

Crai Community Broadband Project

Timeline

Investigate Potential Solutions and routes for funding support	16/06/16	Meeting with Arwain Animator (Powys CC) re Expression of Interest (EOI) for Arwain Programme funding support.
	10/08/16	Meeting with Alan Davies (Economic Development Officer, Powys CC) to discuss Crai as a potential site for “TV Whitespaces” technology.
	06/09/16	Following successful EOI submission invited to make full application to Arwain for funding for a feasibility study for our project.
	21/09/16	Assistance sought from Internet Service Provider (ISP) Broadway Partners re a potential application for feasibility work under Arwain.
	07/10/16	Liaison made with Alan Davies re meeting with Broadway Partners and an alternative project approach instead of the Arwain Proposal.
	06/12/16	Community meeting in Crai Community Hall hosted by Broadway Partners, to explain TV Whitespaces technology and where it will be of assistance to our project.
	14/12/16	Meeting with DyfedIT to discuss their product i.e. wireless broadband system.
	January 2017	Mapping exercise by Broadway Partners, to identify all properties within Crai Community, to examine technical proposal (How to reach all properties).
	11/01/17	Liaison with Alan Davies (Powys CC) and Peter Williams (Welsh Government) for the Access Broadband Cymru (ABC) grant fund community application process as an alternative to the Arwain proposal. Advised to approach at least three Internet Service Providers (ISPs) including BT.
Request formal proposals and appointment decision	15/02/17	Detailed proposal requested from both Broadway Partners and DyfedIT received for selection the process by Crai Hall Management committee members.
	17/02/17	Contact made with a Senior Support Manager for BT Community Fibre. They were unable to help us, inasmuch as they required all the details of interested parties in the community, prior to proceeding with a long term project that required at least £60k to get superfast fibre into Crai itself. Attempted to engage with another ISP (from Welsh Governments ISP list), called Rural Technologies – no response.
	15/03/17	Extraordinary Meeting held in Crai Community Hall to discuss the merits of both technical proposals – unanimous vote in favour of appointing DyfedIT as our preferred ISP.

		N.B. All the relevant meetings and decisions were included in all minutes of our meetings, this being a requirement for the ABC application process for funding.
Funding and Planning Consents	23/03/17	Meeting with DyfedIT to discuss specifications and expectations!
	01/04/17	Open Day held in Crai Community Hall with DyfedIT to showcase the equipment and complete ABC funding application forms. All relevant documents, including a covering report, full proposal documents for DyfedIT and Broadway Partners, with copies of relevant minutes sent to Welsh Government for ABC funding.
	13/06/17	Funding award letters sent out to 63 properties in Crai from WAG for the period 13/06/17 – 13/03/18. Planning application submitted by DyfedIT to BBNP Application approved Installation process to all properties within the scheme for completion by 20/12/17.
Project Delivery	November 2017	60 properties connected to the service. A further additional 10 properties will be connected early in 2018.
COMPLETION January 2018		

