

Minutes of RGF Green Port Growth Programme Board Meeting

5.00pm, Wednesday 8th June, 2016

Present: Tim Rix (TR), Alan Menzies (AM), Bill Walker (BW), Paul Bell (PB) Mark Jones (MJ), David West (DW) Katy Swaby (KS).

In attendance: Sarah Clark (SC), Stacey Middlewood (SM) minutes, Eleanor Carter (EC) DCLG.

In attendance for agenda item 5: Pauline Wade (PW)

1	Apologies	Action
1.1	Apologies received from Simon Brett (SB), Scott Yates (SY).	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. All action points had been delivered or are on the agenda for this meeting.	
3	Declarations of interest	
3.1	TR declared an interest in item 6, paper 1 briefing paper. DW declared an interest in item 6, paper 2 renewables development.	
4	Investment update – Siemens and ABP, update on other potential investments	
4.1	MJ noted that there was continued lobbying to ascertain additional investors in the area.	
4.2	MJ noted that 3 Sun are in the process of moving in to a facility at Craven Park near Preston Road, Hull.	
5	Internationalisation update	
5.1	Pauline Wade (PW) provided an update on internationalisation activity. Stakeholder engagement activity through contacts in both Denmark and Germany is progressing and although the Danish desk contract has now ended work continues on a ‘virtual’ basis. Further activity is being progressed in Germany particularly Hamburg and the Netherlands with a database of potential key players to engage with.	
5.2	PW noted that there would be benefits to participating in ‘Wind Energy Europe’ which is already on the schedule of exhibitions the GPH will be exhibiting at. The Wind Europe Event planned for the 25 th to 30 th September 2016 is expected to provide introductions to a number of key decision makers. PW suggested arranging an invite only dinner for senior representatives of industry to meet with the Humber Ambassadors. All board members are invited to attend.	
5.3	PW asked the board to consider if it had any ideas of how it wished to	

	<p>progress internationalisation and agreed to provide a paper containing a series of recommendations to a future board meeting.</p> <p>Decision: The Board agreed to receive a series of recommendations.</p> <p>Action: PW to work up a series of recommendations to support the direction and progression of this work.</p>	PW
5.4	The board enquired after the 'Danish House' concept, PW confirmed that it is being led by HCC and ERYC's inward investment teams.	
5.5	<p>MJ reinforced the need to ensure that relationships were formed with local businesses to instigate potential partnering and working closely together for joint benefit. SC was asked to feed this message to the respective Officers.</p> <p>Action: SC to discuss feedback from the board with Steve Silvester (ERYC) and Richard Lowther (HCC).</p>	SC
6	R, D & I Strand papers	
7	Strand update report highlights, recommendations	
	<p>SC highlighted several items from the report:</p> <p>7.1 The achievement of jobs on the Programme particularly through the employment and skills strand is currently exceeding expectations.</p> <p>7.2 The concept of the Danish House and its application process has been signed off by SC.</p> <p>7.3 During Humber Business Week the 'This is Green Port Hull' event on the 7th June attracted attendance in excess of 100 businesses, most of whom attended the supply chain session hosted by the GPGP Supply Chain Coordinator with Siemens, Real Ventures, M+W Group and ABP on the Q&A panel. The board expressed their appreciation for the excellent job Scott Yates made of opening the event and the preceding Radio Humber side interview to promote the event.</p> <p>7.4 SC noted that Alan Lowdon had alluded to the warm reception he felt was developing in America through the Virginia Wind Coalition.</p>	
8	DCLG/BIS Update	
8.1	EC explained that she was bound by an enhanced political sensitivity policy and was therefore unable to provide DCLG / BIS updates until after the 24 th June 2016.	
10	AOB	
10.1	<p>BW kindly volunteered to attend the Amy Johnson Festival Opening Event on the 1st July and to make the opening remarks on behalf of the GPGP.</p> <p>Action: BW and Officers of the Programme to attend the opening ceremony of the Amy Johnson Festival.</p>	BW/GPGP Officers

10.2	AM has had a promising overseas enquiry seeking support to engage in a tri-country partnership, he anticipates being able to provide more detail once discussions have progressed.	
10.3	KS enquired after the Green Shoots project, SC advised that this will be progressed by SM providing maternity cover for KB.	SM
	Meeting closed at 6.10pm	
	Date and time of next meeting: 5pm, Wednesday 13 th July 2016, Room 1, County Hall, Beverley.	