

Title:	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership Enterprise Zone (EZ) Board
Date:	Thursday 20 April 2023
Time:	14:00 – 16:30
Venue:	Chi Gallos Office, Hayle Marine Renewables Business Park, North Quay, Hayle, TR27 4DD
Chair:	Steve Jermy (SJ) - Celtic Sea Power
Secretariat:	Clare Connaughton (CC) – Economy, Skills & LEP
Membership:	C&IoS LEP: Steve Jermy (SJ) Cornwall Council: Cllr Louis Gardner (LG) Goonhilly Earth Station Limited: Ian Jones (IJ) A&P: Drystan Jones (DJ)
Attendees:	C&IoS LEP: CC: Matthew Vowels (MV) Meike Koops (MK) Gail Eastaugh (GE) Nicola Lloyd (NL) – <i>Teams</i> A&P: GES: Piran Trezise (PT) - <i>Teams</i> Spaceport: BEIS / DLUHC Cities & Local Growth: Other attendees: Mark Duddridge (MD) Mike King (MK) – Cornish Lithium

Minutes		ACTION
1	Welcomes and Introductions	
1.1	Introductions were made.	
2	Apologies for Absence	
2.1	Glenn Caplin-Grey, Ian Jones , Cllr Gardner, Stacy Sleeman, Mike Spicer, Melissa Quinn (MQ)	
3	Housekeeping	
3a	Conflict of Interest declaration	
3a.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PT for Rate Relief renewal for Goonhilly. 	

<p>3b 3b.1</p> <p>3c 3c.1</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Action Summary</p> <p>The action summary was reviewed and updated (as below).</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Enterprise Zones review</p> <p>The Critical Mineral development sector in Cornwall is vital to the local economy. Following changes with some elements of Enterprise Zones, and to climate change, this Board has been forming solid connections with the sector. The Board agreed that Mike King be nominated as the Critical Minerals representative, invited to future meetings, and that the Board would seek to develop opportunities in Cornwall to increase sustainable economic growth.</p> <p>Opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornish Chamber of Mines and Minerals / Cornwall Mining Alliance are supporting the development of Cornwall’s mineral assets, • Cornish Metals at South Crofty have invested in mining equipment to extract Copper and Tin. Opportunities also exist to extract other base metals in the area such as Tungsten, • Exploration wells for Lithium extraction at Twelveheads and Blackwater have been identified, with the aspiration to transition to drill and extract, • Plans to develop a scale plant at St Dennis by the end of 2023, and following feasibility studies and procurement, the plant is expected to produce 20 MW by 2027 when it is fully operational, • British Lithium are developing thermal waters production and by 2027, will produce 10% of UK annual production. It is anticipated this will attract subsequent capital investment. <p>Support required to deliver the opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power infrastructure, People (skills) and Planning, • With job creation, there is a need for housing, education, and other infrastructures. 	

4.4	<p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue – global demand for Lithium as fossil fuels are phased out, • Job creation as seen at Cornish Metals, • Attract and retain skills to the industry and County. 	
4.5	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attract and sustain skills and talent in the sector and across other sectors, NL has already discussed this with Emily Kent, SS and Glenn C-G, • Action – MV and SJ to join the conversations and Glenn to update skills at the next meeting. CC to contact his PA, • A mapping exercise to be undertaken. 	CC
4.6	<p>Action – CC to add Critical Minerals Development to the agenda going forward.</p> <p>Action – MK to be invited, as Critical Minerals representative, to future meetings.</p>	CC
5	<p>Spaceport update</p> <p>5.1 MQ was attending a Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, so GE provided an update.</p> <p>5.2 Key headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space Systems Operations Facility (SSOF) is due to open next week, it includes, hot desking, offices, collaboration space and some light industrial units, • Spaceport media message is ‘business as usual’ as there are so many elements within the sector, GE to catch up with MQ on her return, • Focus on Space Cluster with links to Goonhilly, learn lessons from Cosmic Girl exercise, • The FLOW Sector could have an operational centre at Newquay-Aerohub, to provide offshore command, control, and coordination, and to act as a logistics hub, • This would be a useful source for CC revenue, Cllr Taylor, and Cllr Gardner aware of SJ’s involvement as a lead. 	

