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Realising Rural Assets Conference 2008

Hafod Hendre Building, Royal Welsh
Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells
Thursday 19 June 2008

Rural areas usually feel like the poor relation to urban areas – always losing out on funding, programmes and support because they don't have the density of population, or easily identified deprivation.

Well, what about turning this on its head and saying: 'Rural communities are their own destinies; they are their own best assets'?

This conference for Rural Wales, takes forward community ownership and management of local assets in the widest, most creative sense, to enable Can-Do Rural Communities.

Prepare to:

- be challenged and challenge others,
- share experiences, ideas and aspirations for our communities,
- be part of establishing a positive sustainable future for rural Wales, through collaboratively enabling asset transfer, and the community ownership and management of local assets.

Fully supported bursary places available.

Programme

9.30 Registration

10.00 Chair's welcome and opening remarks

Mair Stephens is Chair of Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS), a member of the Board of WCVA, and the Wales Assembly of Women.

10.05 Opening address - Realising Rural Assets

Rural Affairs Minister, Elin Jones AM
Rural Affairs is a new Ministerial portfolio created by the coalition government. Elin Jones is a former Development Officer for the Development Board for Rural Wales and a Regional Development Manager for the Welsh Development Agency. She was elected as the Assembly Member for the constituency of Ceredigion in 1999 and was re-elected in 2003 and 2007.

10.20 Setting the challenge for the day

Graham Benfield, OBE, Chief Executive WCVA
member of the Carnegie Commission for Rural Community Development, which produced the Charter for Rural Communities

10.50 Community ownership – what has it meant for Scotland?

Andrew Anderson, Head of Community Land Unit, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
The Community Land Unit provides assistance to community-led organisations who wish to acquire land and other assets; leads a consortium delivering the Growing Community Assets Fund for the Big Lottery Fund throughout Scotland; and provides advice and information to communities seeking to use the Community Rights to Buy in conjunction with the Community Assets Branch of the Scottish Government.

11.20 Assets for enterprising communities

Peter Williams, Director, Development Trusts Association Wales
An independent practitioner-based membership organisation, it promotes the work and supports the growing network of development trusts in Wales. DTA Wales is part of the UK wide Development Trusts Association, the community enterprise and regeneration network and fast growing movement of more than 400 development trusts and 40 in Wales, with community owned assets of £300 million.

11.50 Coffee break

12.00 Workshops (choice of 1)

1. **Community asset development: Learning from what works** – an interactive workshop using case studies of development trusts' achievements in a variety of communities.
Peter Williams, Director, DTA Wales

2. **Enabling participation** – examples of positive Town and Community Council activity, exploring the channels through which citizens and communities participate. Dr Liz Bickerton, Powys Carnegie Project

3. **A Glass half full** – practical experiences of working with communities in Shropshire and Mid Wales to build affordable homes and workspace on land held in trust – Jonathan Brown, Land for People

4. **Environmental assets** – achieving a win-win future for rural communities through addressing climate change in its many aspects (bilingual workshop in Welsh and English) – Andy Rowland, Manager, Ecodyfi and Gwenan Davies, WCVA

5. **What would community ownership mean for Wales? Is the Scottish model appropriate?** – the case for community ownership in Wales, and the benefits and outcomes – Andrew Anderson, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

13.00 Lunch

14.00 How the Welsh Assembly Government is taking the Quirk Review forward in Wales

Deputy Minister for Regeneration, Leighton Andrews AM
Making assets work: the Quirk review of community management and ownership of public assets set out recommendations for overcoming the barriers to community ownership of assets. 'Too often there is uncertainty about what local authorities can do, and how; too often community groups don't know what to expect, or how best to organise themselves.'

14.30 Next steps for Wales – a discussion on what actions we take forward.

Led by Constance Adams, Policy Officer leading on Rural Affairs, WCVA. Taking part: Leighton Andrews, Deputy Minister for Regeneration; Susan Perkins, Regional Coordinator Central Wales/WLGA Rural Forum; Simon White, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales; Andrew Anderson, Head of Community Land Unit, Highlands and Islands Enterprise; Jonathan Brown, Land for People; Andy Rowland, Manager Ecodyfi; Graham Benfield OBE, Chief Executive WCVA; and Dr Kate Braithwaite MBE, Director Rural Programme, Carnegie Trust UK. Kate leads on the Commission for Rural Community Development and the Rural Action Research Programme and was previously Chief Executive of Voluntary Action Cumbria and also a member of the Rural Regeneration Cumbria Board. And very importantly: you, the audience on the day.

