Learning Wales / Agored Cymru to investigate the development of education provision at the Centre. We will also be considering the option to register the Centre as a “centre for education” in its own right; which would allow for direct delivery of courses and examinations.

Area of Work	Specific Tasks	Status
Community Asset Mapping	Contact Companies House to access Excel Sheet data	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Women's Tour of Britain - Attend partnership meeting with County Officer.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Women's Tour of Britain - Identify viewing points and produce location maps.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Women's Tour of Britain - Respond to Huw Parsons regarding the painting of bikes under the MakerSpace project.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Women's Tour of Britain - Design and produce localised marketing/promotion materials. Paper/Digital.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Women's Tour of Britain - Promote Volunteering Opportunities through Volunteer Hub - Produce media - respond to enquiries.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Women's Tour of Britain - Undertake online/social media marketing for Cwmaman.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Black Mountain Fishing and Camping - Arrange site visit for County Councillors	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Black Mountain Fishing and Camping - Meet to discuss connection to future projects within the community and support with priority issues (youth, environment, tourism, employment)	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Black Mountain Fishing and Camping - Support with planning applications and ecology related issues.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Black Mountain Fishing and Camping - initial site visit to discuss project ideas and how this relates to local needs.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Ysgol y Bedol F1 Project - Develop induction for education staff on use of MakerSpace equipment.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Ysgol y Bedol F1 Project - Print 3D parts for F1 car model.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Ysgol y Bedol F1 Project - Attend Swansea University Engineering Department with pupils to promote STEM related career options.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Ysgol y Bedol F1 Project - Meet with staff/pupils to discuss/present technology and process for project.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Ysgol y Bedol F1 Project - Meet with pupils to provide demonstration of 3D printing technology and consult on future ambitions.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Ysgol y Bedol F1 Project - Meet with staff to support access to makerspace equipment and technologies.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Meet with Hospital Action Group to support development of constitution.	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Arrange meeting with Friend of Hospital	Complete
Community Group Support and Meetings	Follow-up Meeting with Jan	Complete
Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Develop internal, all council, project concept form to ensure compliance with the Act and project stability from outset.	Complete
Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Awaiting Response from Council to progress with report.	Complete

Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Meet with other CDOs to discuss way forward and share practice.	Complete
Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Liaise with Healthboard Re. GI Project and Social Prescribing - Ongoing Task.	Complete
Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Submit draft plan to Main Council for approval and whole Council input on key aspects.	Complete
Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Develop Draft Well-being Plan: Following Completion of Community Consultation	Complete
Community Plans, Policies, Reports and Strategies	Email development of Health Action Group Concept	Complete
Funding Applications	General Funding Support	ONGOING
Funding Applications	Collate Evidence	Complete
Funding Applications	Request Meeting with MS, ER and DD to design funded project	Complete
Funding Applications	Arrange, Facilitate and Deliver National Lottery Support Session for local organisations.	Complete
Funding Applications	Meet with Welsh Government	Complete
Funding Applications	Complete GI Project Application Aspects (Stage 3)	Complete
Funding Applications	Complete GI Project Application Aspects (Stage 2)	Complete
General Duties	Staff Meeting	Complete
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General Duties	iBoard Training Session	Complete
General Duties	Develop Draft Internal Project Proposal System	Complete
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General Duties	Prioritise local organisation involvement in main projects - communications sent and offers made.	Complete
General Duties	Community information requests, informal meetings, emails and calls.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Meet with Rosie Carmichael to develop Carms/Cwm delivery plan project plan.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Meet with Rob Parry to discuss intelinked aspects of GI and INCC	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Develop Project Plan	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Attend Welsh Government Funding Meeting with Partners and Welsh Government Officers	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Partnership Meeting to discuss changes to project and application	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Develop intelligent Excel project plan for all partners to use.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Identify and collate Key Metrics for use within Project Monitoring.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Develop Outcomes tracking procedure and database/reporting structure.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Develop Outline Proposals for Community Woodland Engagement Projects	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Identify Planting Locations within Community	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Identify potential private sector partnerships	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Attend partnership meeting.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Ongoing - Support with marketing and promotion of project.	Complete
Green Infrastructure Project	Support with delivery of community activities.	Complete

Green Infrastructure Project	Integrate data collected within local plans/analysis.	Complete
RCDF FUNDING	Deliver 2nd inspection visit	Complete
Technology Hub	Meet with Swansea MakerHub/Swansea University to discuss community collaboration projects and shared resources.	complete
Volunteering Hub	Develop dedicated Facebook page for Amman Valley Volunteer Hub	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Submit Completed EOIs	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Meet with Sue Smith to complete registration process for projects.	Complete
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Volunteering Hub	Register MakerSpace and PP Projects	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Establish Shared Drive and Key Documents	Complete
Volunteering Hub	1st week of June - Volunteers Week (Friday 7th - to hit market day in Ammanford) (Saturday 8th to hit weekend traffic)	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Overnight Security - RV to source prices.	Complete
Volunteering Hub	RV - to produce event risk assessment - discuss with County Event service.	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Marquees to be sourced from Ammanford Town Council, County and 3rd Sector to bring own.	Complete
Volunteering Hub	RV to contact Carmarthenshire to arrange access to pedestrian precinct in Ammanford) - through Rosie Carmichael???	COMPLETE
Volunteering Hub	RV - Contacted "Street Works" Helen 01267 224508 Re. permissions to use pedestrian precinct in Ammanford. Helen sending forms over to book the space.	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Discussed with Lowrie Jones 01267 224699 (Tourism and Leisure) - RV to send email outlining the event to include purpose, size, activities, site plan etc. lowriejones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk	Complete
Volunteering Hub	RV to produce site plan	Complete
Volunteering Hub	RV to liaise with businesses on street	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Marketing Materials - JH to start and send to RV - RV to contribute as needed.	Complete
Volunteering Hub	RV to contact media and press in County.	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Produce and circulate registration forms	Complete
Volunteering Hub	Produce, post and schedule social media marketing for Volunteering Event.	Complete

