

	<p>It should be noted that the funding for the Buy to Let scheme is separate to the above project funded and confirmation of this funding will be received shortly from WG.</p> <p>Further budget-related frustrations were discussed at length in connection with the recent complaint by a member of the Fairbourne community in relation to use of the Welsh language (see below).</p>		Meeting
3	<p>Use of the Welsh Language</p> <p>LM discussed the recent complaint made to Gwynedd Council from a member of the public, complaining about the (then) forthcoming event being advertised on posters in English only. LM stated that going forward all written project materials will have to be bilingual, which will have to be paid for using project funds.</p> <p>This caused immense frustration within the group due to the funding situation in (2) above and it was felt that the unnecessary need and cost to translate material would have a significant negative effect on this unique project's ability to achieve and support the community going forward. The lack of progression of the project and delayed release of information to the public caused by these additional tasks/costs would also have a negative effect on the trust of the community and its faith in the council to support them during these difficult times.</p> <p>The group eluded to the Fairbourne: Moving Forward website which was produced specifically because Gwynedd Council were not able to accommodate some of the documents which were so technical in nature they could only be produced in English. Would this now mean that the project could have no website at all, or that certain documents would not be made available to the public due to the Council's inability to translate such documents? This would cause further distrust within the community, as they could believe the project was 'withholding information'. It is worth stating at this point that building trust with the community has been a very difficult task indeed and not one that the project would want to repeat for the sake of bilingualism.</p> <p>In conclusion, it was felt that if the need persisted to translate all materials into Welsh, then this would be a blatant waste of resource and disrespectful to a Gwynedd community who had elected to use English as their first language. LM to keep the group informed as to progress with this issue.</p>	LM	Ongoing

4	<p>House Prices:</p> <p>Matters relating to house prices and specialise lenders in order to obtain a mortgage for a property in Fairbourne was discussed in great detail at a meeting on Monday 6th July 2015 where RICS were in attendance. Minutes of the meeting are available upon request.</p> <p>It was agreed if no progress is made from the minutes of that meeting that PC and LM would visit David Vaughan – Financial Advisor, in Dolgellau to discuss availability of specialist lenders and progress this matter in this way.</p> <p>It was agreed that LM would also visit individually the following estate agents to ‘educate’ them about the SMP2: Sandersons, RG Jones, Walter Lloyd Jones.</p> <p>PC stated that Liz Saville Roberts had approached him with a view to asking a question in Westminster Parliament regarding the 60 year rule of longevity on properties in order to obtain a mortgage. PC to catch-up with LSR to ascertain the outcome reaction from parliament.</p> <p>It was decided at this late stage for FFC to draw-up a questionnaire to be handed-out at the public meeting that afternoon (by FFC) asking residents by what means they purchased their property (cash/mortgage). This would provide a clearer indication as to the potential scale of the problem when approaching lenders for mortgages in Fairbourne. This was done and results from this survey will be reported back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>LM/PC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PP</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
5	<p>Business Values:</p> <p>PP raised the query as to whether any comparable research had been carried out relating to the value of businesses in Fairbourne. It is reported that the development at the Penrhyn Bar and Grill appears to have been a great success. LM raised this issue with Greg via email on 24.04.15 and will chase for a response upon Greg’s return from annual leave.</p> <p>It was discussed that we could possibly obtain information from Gwynedd’s Business Support Unit in Economic Development relating to difficulties facing businesses in Fairbourne. LM committed to discuss with Colin Morris at Gwynedd Council.</p> <p>It was proposed that this issue be removed from the agenda for the Working Group and be picked-up in the individual project to be funded later in the year relating to ‘The effect the SMP2 has had on the people and economy of Gwynedd’.</p>	<p>LM</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>

