

BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS GWYNEDD A MÔN
ANGLESEY AND GWYNEDD PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2017 09:30am

MINUTES

Present	
Name	Organisation
Ffion Johnstone (Chair)	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Cllr Ieuan Williams	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr Dyfed Edwards	Gwynedd Council
Dilwyn Williams	Gwynedd Council
Sian Purcell	Medrwn Môn
Siobhan Adams	Public Health Wales
Bethan Russell Williams	Mantell Gwynedd
Gwynne Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Sioned Rees	Welsh Government
Simon Smith	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Sian Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Emyr Williams	Snowdonia National Park Authority

In attendance:	
Llio Johnson	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Rhian Bayley-Hughes	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Janet Roberts	Gwynedd Council
Shan Morris	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Elizabeth Woodcock	PhD Student (Observing)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair thanked the Leader of Anglesey Council, Ieuan Williams and Gwynedd Council's Leader Dyfed Edwards for their contribution to the programme of the Public Services Board over the years as they were now standing down as Leaders.

Apologies	
Jerry Hunter	Bangor University
Morag Olsen	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Nigel Harrison	North Wales Police
Ian Rees	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai

2. Minutes and matters arising

Amendments to the minutes of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board meeting held on 24 February 2017:

- Note the apologies of Siobhan Adams.

Matters Arising:

- Dilwyn Williams noted the need to make use of meeting rooms at each organisation for the purposes of holding the Board's meetings.

1	Action:	RBH to arrange Board meetings within the organisations
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It was confirmed that the rest of the minutes were a true record of the discussions.

3. Terms of Reference

The period of time one individual can hold position of Chair/Vice-chair needs to be included in the Terms of Reference. A Chair would need to be elected during the next Board meeting in June following the election.

4. Welsh Government's Regional Grant for the regional development of the Boards

The Welsh Government are offering a regional grant to support regional boards to actively prepare the Well-being Plan and continue to help consolidate the work on the local wellbeing assessment. The regional application has been submitted to the Welsh Government as the deadline was at the end of March 2017. The Welsh Government is aware that the Board members have not had an opportunity to discuss and propose improvements.

Observations:

- There was consensus that there was a need for the Population Assessment and the Wellbeing Assessment to be intertwined.
- Population Assessment needed to reflect local issues.
- It was noted that there were concerns about language issues and that an agreement was needed on the language requirements.
- The bid needs to be amended to reflect a more local purpose.
- Lack of focus in the bid - potential for duplication.
- A robust monitoring structure was required for the Regional post.

2	Action:	Llio Johnson to feed back on the bid to the regional group
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5. Office of the Future Generations Commissioner

The Draft Strategic Plan and the Priority Area Development Report of the Future Generations Commissioner's Office was submitted for information to the Board, and it was explained that they could respond directly to the Commissioner.

6. The Board's Engagement Arrangements

Llio Johnson explained that a report has been prepared by Medrwn Môn and the Isle of Anglesey Council on the public engagement that was undertaken which followed the Lleisiau'n Lleol model. The report contains a clear message about how the public wish to be consulted with by public bodies.

Board members agreed that a summary report on the messages is needed for discussion at the next Board meeting in June, 2017.

It was also agreed that there is a need to establish a system with local members and that they play a part in leading discussions locally. There is recognition that the answers and solutions to local issues are within those communities.

3	Action:	To include this on the agenda in June, 2017
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7. Correspondence

Board members were provided with a report received from the North Wales Public Sector Equality Network.

There was opposition to accept the report as it was in English only. It was also noted that the local information was incorrect e.g. Gwynedd Council contacts is incorrect.

4	Action:	Llio Johnson and Ffion Johnstone to respond to the network on the above comments.
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8. Assessment of Local Well-being - Workshop Session

Part 1:

Discussions were held in groups regarding the responses that had been received on the draft assessment and any changes that needed to be made before publishing the final version.