15.30 Close and tea

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Cynhadledd Gwireddu Asedau Gwledig 2008

Adeilad Hafod Hendre, Maes Sioe Frenhinol
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Dydd Iau 19 Mehefin 2008

Fel rheol bydd ardaloedd gwledig yn teimlo fel perthynas dlawd ardaloedd trefol – bob amser yn colli allan ar gyllid, rhaglenni a chefnogaeth oherwydd nad yw'r boblogaeth mor ddwys neu oherwydd nad yw'n hawdd targedu'r amddifadedd.

Wel beth am droi hyn ar ei ben a dweud: 'Mae cymunedau gwledig yn dal eu tynged eu hunain; nhw yw eu hasedau gorau'?

Mae'r gynhadledd hon ar gyfer Cymru Wledig yn mynd â pherchnogaeth gymunedol rhagddi ynghyd â rheoli asedau lleol yn y ffordd ehangaf a fwyaf creadigol bosibl, er mwyn galluogi Cymunedau Gwledig y Medra.

Byddwch yn barod i:

- gael eich herio ac i herio eraill,
- rhannu profiadau, syniadau a dyheadau ar gyfer ein cymunedau,
- bod yn rhan o sefydlu dyfodol cynaliadwy cadarnhaol ar gyfer Cymru wledig drwy alluogi trosglwyddo asedau ar y cyd, a'r berchnogaeth gymunedol a rheoli asedau lleol.

Lleoedd bwrsariaethau a gefnogir yn llawn ar gael.

Rhaglen

9.30 Cofrestru

10.00 Croeso'r cadeirydd a sylwadau agoriadol

Mair Stephens yw Cadeirydd Cymdeithas Gwasanaethau Gwirfoddol Sir Gaerfyrddin (CAVS) ac mae'n aelod o Fwrdd WCVA, a Chynulliad Merched Cymru.

10.05 Anerchiad agoriadol – Gwireddu Asedau Gwledig

Y Gweinidog dros Faterion Gwledig, Elin Jones AC Mae Materion Gwledig yn bortffolio Gweinidogol newydd a grëwyd gan y llywodraeth glymblaid. Mae Elin Jones yn gyn Swyddog Datblygu ar gyfer Bwrdd Datblygu Cymru Wledig ac yn gyn Reolwr Datblygu Rhanbarthol ar gyfer Awdurdod Datblygu Cymru. Cafodd ei hethol yn Aelod Cynulliad ar gyfer etholaeth Ceredigion yn 1999 a chafodd ei hailethol yn 2003 ac yn 2007.

10.20 Gosod yr her ar gyfer y diwrnod

Graham Benfield, OBE, Prif Weithredwr WCVA aelod o Gomisiwn Carnegie dros Ddatblygu Cymunedau Gwledig, a gynhyrchodd y Siarter ar gyfer Cymunedau Gwledig

10.50 Perchnogaeth gymunedol – beth mae wedi'i olygu i'r Alban?

Andrew Anderson, Pennaeth yr Uned Tir Cymunedol, Menter yr Ucheldiroedd a'r Ynysoedd. Mae'r Uned Tir Cymunedol yn rhoi cymorth i fudiadau sy'n cael eu harwain gan y gymuned ac sy'n dymuno cael tir ac asedau eraill; yn arwain consortiwm sy'n darparu'r Gronfa Asedau Cymunedol sy'n Tyfu ar ran y Gronfa Loteri Fawr ledled yr Alban; ac yn darparu cyngor a gwybodaeth i gymunedau sy'n ceisio defnyddio Hawliau'r Gymuned i Brynu ar y cyd â Changen Asedau Cymunedol Llywodraeth yr Alban.

