

## Wales Leadership Group meeting

28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Attendees:

Fiona Bussell (Amco Giffen), Eoin Bailey (Celsa Steel UK), Gary Newman (Wood knowledge Wales), Lauren Peters (Welsh Water / Dwr Cymru), Keith Treharne (BAM UK & Ireland), Steve Cranston (Welsh Gov), Michael Bashford (Willmott Dixon), David Emery (Supply Chain School), Lynne Good (Supply Chain School), Michael St. Louis (Supply Chain School)

### Welcome and Introductions

David Emery opened the meeting and introduced the attendees. He outlined the ideas and plans for Wales within the School, including:

- Educating clients around sustainable procurement
- Ensure more SME's engage with the school's resources
- Build case studies of affordable housing in Wales, delivered by modern method of constructions (particular around offsite)
- Working closely with Welsh government to deliver a series of workshops with partners and their supply chain that help shape the yet to be published guidance documentation for the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Act Wales

### Business Planning

David hands over to Gary Newman who talks about the Woodbuild Conference Timber (Lead Sponsor Morgan Sigdall) in Swansea happening on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of July with speakers talking on its role in climate change, mitigation and the environment, with practical hands-on workshops.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July Gary is having a collaboration with Steve Cranston and David, to run a workshop on delivering net zero using a patent book. Furthermore, Steve Cranston explains more about the patent book, creating stability through high levels of investment going into affordable housing due to the housing crisis by utilising; learning and experience to reduce the number of house layouts, collaborating with 21 landlords.

This aims to unlock more benefits such as:

- Creating a stronger supply chain
- Having a good network of manufactures across Wales
- Building better relationships for affordable housing

Eoin Bailey and Lauren Peters briefly go into how there is something great in further discussion between partners, rather than seeming separate we and collaborate by linking nature to the communities in terms of housing. This could be through educations for schools, apprenticeships or more.

After Lynne mentioned the importance of integrating nature with business from a construction industry or employee well-being perspective, David suggested inviting over his colleague who leads the schools Nature of Biodiversity group to have a talk for the next quarter.

### Upcoming Workshops

Following on David outlines the following dates for the 'Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act' Workshops:

- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Virtual
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – In person and Virtual
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Virtual

For further information the 2<sup>nd</sup> July Workshop is currently in discussion for the opportunity to be held in-person at the Woodbuild conference for anyone who is within the area (Eoin and Fiona being immediately receptive to the live workshop).

### Expanding our reach

In the task to reach more SMEs within the group and the School, David outlines his experience from live events where he's been able to get involved such as:

- Department for Transport (100 people) – Tier 1 suppliers & SMEs
- North Wales Constructions Partnership – Huge list of suppliers

Suggesting if there are any live events, particular supplier days in the organisation, it's welcomed for David to attend to speak to your audience and outline the benefits of being a member of the school.

Speaking of live events the Schools Summit is happening on the 5<sup>th</sup> September and has loads of speaking and sponsorship opportunities such as Eoin Bailey partaking as a speaker and if more information is required, please email to either [David@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:David@supplychainschool.co.uk) or [Michael@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:Michael@supplychainschool.co.uk).

### Next Leadership Group Meetings

The next leadership group meetings will be as follows:

- Q2 meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- Q3 meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Q4 meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Meeting round off

Keith Treharne – Wants to encourage SMEs to engage more and where there's a push for BAM using the carbon calculator, there's been training recently with Annabelle from the school which gathers good data. For events, we have the below:

- National event in July with a sustainability piece (usually virtual)
- South Wales and southwest England in March/April 2025

Fiona Bussell – Has a big push in Amco currently with the carbon calculator and has requested a roundup for the August Leadership Group Meeting Q2 for anyone who misses the passing Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act Workshops