

Minutes of the Allt-yr-yn Community Liaison Group held on 21 October 2009

Present:

Mr C O'Malley, Chair
Cllr D Fouweather
PC 632 Jeff Harris
Mr S Godber

In Attendance:

Mr P Folan (Servicing Officer)

AL/09/09	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	Action
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Evans and L Knight, Ms C Murphy and PCSO P Kavanagh.	
AL/09/10	<u>Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2009</u>	
	Received, and approved as a true and accurate record, a copy of the Minutes of the last Allt-yr-yn Community Liaison meeting held on 4 March 2009.	
AL/09/11	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	i) on Minute AL/09/03, Mr C O'Malley confirmed that the Institution had raised its concerns with British Rail about the need for the Ebbw Vale rail link to feed into Newport Central Station, as well as with Transport Minister Euan Wyn Jones;	
	ii) on Minute AL/09/03, Mr S Godber confirmed that work was progressing on the Spytty Park park and ride scheme;	
	iii) on Minute AL/09/03, Mr P Folan advised that contact had been lost with the resident in Park Field Avenue and that the Institution depended on members of the public accessing the minutes of meetings via the website;	

iv) on Minute AL/09/04, Mr C O'Malley advised that the reception for the UK Ambassador for Georgia had been held successfully on 27 March 2009;

v) on Minute AL/09/06, Mr S Godber confirmed that work was progressing in relation to negotiating evening use of city centre car parks for part time students;

vi) on Minute AL/09/07, Mr C O'Malley advised that there had been no specific initiative with the City Council's economic development department in relation to hosting an employers fair for people affected by the economic downturn, but that the Institution was actively promoting up-skilling, and was also participating in a scheme for offering six month job placements for the long term unemployed;

vii) on Minute AL/09/08, Mr P Folan confirmed that the current pattern of bi-annual meetings in March and October would be sustained in 2009/10.

AL/09/12

Strategic Developments

a) Noted that:

i) the Institution was working with the City Council through Newport Cultural Consortium on planning for the Newport 2010 Festival Programme which would be launched through a St David's Day parade and include a documentary film and photography festival that would occur following the Ryder Cup in 2010;

ii) other prospective components of the programme included the launch of a film and documentary photography festival and work with Brazilian institutions for an event called 'Brush with Lights';

iii) the graduate show would be hosted at the Riverfront and would also contribute to the festival programme;

iv) the Institution would be providing accommodation during the Ryder Cup for the police, media, stewards and catering staff and the start of academic session 2010/2011 would be delayed in respect of most courses, but

professionally accredited courses that could not be delayed would be delivered at the Allt-yr-yn campus to avoid any disruption that the event might cause;

v) it was understood that the use of out of town park and ride schemes should reduce the prospect of traffic congestion in the Caerleon area during the event;

vi) the Institution continued to work with the Newport Cultural Consortium on longer term projects that included establishment of a gallery and archive in respect of the creative arts and the development of a digital interactive heritage trail;

vii) the Institution was working in collaboration with the University of Glamorgan and further education institutions to establish the University of the Heads of the Valleys Institute, in respect of which the government had committed to fund an expansion of some 4,000 fte student places to be achieved within a five year period;

viii) the Institution was also to receive EU funding to support work-based learning and foundation degree development, and was seeking to establish centres of excellence including a centre on sustainable technology in the construction industry.

AL/09/13

Decampment Strategy

a) Noted that:

i) the new building was still on course to be completed by 8 November 2010 and a period of fitting out would then commence with resources being moved from Allt-yr-yn from mid December;

ii) class based teaching would occur on the new campus at the start of term in January 2011, but laboratory-based work, construction and counselling course delivery, and corporate activities such as that undertaken by the Research and Enterprise Department would continue to be undertaken at Allt-yr-yn until Easter 2011;

iii) the Institution would anticipate that Allt-yr-yn would no longer be in use after Easter 2011 and would need to determine, depending on the prospective timing of the sale of the site, whether it should itself undertake the demolition of the buildings or anticipate that the developer that

purchased the property would do so;

iv) it was understood the City Council would be concerned to ensure that the Institution met its responsibility for health and safety of the site, following vacation and pending new occupation, and that the prospect of anti-social behaviour occurring on the site featured in plans for its security;

v) Ward members would wish to discuss options with developers on use of the site given that there would be a desire to ensure that the site was used for low density high value housing.

AL/09/14

Car Parking/Traffic

a) Noted that:

i) there had been only one issue in relation to car parking raised with the police since the last meeting of the Group and it had been easily resolved;

ii) it was anticipated that the move of a cohort of full time students from Allt-yr-yn to the Caerleon campus in 2009 had reduced pressure on parking on the Allt-yr-yn campus;

iii) the Institution had ensured that all students were emailed at the start of term about the need for considerate parking in the neighbourhood.

AL/09/15

Forthcoming Events

Noted that:

i) a Tibetan dance event would be held on the Caerleon campus on 10 December 2009;

ii) a Carol Service would be held on the Caerleon campus on 14 December 2009;

iii) the Newport 2010 Festival Programme would also feature events involving the Institution.

AL/09/16

Police Surgery

Noted that:

A police surgery would be held on the Allt-yr-yn campus on 27 October 2009.

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Date of Next Meeting

a) Noted:

The Group would next meet on 10 March 2010.