

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU /  
GROWING MID WALES BOARD HELD BY ZOOM ON FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2020**

**Ceredigion County Council Cabinet Members:**

Councillor Ellen ap Gwynn, Leader of Ceredigion County and Cabinet Member for Policy Performance, Partnerships and Democratic Services **(EAG)**

Councillor Dafydd Edwards: Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services together with Housing **(DE)**

Councillor Catrin Miles: Cabinet Member for Learning Services and Lifelong Learning **(CM)**

Councillor Rhodri Evans: Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration **(RE)**

Councillor Gareth Lloyd, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement Services and Public Protection Services **(GL)**

**Powys County Council Cabinet Members:**

Councillor Rosemarie Harris Leader of Powys County Council **(RH) (Chair)**

Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport **(AD)**

Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Education and Property **(PD)**

Councillor Heulwen Hulme, Portfolio Holder for Environment **(HH)**

Fiona Stewart, Chair of the Economic Strategy Group **(FS)**

Steve Hughson, Vice-Chair of the Economic Strategy Group **(SH)**

**Officers:**

Eifion Evans, Chief Executive, Ceredigion County Council **(EE)**

Nigel Brinn, Corporate Director Economy & Environment, Powys County Council **(NB)**

Clive Pinney, Solicitor to the Council, Powys County Council **(CP)**

Carwyn Jones-Evans, Strategic Manager Mid Wales Growth Deal **(CJE)**

Paul Griffiths, Advisor **(PG)**

Stephen Johnson, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement, Ceredigion County Council **(SJ)**

Russell Hughes-Pickering, Corporate Lead Officer: Economy & Regeneration, Ceredigion County Council **(RHP)**

Arwyn Davies, Corporate Manager Ceredigion County Council **(AD)**

Elin Prysor, Ceredigion County Council **(EP)**

Ffion Lloyd, Ceredigion County Council **(PA)**

Llinos Williams, Ceredigion County Council (Translator)

<b>1.</b>	<b>CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU / WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>
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The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received from Dr. Caroline Turner, Chief Executive of Powys County Council.

<b>2.</b>	<b>DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT PERSONOL / DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest.

<b>3.</b>	<b>COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 10/11/20</b>
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The minutes of the last Board meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

**Matters Arising**

EAG confirmed that Ceredigion County Council's Cabinet have agreed to the recommendation to amend the IAA to insert a new Schedule 4 in place of the original Schedule 4. RH confirmed that Powys County Council's Cabinet will receive a Report to consider the recommendation on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

<b>4.</b>	<b>EITHRIO'R CYHOEDD / EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</b>
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**THE REPORT RELATING TO ITEM 5 IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007. IF, FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST, THE COUNCIL RESOLVES TO CONSIDER THIS ITEM IN PRIVATE, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING SUCH CONSIDERATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B(2) OF THE ACT**

EAG proposed to approve that the report relating to item is excluded from the public and press during such consideration and will be considered in private in accordance with section 100b(2) of the act and that all voting Members cameras are switched on when considering the recommendations. This was seconded by RH and agreed by all.

It was agreed to exclude the public and press during consideration of item 4 below on the basis that documents included information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Councils, which should not, on balance, be disclosed to the public and press.

<b>5.</b>	<b>EITEM EITHREDIG: BARGEN TWF CANOLBARTH CYMRU: DOGFEN DDRAFT PENNAU TELERAU / EXEMPT ITEM: MID WALES GROWTH DEAL: DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS</b>
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CJE provided Members with a Report to present the draft Heads of Terms (Appendix 1) as has been proposed between the UK Government, Welsh Government (WG) and Ceredigion and Powys County Councils for the Mid Wales Growth Deal. CJE took the Board through the background and content of the Report in detail.

CP raised a minor discrepancy by WG which requires amendment within paragraph 9 on page 18 and paragraph 37 on Page 28 of the draft Heads of

Terms and confirmed that this would be rectified prior to signing of the formal document.

The Board, proposed by EAG and seconded by AD, unanimously agreed to the recommendations contained in the Report as follows:-

1. To approve the draft Heads of Terms Agreement in Appendix 1 of the Report in line with existing Governance arrangements.
2. To Authorise the Chief Executives, in consultation with both Leaders, to make minor amendments to the draft Heads of Terms that may be required to secure the agreement.
3. To authorise the Leaders to sign the final document with both Governments on behalf of both Councils and the Board.

CJE informed Members that both Governments will now have to present the draft Heads of Terms to their internal boards and that an Intergovernmental Board between both the UK Government and WG will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

NB and EE confirmed that both Local Authorities have set aside funding for this work and both Local Authorities are well positioned to support this work moving forward.

CJE and PG will be meeting further with officers from the UK Government and WG on Monday to discuss any minor amendments that they wish to consider.

CJE stated that a letter is being prepared from both Leaders to both the UK Government and WG emphasising the need for the Heads of Terms to be signed before Christmas.

CJE provided members with a brief progress update on the work that has been continuing to develop on the Growth Deal and explained that following agreement of recommendations by both Cabinets, it is hoped a Programme Management Office will be in place in the New Year. CJE explained that the sites and premises work is progressing at pace, the digital feasibility work will commence in the New Year and the Hydrogen work is progressing to commence in the New Year. CJE explained the GMW website is now live and will be used to advertise the Heads of Terms once they have been signed.

The Chair stated that it must be ensured that there is a Communication Plan prepared for the day the Heads of Terms are signed.

The Board thanked and recognised the work of CJE, PG and both legal teams for the tremendous amount of work that has been undertaken to have the draft Heads of Terms ready for both Governments to consider.

PG stated that the detailed work required from now to having the final deal agreed will be significant and both Leaders and the ESG will continuously be briefed to ensure everyone is equally informed.

CJE stated that an additional GMW Board (Joint Committee) will be arranged for February 2021.

CJE stated that an Economic Strategy Group will be held on Monday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

CJE provided all with an update on the progress of the North Wales Growth Deal for their information.

The Chair stated that the expectation of the private sector will need to be managed as the signing of the Heads of Terms approaches and both authorities will work closely with the ESG on this.

<b>7.</b>	<b>DYDDIADAU CYFARFOD NESAF / DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>
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Date to be convened for February 2021.

- 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 11.00am
- 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 11.00am
- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 14.00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 11.00am

**County Councillor Rosemarie Harris**  
**Chair**