

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

**Action Sheet - Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Item	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
6	<p><b><u>Action Sheet – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Electric Vehicle Charging Points:</b> An update to be provided in terms of timelines.</p>	Amy Taylor	All BG funded charge points have been installed and are operational. Additional charge points are being installed by Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. The contract for install has just been awarded and this will be followed by timelines for delivery.
9	<p><b><u>Regeneration and Development Performance</u></b></p> <p>A Member requested that the Welsh Audit of Commemoration be reported to the appropriate committee for discussion.</p> <p><b>Destination Management and Tourism:</b> A Member requested that the issues with the bridge over Cwmcelyn Pond be prioritised as part of the Destination Management Plan and asked that it be discussed as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure:</b> Update to be provide on usage in Blaina.</p>	<p>Richard Crook</p> <p>Richard Crook</p> <p>Amy Taylor</p>	<p>Update to be provided.</p> <p>The Authority is looking at whether Cwmcelyn Pond bridge could be repaired by submitting a scheme/bid for Active Travel funding as an Active Travel route although discussions with Sustrans to date have suggested that this may not be supported by Transport for Wales [TfW] as there are already existing Active Travel routes around the pond that lead between residential area and school.</p> <p>This will however be raised for due consideration and comment from TfW through a meeting due to be held shortly with Sustrans who will hopefully provide a definite answer either way.</p> <p>Since commissioning in November 2020 the chargers at High Street, Blaina have been used on two occasions once in July and the second occasion in September.</p> <p>Although the figure is low it shows the charge point has seen some usage in recent months and when compared to the Abertillery Sports Centre figure of seven occasions it shows that whilst uptake has been low we are now seeing some usage.</p>

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			<p>Low usage could be down to a number of factors including awareness of the charge point location or level of EV car ownership in the Blaina and surrounding area. Whilst the usage to date has been low it is essential we maintain the provision as the infrastructure will be essential to support everyone's move away from Petrol and Diesel cars.</p> <p>We are working with the Corporate Communications team to develop some messaging around the locations of the charge points across Blaina Gwent and hope will help increase usage of all charge points as EV car ownership becomes greater.</p>
	<p><b><u>Actions Referred from the Joint Budget Scrutiny Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021</u></b></p> <p>Update on the Tredegar Company Shop to be provided.</p> <p><b>Capital Budget Monitoring Forecast – Appendix 1</b> 328340 - Detail to be provided in relation to the Metro Plus funding and the Abertillery Spur and acquisition of land.</p>	<p>Steve Smith</p> <p>Richard Crook / Ellie Fry</p>	<p>See attached.</p> <p>The Metro Plus funding makes up a small proportion of the funds required to begin the development of the Abertillery Spur work. In 2020-21 the expenditure was £430,374 and this included both WeTAG work and purchase of the land required as a terminus point. The allocation for 2021-22 is £390,000 for further design work taking the project into early GRIP (Governance for Railway Investment Projects) stages in preparation for the UK Govt funding expected.</p>