

# CASE STUDY

## ASSET TRANSFER

## Porthcawl Maritime Centre Bridgend, South Wales



Porthcawl Maritime Centre is an all-weather, year-round haven for residents and visitors bringing educational, cultural, water sports, business, employment and health and wellbeing benefits to the South Wales Coast.

The idea for a year-round attraction grew out of a need to build a new base for the Porthcawl Sea Cadets, which still occupy a building constructed in 1946 as well as a headquarters and centre of excellence for the Welsh Surfing Federation.

A Community Interest Company (CIC) was set up by a board which involves Doctors, business people, professionals

graduates and educators. With plans to development of 0.9 acre site and a 2700m<sup>2</sup> main building the team also visualised the following;

- Health and Wellbeing Facility.
- Group Activity Accommodation.
- SeaQuest Coastal Science and Discovery centre.
- Meeting Space.

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- Restaurant.
- Café/ Bistro.
- Performing Arts and Digital Performance Space.
- Sea Cadets Centre of Excellence

The CIC received £297,597 from the Big Lottery's Coastal Communities Fund in 2015. The remaining funds are set to be a mix of grants, social borrowing and potentially donations from residents through a Community Bond scheme. If all their ideas come into effect they will generate up to 100 new jobs.

The proposed Porthcawl Maritime Quarter – 'Harbourside' will become an environmental, architectural and educational space for everyone.



- Take all of the help offered - DTA Organisational Health Check a very useful tool.
- Fully understand costs and timescales for planning, legal, licensing and procurement.
- Create a 'project team committee' with your local authority/ stakeholders - meeting regularly.
- Factor in for the unforeseen – time contingency and cost contingency.

### Lessons Learned:

- Dedicated member of the team needed to develop project.
- Community engagement essential.
- Planning permission can take at least 8 weeks and be protracted.

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