

# CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## RIVER RHYMNEY TASK GROUP

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE 1997 AT 11.00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

Simon Jackson - Chairman

Councillor:

P. Slarke

Together with:

Community Leisure Manager, Section Head (Information Review), Senior Legal Assistant, Special Project Officer and Committee Services Manager.

Also Present

Messrs R. Woodyatt (River Rhymney Federation of Angling Clubs), H. Price (Environment Agency) and K. Parker (Coal Authority).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Wood, T.J. Williams, Mr. H. Prosser (Welsh Office) and Mr. R. Clarke (Nabarro Nathanson).

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Task Group held on the 23rd April 1997 (a copy of which had been circulated to all present) were agreed as a correct record.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

##### **Environment Agency Report on Further Monitoring and Priority List**

In accordance with the decision of the last meeting details of the sampling results and the monitoring of the discharge of the Cefn Hengoed Minewater were circulated to all present.

## **Specification and Procurement of the Feasibility Study**

Members of the Task Group considered a draft client brief on the proposed consultancy study on abandoned mine discharges to the River Rhymney. It had been circulated to various parties for comment which had now been received from the Coal Authority, the Environment Agency and the Welsh Office. Subject to amendments it was agreed that the client brief be approved. It was also agreed that the study should be costed in two phases with payment on completion of each phase.

Members then considered the list of consultants to whom the brief will be circulated and it was agreed that the following be invited to submit bids:-

Rust Environmental  
Entec UK Ltd  
Mott MacDonald UK  
Knight Peishold & Partners  
Babtie Geotechnical  
Hyder Consulting Ltd.

It was agreed that a decision needed to be made to reduce the tenderers to a short-list of two, and thereafter to select a final consultant after interviews. The chosen consultant would then make a presentation. It was agreed that the reduction of the short-list could be delegated to the Project Officer and Chairman, who would thereafter take a decision as to whether the final choice needed a further meeting.

## **Funding Arrangements**

All parties were reminded of the need to make a written commitment to the of funding arrangements before the commission was placed. If the bids came in below the target figure of £25,000 then it was agreed that there would be a pro rata reduction in the commitment from each of the parties, based on each party's maximum contribution.

## **Press Release**

Members were informed that there had been some local coverage following the last press release and it was felt that at a later date a follow up press release should be made.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be left to the Chairman in consultation with officers. It was likely to be at the end of July or early August.