11.20 Asedau ar gyfer cymunedau sy'n mentro

Peter Williams, Cyfarwyddwr Cymdeithas Ymddiriedolaethau Datblygu Cymru Mudiad annibynnol ag ymarferwyr yn aelodau, mae'n hyrwyddo gwaith ac yn cefnogi rhwydwaith gynyddol ymddiriedolaethau datblygu yng Nghymru. Mae Cymdeithas Ymddiriedolaethau Datblygu Cymru yn rhan o Gymdeithas Ymddiriedolaethau Datblygu'r DU, y rhwydwaith menter ac adfywio cymunedol a mudiad sy'n prysur ehangu o ragor na 400 o ymddiriedolaethau datblygu a 40 yng Nghymru, gydag asedau sy'n eiddo i'r gymuned gwerth £300 miliwn.

11.50 Toriad am goffi

12.00 Gweithdai (1 dewis)

1. **Datblygu asedau cymunedol: Dysgu o'r hyn sy'n gweithio** – gweithdy rhyngweithiol a fydd yn defnyddio astudiaethau achos o lwyddiannau ymddiriedolaethau datblygu mewn amrywiaeth o gymunedau. Peter Williams, Cyfarwyddwr, Cymdeithas Ymddiriedolaethau Datblygu Cymru

2. **Galluogi cyfranogiad** – enghreifftiau o weithgarwch cadarnhaol Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned, archwilio'r llwybrau y mae dinasyddion a chymunedau'n eu dewis i gymryd rhan. Dr Liz Bickerton, Prosiect Carnegie Powys
3. **Gwydriad hanner llawn** – profiadau ymarferol o weithio gyda chymunedau yn Swydd Amwythig a Chanolbarth Cymru i adeiladu tai a mannau gwaith fforddiadwy ar dir sy'n cael ei ddal gan ymddiriedolaeth – Jonathan Brown – Land for People
4. **Asedau amgylcheddol** – cyflawni dyfodol lle mae pawb ar ei ennill ar gyfer cymunedau gwledig drwy roi sylw i newid yn yr hinsawdd ar ei amryfal ffurfiau (gweithdy dwyieithog yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg) – Andy Rowland, Rheolwr, Ecodyfi a Gwenan Davies, WCVA
5. **Beth allai perchnogaeth gymunedol ei olygu i Gymru? A yw model yr Alban yn briodol?** – yr achos dros berchnogaeth gymunedol yng Nghymru, a'r manteision a'r canlyniadau – Andrew Anderson, Menter yr Ucheldir a'r Ynysoedd

13.00 Cinio

14.00 Sut y mae llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru yn mynd ag Adolygiad Quirk rhagddo yng Nghymru

Y Dirprwy Weinidog dros Adfywio, Leighton Andrews AC
Mae Gwneud i asedau weithio: adolygiad Quirk o reolaeth a pherchnogaeth gymunedol asedau cyhoeddus yn amlinellu argymhellion ar gyfer goresgyn y rhwystrau at berchnogaeth gymunedol asedau. 'Yn rhy aml ceir ansicrwydd ynghylch beth gall awdurdodau lleol ei wneud, a sut; yn rhy aml fydd grwpiau cymunedol ddim yn gwybod beth i'w ddisgwyl na sut orau i drefnu eu hunain.'

14.30 Y camau nesaf ar gyfer Cymru – trafodaeth ynghylch pa gamau rydym am eu cymryd

Wedi'i arwain gan Constance Adams, Swyddog Polisi sy'n arwain ar Faterion Gwledig, WCVA Cymryd Rhan: Leighton Andrews, y Dirprwy Weinidog dros Adfywio; Susan Perkins, Cydlynnydd Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru/ Fforwm Gwledig CLILC; Simon White, Prif Weithredwr, Un Llais Cymru; Andrew Anderson, Pennaeth yr Uned Tir Cymunedol, Menter yr Ucheldir a'r Ynysoedd; Jonathan Brown, Land for People; Andy Rowland, Rheolwr Ecodyfi, Graham Benfield OBE, Prif Weithredwr WCVA; a Dr Kate Braithwaite MBE, Cyfarwyddwr, Rhaglen Wledig, Ymddiriedolaeth Carnegie UK. Mae Kate yn arwain ar y Comisiwn dros Ddatblygu Cymunedau Gwledig a'r Rhaglen Ymchwil Gweithredol Gwledig. Arferai Kate fod yn Brif Weithredwr Voluntary Action Cumbria ac hefyd yn aelod o Fwrdd Adfywio Gwledig Cumbria. Ac yn bwysig iawn, y gynulleidfa ar y diwrnod.

15.30 Cloi a the