

**Notes from Economy and Transport Ministerial Meeting planning group
10.09.2010**

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Attendance:

Matt Brown (WCVA) – Chair
Christine Boston (Community Transport Association)
Peter Jones (Guide Dogs Cymru)
San Leonard (Social Firms Wales)
Ben Lloyd (WCVA)
Gurmit Randhwa (Interfaith Council for Wales)
Clare Rudall (Business in the Community)
Rachel Sharp (Wales Environment Link)
David Smith (Co-ops and Mutuals Wales)

Apologies:

Rhodri Thomas	Cynnal Cymru
Derek Walker	Wales Co-operative Centre
Rhiannon Hardiman	Living Streets
Peter Williams	DTA Wales
Hazel Lloyd Lubran	TSSW
Jess McQuade	WEL

2. Notes from the last Ministerial meeting (09.07.20)

Minutes approved.

Action Point: Ben Lloyd to follow up with Rocio Cifuentes regarding extending bus pass eligibility to asylum seekers.

3. Discuss and agree papers for Ministerial Meeting 21.10.20

Clare Rudall gave an update as to BiTC continued work and highlighted their continued work in matching charities with business that can provide support and help. Highlighted local lockdowns that are happening and the business/charity response to this situation.

San Leonard asked that the particular rural context be kept in mind.

David Smith highlighted procurement and the impact on consumers and users through the lens of free school meals and how they are financed. With an upturn that has already happened in numbers of free school meals and is likely to continue to rise over the coming months. How will this be financed and how will the extra spend be best leveraged to by local and quality.

Rachel Sharp had two questions –

- i. Economic Contract: How much is this being used with businesses who receive money and support from Covid Economy Recovery Package; are the recommended additions to the Economic Contracts for nature renewal and global supply chains in place or can we work with WG to design and secure these?
- ii. How is WG measuring / monitoring the economic fiscal stimulus / support packages and programmes are 'green' across all departments? And environmental programmes are not just limited to the Env department?

Christine Boston added that the Wales Transport Strategy is due to be launched soon. Some reference to the third sector but not a huge amount that the third sector can play. This was a 25-year strategy focusing on sustainability and inclusivity. Christine also chairs a network of sustainable development orgs – Transform Cymru) who have information on this.

Peter Jones said that he had been in regular contact with the Deputy Minister in relation to temporary transport schedules and the closure of roads to traffic in town/city centres.

San Leonard requested to provide the Minister with an update on the Social Enterprise vision and action plan including the development of the output actions.

David Smith raised the role of co-operatives and mutuals in the proposed changes to the Welsh baccalaureate's curriculum design, especially in relation to citizenship. The group felt that this was a cross-cutting issue.

Action: Ben Lloyd to reflect request for this discussion upwards to the wider TSPC planning group.

Rachel Sharp noted the recent report by David Henshaw (Natural Resources Wales) which looked at what to do, and also what not to do, in relation to modal shift. The financing for some of this was unclear.

David Smith was concerned that the focus of the Foundational Economy had changed since its inception, and that a potential future focus could be funding for free school meals in such a way that it enabled local procurement of quality food.

Matt Brown suggested there were two main papers to discuss and a paper to note.

Papers:

- Wales Transport Strategy – Christine Boston/CTA to lead
- Green and Just Recovery – Rachel Sharp/Jess McQuade to lead with input on food procurement from David Smith, responsible business from Clare Rudall and Social Enterprise from San Leonard

Paper to note:

- Update on Social Enterprise Vision and Action Plan – San Leonard to lead

Timescales

- Draft papers submitted to WCVA (Fiona & Ben) for circulation to group by Monday 28th Sept
- Comments, additions etc on draft papers returned to WCVA by Tuesday 6th Oct
- WCVA submit to WG by Friday 9th Oct
- Meeting takes place on 21st October

The papers and timeline were agreed.

Action: Christine Boston, Rachel Sharp, and San Leonard to produce papers, or to delegate to others within their networks.

4. AOB

There was no other business.