5.3	Action – GE to obtain an update from CAL on their marketing strategy.	GE
6	Aerospace EZ Site updates	
6a	Aerohub	
6a.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 plots currently at HoTs stage, • The marketing strategy of plots may need reviewing. 	
6b	Goonhilly Earth Station	
6b.1	<p>Main headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of 2 American Comsat teleports to increase satellite and DSN coverage in US, • Interest expressed in GES at the Washington Satellite Show last week, so no adverse fallout from Cosmic Girl. • GES keen to support services for tech metal and FLOW sectors shortly and recognises the need for satellite communications and comms expertise. • Staff recruitment has accelerated as GES expands, 4 new staff in April and 1 in May, with further recruitment planned. 	
7	Marine EZ Updates	
7a	Falmouth Docks	
7a.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twin Hubs - Feasibility Study, funded by EZ Growth, • Preparation for a bid to host the Twin Hubs is underway, • An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken, funded by SPF. 	
7a.2	<p>Other activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversations with NW Rail continue for the Rail Head, • University of Plymouth has been commissioned to simulate, using the Cornwall FLOW Accelerator simulator, assembly, integration, towage and installation operations from Falmouth. 	
7b	Hayle MRBP	
7b.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 is fully let, • Phase 2 completion date is June 2023 and there has been interest expressed in the large and smaller units. 	

<p>7c 7c.1</p>	<p>Tolvaddon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers have been made on the remaining plots, and the 2 selected ones will be contacted, • Zone 1 Grid Serve is at the exchange stage and the lease for the green laundry is progressing. The owner has applied for BEIS funding to purchase the plot. 	
<p>8 8.1 8.2</p>	<p>Marketing and Pipeline Opportunities</p> <p>With the end of ERDF, the Government is looking at future financial support for businesses. This Board will align with the SPF team, to examine priorities and inward investment. Communication with the CTI will be ongoing.</p> <p>A pipeline of investment will be shared at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>9 9.1</p>	<p>EZ Growth Fund Applications</p> <p>There were 2 EZ Growth Fund applications which were sent in the Agenda pack. Since they required official appraisal and section 151 sign off, they will be conducted by Written Procedure.</p>	
<p>10 10.1</p>	<p>Rate Relief Report</p> <p><i>PT left the call when GES application was discussed.</i></p> <p>The report regarding rate relief renewals funded by EZ Growth Fund was reviewed and the Recommendations were carried by members.</p> <p><i>PT re-joined the call after this item was discussed.</i></p>	
<p>11 11.1</p>	<p>Performance Data</p> <p>There has been no update since the last reporting period.</p>	
<p>12 12.1 12.2</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The EZ Growth Fund Investment Policy refresh will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted there are funding pots available connected to sea funding activities, which could be beneficial as match-funding.</p>	

12.3	Post- LEP restructure, the governance of this Board will be looked at, alongside sub-groups. It will be a strategic-focused Board. The meeting concluded at 16:09.	
13 13.1	Date of next EZ Board Meeting: <i>tbc</i>	

Appendix 1: Action Tracker

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Action Tracker 20/04/2023

Date	Action	Owner	Status			Notes
			Complete	Ongoing	Not Complete	
20/04/23	4.5 – Glenn to attend June Board to give a Skills update – CC to contact his PA	CC			X	
20/04/23	4.6 – Add Critical Minerals to agenda as standard item & invite Mike King as a rep for sector	CC			X	
20/04/23	5.3 – GE obtain marketing strategy update from CAL	GE			X	
09/02/2023	4a.5 Devolution - MV to do further research and find out opportunities regarding the development of the County's natural assets.	MV		X		LEP decision/Commission on Land and FLOW, Level 2 Devolution including FLOW and Land Commission
09/02/2023	7c.2 - MV to speak to National Grid to determine whether they need additional land to support substation expansion. Explore land at Tolvaddon for National Grid supply from FLOW. Assess how much land would be required. For the first 4GW in Cornwall.	MV	X			

