

## IX Liverpool Board Meeting Minutes 27th Jan 2016

Present, MW, PFP

MW discussed the reasons behind wanting to set up an Internet Exchange in Liverpool and wanted to begin IX Liverpool to explore if interconnection was feasible, interesting and worthwhile in Liverpool.

MW explained that IX Liverpool's aim should be around improving internet infrastructure and resilience within Liverpool, and to attract digital companies into the region to share knowledge/create jobs as well as a developing a number of business networking opportunities and acting as a catalyst for growth of the internet community within our region. MW will begin work on a formal vision for the next board session.

MW discussed that a meetup was scheduled for Jan 29th as more of an informal chat with the Open Telephony group that Telecoms Cloud hosts at DoES Liverpool, who would debate the need for such an exchange in Liverpool, consider the public opinion and gage the enthusiasm for such a project.

PFP requested that we invite companies such as Aimes Grid Services CIC early on so to ascertain their interest ASAP as to their potential involvement, aware from previous conversations with staff that they had made efforts in the past to establish a local IX but had not been successful.

MW agreed and volunteered to begin talks with the Directors of these companies and offer to meet with them as soon as possible and offer to peer with them.

MW raised the point about wanting public involvement early on also, and would setup a Google Group discussion on the DoES Liverpool page to begin a debate around IXL.

MW agreed to contact IX Leeds as it would be good to share experience, know-how and lessons learned and would arrange to meet them in London at UKNOF33

It was agreed by all parties present that IX Liverpool should be incorporated at Companies House as a company limited by guarantee as a not-for-profit enterprise, with each member's liability limited to £1 (per subscriber), setting up as a mutual. Members are to be companies that have an interesting and legitimate need to exchange traffic.

In order to move things forward, it was also agreed that the company would be incorporated with a Model Articles of Association which gives IX Liverpool an "off the shelf" constitution. These will be replaced/amended with entirely bespoke articles at a later date, especially given the low amount of members currently, plus the legal work required to create bespoke articles, this would only hold proceedings up.

It was resolved that the company would begin with four founding members being Telecoms Cloud Networks, Internet of Things Limited (represented by Prof. Matt Wilson and elected as Chairman of IX Liverpool for a one year term), Innobella Media (represented by Paul Freeman-Powell and elected as Technical Director of IX Liverpool for a one year term) and one other with whom talks are finalising at present.

It was resolved that each member will nominate a director to act as their representative.

MW confirmed that the cost of setting up the Company would be supported by his business Internet of Things Limited.

It was agreed that IX Liverpool should be a totally open and transparent organisation, accountable to its members but with a local community focus. It was agreed that the minutes of board meetings should be made public and where private detail exists (that could be commercially sensitive), these would be discussed in a private part of the board and not be made available for public, but these would be kept to a minimum.

It was agreed that for all meetings, the public are welcome to attend the public part of our board meetings, and subject to time constraints, would welcome a 15 minute session at the end for a question and answers session from stakeholders.

MW has set out the next 12 months board meetings with forward guidance on dates and times that will be published on the website by PFP.

PFP explained that he had put the finishing touches to the website and it was now fully live complete with seo on ixliv.net

## **AOB**

None.

Persons:

MW : Prof. Matt Wilson, Chairman, on behalf of Telecoms Cloud Networks Limited

PFP: Paul Freeman-Powell, Technical Director, on behalf of Innobella Media Limited