Section Details

Project Title: Energy Efficiency 1															
Project	<p>In order to protect the assets within our community, Cwmaman Town Council took the step to undertake "asset transfers" of these facilities from Carmarthenshire County Council. In addition, we also own the "Community Hall" (now the "Hearth Workshop" and the "Youth Resource Centre". Many of these assets have not been upgraded or maintained sufficiently to ensure that they were either energy efficient or used to their full potential for the benefit of residents.</p> <p>This inspired us to undertake a series of physical and process upgrades to ensure we used less energy, that the energy we did use was more efficient and that the overall effectiveness of the facilities was improved.</p> <p>We have achieved a significant reduction in energy consumption over the past 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre: Previous (???) – Current (???) • Youth Resource Centre: Previous (???) – Current (???) • The Hearth Workshop: Previous (???) – Current (???) <p>This has been achieved through the replacement of all possible lighting with energy efficient LED lighting, increased insulation, upgrades windows from single glazed to energy efficient double glazed and the installation of thermostatic zone controls to the heating systems.</p> <p>In addition, through the placement of solar panels we have generated income for the community to the value of £??? over the past 24 months and planted over 1000 new native hardwood trees within our community with local children and community groups.</p>														
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Carms. Goals	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More welcoming spaces have permitted the delivery of over 6 different health focussed activities and classes. • Through reduced gas usage we expel less local air pollutants. • Improved facilities have permitted the development of 9 new community groups which provide positive social engagement for people of all ages. <p>Early Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We identified the poor energy efficiency of the new assets prior to the asset transfer process and undertook a grant funded project to address these issues prior to them coming into full ownership of Cwmaman Town Council. • Savings allow us to address some of the less profound issues within our community now before they become far more significant. <p>Strong Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of more community groups creates stronger, more supportive, social relationships. • The more welcoming spaces have permitted the delivery of more than 20 community events in the past 24 months. • Savings through energy efficiency have allowed us to develop additional projects and services to address issues of skills, employment, access to services and sense of ambition for our service users. <p>Prosperous People & Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The energy savings helped us to justify the expenditure on modern technology to allow residents to develop relevant and sought-after skills. 														
Sustainability Principle	<p>Long Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our energy savings will continue for years to come and the savings, through investment and continued improvement, will continue to grow. <p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The savings made have provided us with the ability to address the "less-urgent" needs within our community and support the prevention of unnecessary harm to our environment. <p>Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have worked with Cynnal Cymru, independent consultants and local specialists to ensure that our actions meet the needs of both local and national environmental policy. <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure we achieve the best savings possible we have worked with Cynnal Cymru, Gaia Renewable Energy, The Wildlife Trust and Welsh Government Officers to ensure we access the best skills available to us. <p>Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy saving was a key suggestion made by local residents in regards to how we can ensure the sustainability of our assets. • We continue to involve local residents and our professional colleagues through focus groups and our Well-being Professionals Group. 														
Project Rationalisation	<p>Primary National Indicators Addressed: 14. The Ecological Footprint of Wales.</p> <p>Additional National Indicator Numbers:</p> <p>4. Levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) pollution in the air., 12. Capacity (in MW) of renewable energy equipment installed., 13. Concentration of carbon and organic matter in soil., 15. Amount of waste generated that is not recycled, per person., 41. Emissions of greenhouse gases within Wales., 42. Emissions of greenhouse gases attributed to the consumption of global goods and services in Wales., 43. Areas of healthy ecosystems in Wales., 44. Status of Biological diversity in Wales., 46. The social return on investment of Welsh partnerships within Wales and outside of the UK that are working towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Project Partners (**, **) Cynnal Cymru, Gaia Renewable Energy, Lightology Ltd, Ultimate Window Systems, Welsh Government, the European Government, Ysgol y Bedol School Eco-Schools Group, Cwmaman Community Centre Management Committee.</p> <p>Consultation Evidence: Cwmaman Household Survey 2016/17 Community Centre User Survey 2016/17 Community Focus Groups 2016/17/18 £64,000 additional community income from the Rural Community Development Fund (Welsh Government and EU administered funding).</p> <p>Generated Income / Community Income: £6,000 Cwm Environmental Funding (GrantScape)</p>														
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Gazebos for Community Events

There is an urgent requirement for gazebos to support community events and activities. Below is an example of what could be purchased.

We require a minimum of 5. However, 10 qty would mean we are not reliant upon other, external organisations, for access to this resource.

We will require these for June 7th and 8th so consent is required as soon as practicable.



Medium Quality: £59.99 - £79.99

High/Medium Quality: £89.99 - £139.99

Proposed Planting Location for Glanamman and Garnant



Woodland/Tree Planting.



Food Plant/Herbs.



Pollinator Planting

