

## **Housing and Local Government planning group meeting**

4 March 2021

Minutes

### **Attendees**

- Lee Ellery, CoProduction Network for Wales
- Gemma Lelliot, CTA UK
- Ruth Power, Shelter Cymru
- Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust
- Helene Hayes, Citizen's Advice Cymru
- Peter Williams, DTA Wales
- Katie McColgan, Interfaith Council for Wales
- Ben Lloyd, WCVA
- David Cook, WCVA

### **Minutes and actions from last MM Meeting 05.11.20**

Previous Ministerial Meeting had discussed how to hardwire communities and local government more closely. There is no roadmap for this yet. Chris said action is needed here.

Peter noted the discussion on town centre regeneration, and that it had come up at a recent Economy and Transport meeting. That group is doing a paper. This group may have something to contribute.

### **Preparation for future meeting with the Minister**

Town centres and regeneration highlighted again.

Chris noted that it would be useful to have a Minister post-election with 'communities' in their job title.

Ruth said that housing is a key enabler of health and the recovery, and that housing as a human right needs to be followed up post-election. There is cross-party support for the recommendations of the Homeless Action Group's recommendations. Peter noted these could link with the fuel poverty and climate emergency agendas.

Chris said we need to tread carefully relating to UK Government's recently-announced funding streams. He said that engagement with local authorities at a regional level is an ongoing issue. Ben said we need to look at improving culture of participation and involvement with public sector bodies.

Helene pointed out that the Minister asked for examples of where the voluntary sector and other bodies had worked well together in partnership, and it would be good to provide this.

## **AOB**

Dave noted the consultation on the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Bill.

## *Actions*

- *Lee to share report on impact of coronavirus on people with disabilities.*
- *WCVA to link with Economy and Transport group re town centres.*
- *Group to supply examples of the sector and public bodies working well in partnership together.*