



Plymouth Social Enterprise Network

Minutes of the Plymouth Social Enterprise Network Meeting 20/3/12 held at the Babbage Building, Plymouth University

Present: Kate Smith (Memory Matters SW CIC), Peter Flukes (Wolseley Trust), Grant Phillips-Sewell (Brightology), Jeffery Kenyon (Plymouth City Council), Jonathan Moizer (Plymouth University), Tim Simpson, Matt Barraud (Morvargh Sailing CIC), Viv Horton (START), Ed Whitelaw (RIO), Annette Morton (Peninsula Enterprise), Tom Bunnell, Lucy Wood (Buckland Food Growers), Michelle Virgo (Zebra Collective), Dave Kilroy (Business Planning Insight), Tony Horsey, Julie Hawker (Cosmic), Theresa Burton (Buzzbnk), Gareth Hart (Iridescent Ideas CIC), Sarah Stevenson (Plymouth University), Victoria Hurth (DCFA), Rob Adamson (Routeways), Laura Readen (?), Chris Cleves, Vlad (?), Lena (?), Charlie (?), Paul Addersley (South Devon YMCA)

Apologies: Geoff Read, Lorna Turner, Linda Barraud

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- Minutes were accepted with no matters arising.

2. Buzzbnk Presentation

- Theresa Burton, Co-Founder of Buzzbnk delivered a presentation about Crowd-funding for social enterprises. Her presentation can be found here:

3. Members Updates

- University - Jonathan Moizer gave an update on the SCUBE project, an online training system looking at supporting soft skills development for social enterprises. €265k – creating a universal common licence for all to use
- Memory Matters SW – has employed four activity workers supporting people in own homes and providing respite
- Wolseley Trust – Developing a social prescription scheme with 3 GP surgeries, evaluated by the university – how social networking benefits mental health

- Brightology – developing IT for after school clubs
- Tim Simpson – Mapping opportunities for students in social enterprise, e.g. through internships and mentoring
- Morvargh Sailing – Links with Plymouth Adult and Community Learning, offering sailing, Drake Foundation grant to take 30 young people sailing.
- START – Burgeoning numbers joining. Allotment project and a cultural kitchen with 50-60 people a week.
- RIO – Developing the Devonport Column. Has office space available.
- Peninsula Enterprise – running social enterprise focus scheme aimed at pre start and established social enterprises. Intro to social enterprise and other workshops. Linking with Outset and Working Links.
- Tom – a freelance animator and graphic designer. Finding out more about social enterprise
- Buckland Food Growers – various members selling produce such as meat, veg, honey based at Buckland Abbey. Open day 14th April.
- Vlad and Lena – Maritime and Business Admin students finding out more about social enterprise
- Zebra Collective – Teaching social justice module at Marjon. Seminars on Coops and Social enterprises, developing Timebanks in Stonehouse, St Budeaux and Barne Barton.
- Business Insight – developing mobile apps. Involved in Big Local Trust and running social media surgeries.
- Tony Horsey – Linking with Plymouth Community Homes around engaging communities with social enterprise
- Cosmic – Digital inclusion project, rural broadband – higher levels of connectivity needed and how to use government investment. LEP event to talk about social enterprise development across LEP area. Developing a social enterprise software solution to measuring social impact
- Iridescent Ideas CIC – delivering business advice around social enterprise legal structure and governance, funding and finance and doing social impact assessments. Community Builders opportunity for social enterprises.

4. Executive Committee Report

- Verbal update on the work of the executive committee was given. Key points mentioned were:
 - PSEN had successfully applied to and received an Awards for All grant for £9,700 to cover: a trade fair in the autumn, a directory of social enterprise, improvements to the website and expenses for speakers to attend meetings.
 - PSEN was involved as a partner in CASAPs successful Transforming Local Infrastructure bid. We are delivering the enterprise strand with Routeways. Social enterprises can get support to help with

their development in various strands. Programme is being developed and more information will be forthcoming.

- Constitution – reported that several changes were proposed to the network’s governing document to improve it and make it more clear on issues such as committee membership, finance and amendments. Exec is minded to move PSEN towards full incorporation in due course. The next meeting (the AGM) will include debating and voting on the changes.

5. Third Sector Apprenticeship

- PSEN had applied for an apprentice to help with network development and administrative tasks. RIO had kindly offered to be the accountable body for the apprentice with CASAP/Guild being the actual employer.

6. Membership Applications

- The following applications for Full membership were received and accepted:
 - Stiltskin Community Arts CIC
 - Nom de Strip CIC
 - Tamar Grow Local CIC
 - Colebrook Housing Society
- The following applications for Associate membership were accepted:
 - Cornwall College
 - South Devon YMCA

7. AOB

- Kate Smith from Memory Matters offered support in managing and planning the next trade fair/social enterprise day event in November
- Dave Kilroy is creating a Social Media sub-group for the network to teach members about how to use the PSEN website to promote their businesses. Event on 17th April at 7pm at Dave’s house. Contact him at dave@businessplaninsight.com for more information.
- Gareth Hart outlined the implications for the Public Services (Social Value) Bill which had passed through parliament. The places a requirement on public sector to consider social value when commissioning and procuring. This could make social enterprises more competitive in tendering.
- Matthew Barraud mentioned a tender for an RNLI shop and asked for any partners.

8. Next Meeting

- Tuesday 15th May, 12 noon at the Devonport Guildhall.