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QUARTERLY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

The purpose of the Quarterly Report is to provide a project level progress update and qualitative assessment of how Axis 3 activities delivered by the Local Partnership during previous quarter are contributing to the aims and objectives of the Local Partnership's Local Development Strategy.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP: Flintshire Rural Partnership

PROJECT NAME: [Flintshire Enterprise Bursary](#)

PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER: FLI.52

PROJECT PAYMENT REFERENCE: R6003513

PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: 1st June – 31st August 2012

- **Give an overview of progress made in implementing this project over the last quarter**

3 Bursary applications have been approved in the last quarter, for businesses as a nutritionist, cake maker and childcare support worker.

A professionally designed and printed leaflet has been produced for the Enterprise Bursary. These have been distributed to Jobcentres, Careers Wales, Colleges, sixth forms, and to other agencies dealing with young people, unemployment or business.

The Enterprise Bursary was promoted at a school leaver's event at Deeside College. The Enterprise Officer gave a presentation on the scheme, and had a discussion session with individuals who were interested in starting a business.

The Enterprise Bursary was also promoted in the Denbigh and Flint agricultural show, where Cadwyn Clwyd had a marquee showcasing it's work. Information about the bursary was displayed along with case studies of business which had started as a result of the bursary.

Details on the Enterprise Bursary have been uploaded onto Business Support web-sites. An article appeared in the Daily Post regarding the decline of town centres in Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham, stating that there were no grants available for new businesses to start up in town centre shops. The Enterprise Officer wrote a letter to the paper informing them of the Enterprise Bursary, which was then published in the paper.

A letter has been sent out to all bursary recipients under Business Plan 1 and 2 detailing

the after-care support available for businesses. The Enterprise Officer has written a letter detailing the services provided by the Welsh Governments Regional Centre Service.

A meeting was held between the Flintshire and Denbighshire Enterprise Officers, and The Officers running a similar scheme in Ceredigion. The general running of the scheme, as well as problems and best practice was discussed. The Officers felt that it would be a good idea to have a meeting with other areas operating similar schemes to discuss best practice.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP: Flintshire Rural Partnership

PROJECT NAME: [Linking Flintshire's Communities](#)

PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER: FLI.54

PROJECT PAYMENT REFERENCE: R6003530

PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: 1st June – 31st August 2012

- Give an overview of progress made in implementing this project over the last quarter

Mold-Sychdyn/Northop-Flint Cycleway

The signage and road markings for the Mold-Sychdyn/Northop-Flint Cycling Link will be completed on site by Wednesday 19th September. This will complete the first scheme under the project at a cost of £266,926.24.

The Director of Environment and the Executive Member have now approved the following three schemes for implementation under the Linking Flintshire's Communities project:

1. Bridleway/Footway improvement at Gronant.

The A548 between Gronant and the roundabout at Talacre has been identified as a route with a high collision rate. Consequently, a safety scheme (funded by TAITH) is currently being designed, to improve conditions for all road users, and reduce the risk of collisions.

The Talacre and Gronant Masterplan October 2010 identified the need to improve bridleway, cycling and footpath links between these two villages and also safe crossing points over the A548. Both Talacre and Gronant are in Communities First areas. The scheme being implemented through RDP funding will compliment the safety scheme and will also link Gronant with Talacre. All of the works will be carried out within the existing highway therefore landowner negotiations will not be necessary.

2. Enhancement of Public Footpath No. 64 and 69 in Mostyn

This scheme will provide safe pedestrian access from the Maes Pennant Estate (which is a Communities First area) down to the Wales Coastal Path on the Dee Coast. The majority of the work will be carried out on Public Footpath No. 64. Landowners have been consulted and site meetings have taken place to ascertain the required works to enhance the route. Network Rail own the majority of the land over which Public Footpath 69 crosses. Site visits have taken place with a representative of network rail and negotiations are still ongoing regarding managing access along the route.

3. Cycleway from Ffynnongroyw to Talacre.

This scheme will provide a continuous cycle link from the completed section of cycleway in Ffynnongroyw to Talacre and onto the National Cycle Network on the Denbighshire border. Both Talacre and Ffynnongroyw are Communities First areas.

This scheme is more complex than Schemes 1 and 2 due to the route being in an environmentally sensitive area. This means the works on site can only be undertaken at certain times of the year and delivery of the project on site will be determined by the

ecology report and the conditions set out the planning consent.

The total capital spends for the project is £723,902.50. The amount spent to date is £266,926.24 (Mold – Flint scheme). This leaves a sum of £456,976.26 to complete the three schemes.

Indicative costs have been calculated for the schemes and are as follows:

Scheme1 - £161k

Scheme2 - £131K

Scheme3 - £164K

Total **£456k**

Over the next quarter the following activities will be progressed:

- Preparation of briefs for Schemes 1 and 2 for the design and specifications and supervision of contracts;
- Awarding contracts for the design and specification of Schemes 1 and 2
- Obtaining an ecology report for Scheme 3;
- Liaison with the Legal Department for the drawing up of the appropriate agreements and licences with the landowners for Scheme 3;
- Applying for Planning Permission for Scheme 3

The first quarter of 2013 will see the following activities in relation to delivery of the schemes:

- Tendering out the works for Schemes 1 and 2
- Obtaining appropriate consents for Scheme 3
- Implementation of works on site for Schemes 1 and 2

It is not possible to provide more detailed information for Scheme 3 until the ecology report and the necessary planning permission have been obtained. This detail will be provided in the next quarterly report.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP: Flintshire Rural Partnership

PROJECT NAME: [Flintshire Village Enhancements](#)

PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER: FLI.55

PROJECT PAYMENT REFERENCE: R6003541

PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: 1st June – 31st August 2012

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FLI.55(a) – Flintshire Community Key Fund

Promotion & Publicity

Cadwyn Clwyd attended the Denbighshire and Flintshire Agricultural Show 2012, where it had a stand to promote its projects. The Flintshire Rural Key Fund Officer attended the show and produced and displayed literature to promote the Key Fund.

Projects Developed & Approved

During the quarter the projects listed below have received funding through the Flintshire Rural Key Fund through the RDP:

Cilcain Village Hall - Improvements

This application was for financial support and assistance for facility improvements including wall and ceiling insulation and electrical improvements to include improved lighting and additional wall sockets. The value of the project approved including the 25% cash match funding is £24,999.

Mold Methodist Church - Redevelopment

This application was for financial support and assistance for facility improvements to include storage, decoration, flooring, blinds and stage area. The value of the project approved including the 25% cash match funding is £17,939.

Treuddyn Village Hall – Roof Renovation

This application was for financial support and assistance for facility improvements including the fitting of a more durable fibreglass roof with additional insulation to replace the Hall's old felt roof. The value of the project approved including the 25% cash match funding is £21,070.

Brynford Church - Community Space

This application was for financial support and assistance to create a multi-use community facility at the rear of the church. The value of the project approved including the 25% cash match funding is £24,999.

Holywell Art & Craft Mill – Facility Improvements

This application was for financial support and assistance for facility improvements to include an external storage area, improved café ventilation and building decoration. The value of the project approved including the 25% cash match funding is £10,965.60

Projects Completed:

Tyddyn Street Church – Chapel Arts Redevelopment

The project provided lift access to the newly constructed first floor development. The redevelopment of the church will provide an arts community facility. The total amount of RDP funding awarded was £19,764.

Ffrith & Llanfynydd Community Centre - Environmental Improvements

The project provided environmental and car parking improvements. The project enabled the centre to accommodate more cars, more safely particularly in inclement weather. The total amount of RDP funding awarded was £24,999.

Kinnerton Village Hall - Heating Improvements

The project provided funding to replace the old inefficient gas boiler with a new high efficiency combination condensing boiler with controls and electronic room thermostats. This will reduce the heating costs of the facility and improve the comfort of users while using the facilities. The total amount of RDP funding awarded was £3,878.

Ysceifiog Village Hall – Building Survey

The project provided funding to carry a building survey. This survey will provide the management committee with the information needed to undertake building repair work to the roof, gable wall and electrics. The total amount of RDP funding awarded was £1,500.

FLI.55 (b) – Town & Village Streetscape Enhancements

The progress during the period of June – August 2012 continues to be focused on establishing work streams and promoting the grant scheme, outlined as follows:

Talacre and Gronant Streetscape & Access Improvements

- There are four work streams being developed in Talacre, they are as follows:
 - (1) overspill car parking sites
 - (2) creating a better sense of arrival/ place
 - (3) general streetscape improvements
 - (4) enhanced signage
- An Internal Officers Group has been formed to lead on the options in Talacre and Lower Gronant and comprises of: property, legal, highways, traffic, streetscene, tourism, car parks, communities first, planning, countryside services and conservation, to ensure support and guidance are receive as the work streams develop.
- Discussions with key stakeholders, such as the Community Centre Committee and Environment Agency, have continued to take place during the last quarter.
- The new members for Talacre and Lower Gronant have been briefed on the project and are extremely positive about the options being explored. The project has also been presented to the Departmental Management Team for senior management support, whereby no issues were raised.
- A public exhibition to raise awareness of the project and the options being explored was held in the Talacre Community Centre from 9th July to 6th August. 3 drop-in sessions also took place which gave the community the opportunity to ask questions and provide their feedback and comments.

Holywell Streetscape & Access Improvements

- An internal project team has been established to review issues and feasibility

- within Holywell for streetscape and access improvements.
- The High Street has been identified as an area for targeted investment under this project. Potential project ideas have been mapped out which include: reviewing/improving street furniture and surfacing as well as improving key access routes.
 - Project team have developed a vision drawing for the High Street, this will form a key part of the brief to FCC Engineers for initial feasibility.
 - Following Town Partnership approval detailed designs can be undertaken. It is hoped that initial designs will be presented to the Partnership in the next quarter.

Mold Streetscape & Access Improvements

- A brief for the re-design of Daniel Owen Square has been revised and is just awaiting endorsement by the internal steering group leading on this piece of work. It is anticipated that an architect/ designer will be appointed within the next quarter.

Streetscape Improvement Grant Scheme

- The scheme has received 48 enquiries to date.
- During the period of June – August site visits and follow up visits have been undertaken and support has been focused on the submission of expressions of interest.
- Two grants panels took place during the quarter – 22nd June and 20th July.
- To date 13 EOIs and 1 full application have been approved but unfortunately 2 EOIs have been withdrawn.

Technical Support

- Heritage Planning Consultancy has been appointed to support grant applicants with the grant application process and implementation of property improvements. The inception took place on the 12th July and the consultant commenced work at the end of July.

Proposed Package of Works

The targeted investment for streetscape and access improvements is being guided in accordance with strategic and operation frameworks as well as consultation with key stakeholders which has taken place over the last couple of months. A package of works is being proposed for the TVSE project and is shaping up as follows:

Holywell

Enhancing the High Street

Est. £100,000

The improvements to Holywell High Street will look to improve key access routes (pedestrian and vehicle), review and improve street furniture and improve street surfaces and paving.

Mold

Daniel Owen Precinct

Est. £100,000

The re-design and enhancement of the Daniel Owen Precinct will look to maximise the use and attractiveness of the area as a vibrant multiuse facility for future community events, festivals and other activities.

Talacre/ Gronant

Seasonal Overspill Parking

Est. £180,000

An immediate solution to help alleviate the problem of significant traffic congestion and

parking issues in Talacre is to introduce a seasonal overspill parking site(s). The proposed site(s) will be low impact and only used occasionally throughout the season. Several sites are currently being considered with the hope that at least a couple of sites will be viable options.

Enhancing the Streetscape

Est. £100,000

The improvements to the appearance of the streetscape will look to: enhance the public toilets (internally and externally), improve traffic management with traffic calming measures, landscaping and improvements to the pavements and furniture.

Signage

Est. £50,000

There is an opportunity to increase the information available to visitors, and locals alike, by promoting the unique assets of the area, such as the beach, the recreational activities, the environmental designations for the dunes and the wildlife, through interpretation boards and brown signs as well as improving the directional signs to the area where necessary.

Creating a sense of place and arrival

Est. £50,000

Creating a better sense of place/ arrival will look to revive and uplift the area so that locals and visitors celebrate and enjoy the areas assets. Therefore, gateway and landscape features, in keeping with the area, will be introduced on the approaches to Talacre and Gronant as well as possibly introducing a pallet of colours for decorating commercial properties (similar to the Brighton beach huts) and artwork which will all create a feeling of fun and excitement.