	Treasury visit to Cornwall 16-17 May, MK to extend invite to some EZ Board members.					
05/10/22	3.5 – Treveth – Arrange a workshop to scope partnership working	SJ/MD		X		Linked to MV research below, MV has had conversations with them
05/10/22	3.7 – Look at workspace in existing EZs 8/12 – MV has investigated larger EZs who have used private investment. MV is scoping the benefits of Treveth investing and developing in EZs. He is seeking guidance from CC. Treveth has shown interest in developing at Tolvaddon.	MV/MD		X		Cover under the Agenda 20/4
05/10/22	5.3 EZ Review - MD and SJ to contact Glenn to ensure details of the EoI. Also, to ensure formal support from local MPs	SJ/MD		X		Change in LEP Governance.
05/10/22	5.6 - Glenn C-G will be contacted by SJ to progress an SPF bid. Jordan Whaley will be contacted regarding match-funding opportunities for SPF. Timing is restricted so this action is immediate. GC-G has signed off the SPF application and funding pots have been lined up.	SJ	X			
05/10/22	7.2 - MV will follow up on the former Arla site at St. Mawgan Airport to explore the possibility of developing co-working spaces. 8/12 – MV reports that a housing developer has submitted a pre-app. It was thought the site would be a mixed-use development, but residential use only is the option. 20/4 Acorn purchase has gone through, no further updates.	MV	X			
05/10/22	12.2 – EoI for Investment Zone with Glenn CG	SJ/MD		X		

09/06/22	<p>4.9 – County Deal – SJ do similar paper on FLOW. To involve with DJ, Mike King, and Glenn to ensure proposal is compliant to County Deal</p> <p>Devolution Deal for Cornwall has been agreed. Change to LEP Governance, private investment ongoing, subgroups as before with name change.</p> <p>Link to SPF Governance to avoid duplication.</p>	SJ	X			
09/06/22	<p>4.11 – MV to research iso pods for temporary living and working accommodation. MT has details for 1. Ongoing EZ GF for more scoping work. FLOW workforce model has a long-term strategy.</p> <p>8/12 – The Board is still keen to explore the temporary accommodation, particularly with the Spaceport launch. There are numerous people in need of accommodation as business opportunities continue at CAN.</p> <p>MV has been scoping costs and feasibility, the NHS is modelling family accommodation which can be evidenced as a successful model to follow.</p> <p>Opportunity to use SPF for feasibility studies, link with SS (Skills) and Treveth. Gather data.</p> <p>Keep on radar of Board.</p>	MV		X		
09/06/22	11.3 AOB SJ and GE to have a conversation around establishing a FLOW academy	SJ/GE		X		
27/4/21	<p>7.2 Spoil creation at Sector 2 – Blue Abyss pool. Discuss further with Glenn in relation to G7 and prolongation of EZs</p> <p>Due diligence with Govt – proceed with</p>	MV		X		Continuing due diligence taking place, negotiations



	<p>caution. Costs share with Govt / ensure no duplication of process</p> <p>BA has external backing investment which may be useful as green energy Visit on 02 November – meet stakeholders and Yonder, investment – may interest GES</p>					<p>continue with Blue Abyss regarding funding partners & deliverables</p>
27/4/21	<p>7.2 Blue Abyss spoil to be included within Planning application as condition</p> <p>Secure funding – keep monitoring, Blue Abyss still scoping investment opportunities. Interest has been expressed by Yonder as investor in Blue Abyss which will be kept ‘live.’ There may also be opportunities for Yonder to invest in other projects which Glenn and MD will progress.</p> <p>8/12 – Exclusivity period has ended; proof of funding required from BA to release exclusivity</p>	MV		X		<p>Due diligence taking place</p>