Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan

Employment & Skills Sub Group

Meeting Notes 11/05/15 Mayors Parlour 19:00 – 21:00

In attendance:

James Shrubsole, Roger Holmes, Steve Clark, Peter Murnaghan, James Moon, Lynne Butel (Note Taker),

Apologies: Bruce Hawken, Jane Pascoe

Agenda Items				
1.	Actions from previous			
	meeting			
2.	Lindsey Hall, CEO RIO	Background to employment and training issues in SE Cornwall: Currently almost full (recorded) unemployment in Cornwall but high underemployed by skill level or hours. There has recently been considerable investment in schemes aimed at reducing (particularly) youth unemployment. Wage levels are still low, especially in SE Cornwall, recovery from the economic recession is slow; deprivation may be less geographically concentrated in SE Cornwall than e.g. Penzance or Redruth but still exists. Key issues: 1. Attract industries that pay higher wages and require higher skill levels 2. Support long term unemployed and economically inactive in to work 3. Develop higher level skills (levels 3 and 4+) 4. LEP strategy to focus on Marine renewables, Digital, e-health, agri-tech and aerospace 5. LEP interested in hubs of economic activity, eg innovation centres like Poole and Penryn 6. Shortage of suitable workspace with good road, rail and broadband access for key sectors such as software developers 7. EU funding being gradually released calls for workspace, skills development, apprenticeships, capacity building infrastructure development, business support.	LH	
		8. Matched funding is 80:20 and can be pre-matched		
3.	Discussion following Lindsey Hall	 Explore the possibility of developing an innovation centre in Liskeard, possibly linked to the school or at Trevecca and Culverland sites. Look at the possibility of interest from University of Plymouth or Exeter. Two possible areas of interest, software engineering (School is already has an engineering specialism) and e-health (Already a mini-hub by 		

		the hospital). 3. Set up a stake holder meeting with the school (Lorna Shrubsole, John Ede, Sue Browlow, Lynne Butel) 4. Opportunities for FEZ in cattle market James Moon, Jane Pasco met David Rodda	
4.	Employment Land – stakeholder meetings FEZ, Clemo Road	Already met with Menheniot NP team re Tencreek and with WainHomes. Other landowners, to be approached	
5.	Aims and Objectives	Agreed to provide James S. with feedback on the latest version of the Aims and Objectives via email	
6.	Up-date re Julian German (CC Cabinet Member for Economy/tourism)	He will meet us when we have something to say. Should we explore the Innovations Centre proposal with him?	
7.	DONM	Wed 27 th May 19:00 Mayors Parlour	