

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRANSITION TOWN LLANDEILO 17th January 2012 AT THE SHIRE HALL, LLANDEILO

Present: Sue Weaver (chair), Lowri Walters (Carmarthenshire Tourist Association – Rural Tourism Clusters Project), Gerry Gold, Colin Foster, David Thorpe, Anson Allen, John Gaffney, Steve Brown

Apologies: Katka Dvorakova

Matters arising

Steve will email the mailing list about the eco-homes tour.

Steve will contact Tim Pullen about progress with the film competition

Carmarthenshire Tourist Association's Rural Tourism Clusters Project

Lowri Walters introduced us to this project. It aims to boost local tourism through community involvement. In the east cluster, which includes Llandeilo, working groups have formed around Marketing, Activities, and Food and Retail. Initial meetings of these groups were held on 9th November. Lowri felt that Food and Retail would tie in naturally with the attempt to revitalise the Provisions Market. John expressed some reservations about just how sustainable some tourism projects can be – and mentioned the plans for the luxury tourist village near Llanfynydd. Lowri was interested in our efforts to obtain funding for projects such as the eco-homes tour and said she would pass on some useful information about available grants.

Provisions Market

A public meeting to discuss the future of the market building takes place at the Rugby Club on Thursday 19th January. A proposal to form a co-op will be put forward by Gerry and others.

David Thorpe

David introduced himself to the group. He has just moved to Llandybie from Machynlleth. He is director of Green Deal Advice (<http://www.green-deal-advice.biz>) which offers support for property owners on making their homes energy efficient, low carbon and installing renewable energy. He's also News Editor of Energy and Environmental Management magazine (<http://www.eaem.co.uk>) and has a blog at <http://lowcarbonkid.blogspot.com>

AGM

A date of Wednesday 15th February was agreed upon by those present. **Gerry will contact the Angel to see if we can use their upstairs room.**

Eco-home tour

John announced that the grant application to LEAF – the Local Environmental Action Fund – had been turned down, but the tour will go ahead.

Llandybie Mine application

David explained his objections to the plans for an opencast coal mine on a greenfield site at Llandybie by Bryn Bach Coal. His principal objections were

Subsequently, CCC granted permission for this development on 25/01/2012- see <http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/eaccessv2/pa-applicationsummarybackground-public.aspx?Applicationnumber=E/24681>

Tywi Growers

Anson announced that this group is in the process of becoming incorporated. Several sites are under consideration.

Next meeting is the AGM on 15th February at 7.30 in the Angel.