6	<p>Public Realm Improvements:</p> <p>MW raised the question as to whether it would be possible for work to be done on the public realm, given that Fairbourne is to remain a viable community for the next few decades at least. The village has numerous aspects which need attention, including crumbling tarmac on main roads, car park, pedestrian crossing etc. Also, it was suggested that there be more appropriate signage at the entrance to Fairbourne indicating all facilities/attractions that were available within the village.</p> <p>LM has ascertained that no funding is available and we have no spare officers who can work on this. LM stated that as the Village Hall has +£40k in it's account, could they not fund this project?</p> <p>JK stated that c£20k of this money is already allocated to support a lottery bid for work to improve the village hall, but certainly it could be looked into. LM stated that it possibly only cost c£5-8k to draw-up plans for public realm improvements.</p>		
7	<p>Transportation Infrastructure:</p> <p>Following on from discussions in the recent Project Board Meeting, LP explained that she attended coastal meetings on a regular basis at which Network Rail were also in attendance. She committed to provide these contacts to HW in order that we could make the necessary in-roads and start a regular dialogue with Network Rail in relation to the future of the Cambrian Line.</p> <p>During the recent meeting between FFC and Carl Sargeant, this issue was raised. The minister undertook to ask that his officers research what was happening with the plans for SMP and the railway and to clarify issues relating to what has/hasn't been devolved. PC was invited to chase for a response had nothing been heard by a few weeks after that meeting. PC will be chasing he minister this week.</p> <p>No further movement on this subject at this time.</p>		
8	<p>Frequently Asked Questions:</p> <p>The latest version of these is now complete and being checked for correctness. This will then be translated and sent out to all residents at their chosen address. The more comprehensive version of responses to recent questions will be available upon request. LM is aiming for these to be available from early August.</p> <p>Upon completion of this exercise, FFC will go through the</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>FFC</p>	<p>August</p> <p>When</p>

	document with a view to re-organising the content in a more easily-digestible format.		available
9	<p>Annual Report: The Annual Report has been distributed to the community and will be distributed to all council establishments now the Welsh version has been printed.</p> <p>Whilst the feedback has been good generally, some comments have been raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It doesn't tell us anything we don't already know. FFC replied stating that the community organisations and project are clearly doing a good job with communicating progress, if this is the case. • The reports look like they've cost a lot of money with their glossy covers and nice paper. Our response was that although the reports are to advise the community of the project's progress, the reports will also be sent to all stakeholders, AM's, funders, etc, so it needs to look professional. This was accepted. • Why didn't the report have nice pictures on the front and inside instead of the ones during the storm? Our response was that the aim of the report is to communicate the problems Fairbourne is facing, not to advertise what a nice place it is. 		
10	<p>Flood Leaflet: LM had previously sent a copy of the 'Flooding – How does it affect me?' leaflet. FFC and ACC confirmed they would like a version producing for Fairbourne (not a generalised one). LM accepted this and agreed to produce a version for approval by those present and the Project Board.</p> <p>LM stated that this has not progressed due to lack of specialist resource and she would raise this issue internally.</p>	LM	TBA
11	<p>Next Public Event: This event is to take place at 2pm on Friday 10th July 2015. Feedback from the event will be available thereafter.</p>	LM	Update at next meeting
12	<p>Chair of the Emergency Planning Task/Finish Group: The Flood Warden Scheme is now up and running and will be having it's own stand at the public event on 10th</p>		

	<p>July 2015. LM expressed her delight at this positive outcome and reiterated the offer of ongoing support to Julian Kirkham – Chair of ACC.</p> <p>The group requested that a list of Flood Wardens would be a helpful addition to the FFC Newsletter and JK committed to send this through.</p>	JK	ASAP
13	<p>Procurement of Researcher to work alongside Fairbourne Projects:</p> <p>LM stated she had spoken with Kerry Keirle from WG on 9th July 2015 to ascertain progress with the above.</p> <p>KK stated that the initial procurement exercise was a ‘soft market testing’ exercise to see how many organisations would be interested in this opportunity. Nine organisations had responses and KK was now at the stage where a specification was being prepared in order to go out to tender for the work. LM stated that it would be helpful for the project to be involved with the production of this spec and KK agreed. The conversation concluded with KK stating that a researcher would be in post by October 2015, which is when the funding would be released to commence work on the individual projects, one of which is the Buy to Let scheme.</p>		
14	<p>Any Other Business</p>		
14a	<p>Concern was expressed at the lack at the consistent poor attendance at the Working Group Meetings. It was felt that the same few people attended the meetings. LM did state that if there was no necessary technical input from, eg, Social Services or Planning, then it would be unnecessary to attend. The group concurred with this but nonetheless stood by their original comment. It was also noted that there was also a minimal attendance at the recent board meeting.</p>		
14b	<p>It was requested that Huw Davies attend the next Working Group or Board Meeting to provide an insight into the Ground Water Monitoring project along with expected reading dates and any results so far.</p>	HD	Next Meeting
15	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th September 2015, 11.00am at Dolgellau Office.</p>		