

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 24TH
MARCH, 2021**

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. HILL (CHAIR)

Councillors G. A. Davies (Vice-Chair)
M. Cook
G. L. Davies
H. McCarthy
K. Hayden
S. Healy
W. Hodgins
J. C. Morgan
J. P. Morgan
L. Parsons
K. Rowson
B. Willis

WITH: Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Head of Regeneration & Development
Service Manager Business & Regeneration
Team Manager Regeneration Opportunities
Team Manager Connected Communities
Skills Development Manager - Aspire Blaenau Gwent
Marketing Projects Officer
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer/Advisor

| ITEM | SUBJECT | ACTION |
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| No. 1 | <u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> | |

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| | It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service. | |
| No. 2 | <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies for absence were reported for Councillors M. Cross and P. Edwards. | |
| No. 3 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> The following declarations of interest were reported: Councillor J.C. Morgan – Item No. 9 Tredegar Townscape Heritage Initiative Progress Report Councillor W. Hodgins – Item No 10. Advanced Engineering Centre & MTC Report | |
| No. 4 | <u>REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u> The minutes of the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 10 th February, 2021 were submitted. The Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. | |
| No. 5 | <u>ACTION SHEET - 10TH FEBRUARY 2021</u> The Action Sheet arising from the meeting of the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 10 th February, 2021 was submitted. The Committee AGREED that the Action Sheet be noted. | |
| No. 6 | <u>DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE</u> Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Business & Regeneration. The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and the BGDMP 2020-25 be endorsed with amendments requested, i.e. inclusion of Coalfields Community Regeneration as a key partner; and also reference to community tourism. | |
| No. 7 | <u>PROGRESS UPDATE: RE:FIT PROJECT</u> | |

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| | <p>Consideration was given to report of the Team Manager Regeneration Opportunities.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and note the progress of the project, and a further report on performance will be provided in the future.</p> | |
| <p>No. 8</p> | <p><u>CIVIC CROWDFUNDING</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Team Manager Connected Communities.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Endorsed the submission of a CCRCDC Challenge Fund application for a civic crowdfunding platform, acting as the lead Authority, and ii. Endorsed the implementation of a regional crowdfunding platform, inclusive of Blaenau Gwent, to support solutions to locally identified projects and challenges; subject to funding award (Option 2). | |
| <p>No. 9</p> | <p><u>TREDEGAR TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE PROGRESS REPORT</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the extension to the THI Programme originally planned for closure in July 2020 and the revised completion date of December 2021. ii. Acknowledged progress made to date with the refurbishment of properties outlined in 2.4; and also highlighted within Appendix 1 of the report. | |

- iii. Noted the involvement of the THI Advisory Board who are responsible for the continued management of the Tredegar THI Programme and ensure the following key principles are applied to the methodology of the programmes delivery:
- To hold the vision for the Historical Core
 - To assist in designing, programming and delivering events.
 - To assist the selection process.
 - To ensure the emergent interpretive and access proposals in accord with the underlying vision for the project.
 - To develop further the interpretive ideas and links with relevant audiences.
 - To develop further detailed briefs on:
 - Educational delivery
 - Community involvement

No. 10

ADVANCED ENGINEERING CENTRE & MTC REPORT

Consideration was given to report of the Skills Development Manager.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and:

- i. Endorsed the MTC report and associated recommendations; and
- ii. Noted and endorsed the TV submission for the refurbishment of Monwel into the AEC (Option 2).

No. 11

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 28TH APRIL 2021

The Forward Work Programme for the meeting scheduled to be held on the 24th March, 2021 was submitted.

The Chair reported that the following reports had been withdrawn:

Aneurin Bevan Report
Tech Valleys Progress

It was also reported that an information item would be submitted

on the Turkish Glass Factory.

The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted.