



Plymouth Social Enterprise Network

Minutes Network Meeting Tuesday 17th September, Millfields Trust HQ

Present: Gareth Hart (PSEN chair – Iridescent ideas), John Blyth (Fotonow), Nick White (Fotonow), Codie Hobb (Fotonow), Maria Penn (Plymouth University), Michelle Virgo (Plymouth Business School- University), Charlotte Weedon (Aster), Penny Hele (Plymouth Business School – University), ML (Simply Counselling), Robert De Jong (YCYV), Laura Smith (Barbican Theatre), Jane Hunt (Plymouth City Council), Mark Rich (City College Plymouth), Louise Walsh (DDRC), Simon Love (iDetermine), Mandy Toze (Millfields trust), Roger Pipe (Millfields trust), Tim Culverhouse (Francis Clark), Dave Kilroy, Richard Smith (Bright Solicitors), Jane Keeley (PCC) Karen Grannum (PCH), Nicola Walder (PSEN)

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies:

- Gareth Hart as chair welcomed all. Minutes: Nicola Walder.
- Apologies: Bill Watts, Sarah Stevenson, Victoria Smith, Ed Whitelaw, Jan Knight

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Any Matters Arising:

- Minutes of last meeting were agreed as a true record.
- Presentations should now all be on website from previous meeting.

3. Procurement Presentation from Plymouth City Council and Plymouth Community Homes

- Jane Keeley (PCC) and Karen Grannum (PCHomes) presented on procurement issues.
- Training - for any training needs in terms of procurement, PCC will train free of charge. Contact Jane Keeley.

Questions and comments

- Maria – asked for confirmation that the figures given for suppliers to PCH and PCC was PL postcode businesses? Yes, so as not to penalise companies that have chosen to locate outside of the centre of Plymouth. There should be a study by the end of the year which details economic impact on job creation.
- Asked for show of hands to attendees who has contract with either organisation. 4 organisations.
- Michelle asked, should PSEN set up training? Karen will send toolkit to PSEN for comment.
- Maria – what is the preferred approach to contact PCC and PCH Procurement? Email procurement@plymouth.gov.uk and you will receive a one page registration document.
- Simon Love – Impact report, where are the figures coming from? Looking at impact in terms of GVA and total spend. Jane will report back to Steve re PSEN's help
- Richard Smith – had positive feedback of the tender process from experience
- Charlotte Weedon – Are Social Value questions in tenders? PCH – yes straight from when PCH started. Karen to share those questions with PSEN
- Slides will be available on website

4. Membership applications

- 15 paid members, up to 39 (52 invoiced). On the free system there were 104 members
- Fee originated from the development day. Meetings free to members
- What else can we do?
 - Better membership pack
 - Simon Love suggested - Encourage collaborations, acting as matchmaker previously happened at meetings, but there could be a more formal process.
 - Charlotte Weedon – Social Enterprise partner e mails are useful
 - Specialist speakers/sub groups – could we set up an online forum?
- New members:
 - Simon Love iDetermine – Introduced iDetermine. Received SE Mark, full member.
 - Surplus Rescue CIC- Recycling office materials
 - Cara Community Services – Associate members

5. Plymouth Social Enterprise City

- Embargo in place till 24th Sept, Highlights good work and partnerships in the city
- Charlotte Weedon attending Social Value conference
Charlotte fed back that Social Enterprise is well supported in Plymouth compared to other cities.
- Opportunities and need to be ready for offers/interest in SE in Plymouth
Dave Kilroy – KPIs need to ensure longevity and to make Social Enterprise city real.
- Gareth thanked all who have helped with the bid. PSEN leading on press release. Logo usage will be confirmed by SEUK

6. Social Enterprise Festival

- 16th – 23rd November 2013
- Latest schedule issued with these minutes
- If members would like to run an event, contact Gareth or Ed. PSEN will promote. Small ad in the Herald and other opportunities
- Fotonow suggested best photos of the festival. Working with Millfields trust currently.

7. AOB

- Penny Hele – Looking for businesses to get involved with Inspiring Futures, free consultancy. Inviting briefs until 14th October 2013. There are further ways to get involved with the students inc post graduates. Fotonow feedback was positive having worked with the students in this way.
- Dave Kilroy – 3rd year Marketing Student Bianca is available to help. Mentored by Victoria is anyone is interested.
- Michelle Virgo – attending book launch in London. Cooperative – People over capital
- 29th September, Union Street Party
- Venture due to come to an end on 26th September.
- Santander Social Enterprise awards- no one has heard back officially. Let Tim Culverhouse know if you do.
- HMRC – Tim has carried out research which can be accessed and sent to members
- What does being a Soc Ent city mean to you? Send quotes to Nicola Walder
- Jane Hunt – Working with North Plymouth wards, would like to get in touch with businesses who are based or who operate in Whitleigh, Honicknowle, Ernesettle, Manadon

8. Date and time of next meeting

- TBC