

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE LIAISON GROUP MEETING.**  
**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011.**

**Attendees.**

Pam Toms, VOGC Strategy and Supporting People Manager  
Kevin Parsons, VOGC Contracts Monitoring Officer  
Yvette Stallard, Gwalia Project Leader  
Paul Baker, Gwalia Area Manager  
Lee Powell, Wallich  
Karen Berry, Taff Housing Assoc.  
David Morris, VOGC Flying Start  
Gareth Newberry, SOLAS Cymru  
Gurjit Kaur, Atal y Fro  
Richard Bundy, Gofal  
Stephen Sparrow, Gofal  
Yvette Tyndell, Hafod Care  
Richard Cox, Innovate Trust

**Apologies.**

Christine Rutson, United Welsh Housing Assoc.  
Julie Hnatiw, Health Visiting and School Nursing Service  
Glen John, VOGC  
Joanne Carter, Newydd Housing Assoc.  
Dawn Sullivan, REACH  
Janice Bell, Taff Housing Assoc.  
Sarah O'Keefe, Wales and the West Housing Assoc.  
Rachel Dickens, Amy Evans Centre  
Gary Pearce, Seren Group

**Minutes.**

The minutes of the last meeting (20<sup>th</sup> September 2011) were read and agreed.

**Presentations.**

Unfortunately neither party attended for the scheduled presentations. They are to be re-scheduled for a future meeting. The presentations scheduled were...

Community Wellbeing Coaches  
The Ffynnon Project.

**Supporting People Guidance Consultation.**

PT explained that there was a deadline to this consultation of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.

PT explained the three workstreams of the consultation process to the meeting and the primary objectives of the review...

**Finance.**

Single Supporting People Grant  
Ring fenced Budget  
Distribution Formula based on need  
Guidance on costing services (rather than WG set tariffs)

Grant conditions including charging issues

Quality.

Gathering a national picture of services and their impact

Service availability

Service usage

Outcomes for Service Users

Longitudinal study to measure impact on people's lives

Fair access to services based on need (not tenure)

Consistent Service inspections

Governance.

Collaborative working and guidance on commissioning

Supporting People National Advisory Board (SPNAB) chaired by Minister for Housing

Clear governance structure

Regional approach to commissioning

RB stated that Cymorth were also looking at having a role on this collaboration. PT said that not everyone is a member of Cymorth and there has to be a means to allow every provider a voice.

PB asked what was the role of the reps on this committee? PT said that she saw the role of the reps as representing the area they are in and not their own organisation, and added that she felt that there would need to be robust terms of reference in place for members of the RCC.

A transitional Group has been set up to take forward the required Supporting People changes through the three existing working groups; Finance, Quality, and Governance.

PT asked the meeting how they felt was the way forward to agree who should represent the providers at the RCC.

RB said that he thought they could use this as an agenda item at the homelessness forum, and that it could also be an agenda item for the March SPLG meeting as it is an opportunity to make connections for local issues.

**Training Opportunities or Feedback.**

KB gave feedback to the meeting regarding the recent HB and CTAX training that her team had received. KB said that her team felt that it was very good and worthwhile and that the support workers had found it beneficial and informative.

**Questions.**

None.

**Suggestions for future meetings.**

None.

**AOB.**

PT advised the meeting that UWHA and Atal y Fro had successfully bid for money from the Barry Regeneration Fund to develop 6 flats in the Barry area for move-on for victims of Domestic Abuse.

DM wanted to highlight that Flying Start will go to the hostel and felt the need to mention this as a good practice of what they do as opposed to what they cannot do.

**Next meeting.**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012...2:30 at the Civic Offices, Barry...chair to be confirmed.