Summary of the discussion:

General comments:

- The assessment is a live document and will be amended as things change / develop, e.g. the impact of Brexit / Wylfa.
- Recognition that some responses to the consultation were evidently campaigning, need to guard against assuming that comments from respondents with a very specific area of interest are representative.
- The Commissioners criticism needs to be summarised in bullet points – which ones require attention now and which are longer term that can be discussed in the future.
- Members acknowledged that not much could be changed or needed to be changed now – minor changes are required in response to comments and then need to consider further changes in the future.
- There was discussion about the link between the PSB and the regional structure that was shared in terms of the Part 9 Partnership Board – is there a need for so many groups, it is complex and there is a need to question how so many different groups can operate effectively and how this will dovetail effectively with the Wellbeing Action Board plans.
- It was also noted that there has been a lack of attention given to the PSB in the recent White Paper - Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed, thus it is not clear what the Welsh Government's intention is with regional working.
- In setting objectives for the plan, it is important that they are the PSB's objectives and not ones that individual organisations would have identified / implemented regardless.
- It was acknowledged that discussions and collaboration with the Board can draw out new ideas and possibly help target resources to tackle issues more effectively / efficiently.

Comments on assessment including gaps in data / information:

- Acknowledged that not all of these changes can be made for this assessment but need to work on this for updating the Assessment in the future.
- Need to include Mental Health – could be strengthened in the assessment as it affects all services represented on the PSB. It's important to have mental health AND wellbeing as well-being also incorporates elements of community resilience and equality.
- Poverty and the financial climate should be expanded. Currently it's too narrowly focused on just a few indicators of poverty.
- Need to improve context at the beginning of the document including a narrative on how we have reached the main message.
- Need to include trends.
- Educational Attainment – could perhaps give greater attention to variations e.g. gender differences and the need to achieve greater balance.
- Climate – perhaps there is too much attention on pollution, sea level etc. and not enough on the impact of climate change, on other issues such as biodiversity, natural habitats etc.
- Social care – not much information on this, we need more information from the Population Assessment.
- Loneliness – need to recognise the impact this has on well-being. This is a problem because people retire to the area and when a partner dies, the widow is far from family members and support. It is important to realise that this is not just a problem in rural areas alone – isolation can occur in towns too.
- Need to acknowledge that the messages and issues intertwine.
- The necessary changes can be made to the document and then develop the document in the future by considering the responses in more detail.

It was agreed to share the last part of the document – “What does this tell us about well-being” with members for comment prior to publication.

Agreed to respond to the Commissioner with thanks for the feedback and outlining how the Board has responded to the feedback.

Part 2

Further discussion took place in groups on the key messages and started the process of considering what would be the Board's Well-being plan objectives.

Summary of discussion:

There was a general discussion about the main messages. It was important to note the possibility of organisations interpreting the messages differently. It is important to have clear consensus on what the messages mean to the Board.

It was agreed that the Board can contribute to all the messages together and that some organisations are obvious choices to lead on some.

1. ***Maintaining a Community Spirit that is so important to the wellbeing of our communities*** – Again there is a need to agree on interpretation of messages – an organisation like the Fire and Rescue Service is seen as an obvious lead – fire and rescue has fire stations in many communities. It is important not to assume that communities are necessarily geographically based, it can be a community of older people, farming community etc.

2. ***The importance of protecting the natural environment***- PSB can take collective action – Natural Resources Wales and National Parks are already doing so but working collectively gives access to more resources acting towards a common purpose.
3. ***Understanding the effect of the change in demography on the area*** – PSB and Public Health Wales officers can act on this – can look at the future trends and try to highlight the impact on any action to improve well-being.
4. ***Protecting the Welsh language*** – This is an area to take collective action. We need to look again at the message, it is not sufficient to say ‘protect’ it is necessary to develop and promote the use of the language.
5. ***Promoting the use of natural resources to improve long-term health and well-being in the long term*** – This is an area to take collective action. Further discussions were needed on who should lead.
6. ***Improving transport connections to enable access to services and facilities*** – This is an area to take collective action BUT needs to begin with the Welsh Government. This is a national issue and national action is required.
7. ***The need for high quality jobs and affordable housing that is affordable for local people*** – Further discussion is required – a lot of work is being done regionally and what influence would the PSB have on this?
8. ***Effect of poverty, including fuel poverty on well-being*** – Need to expand and fully understand the impact of living in poverty has on well-being. All organisations have a responsibility – need further discussion.
9. ***Ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed*** – As above it is necessary to fully understand this – what are the barriers to success.

It was decided that all organisations need to have internal discussions before the next meeting in June, to agree on the following:

- What contribution can the organisation make against each of the messages? What is happening already and what plans are in place for the future?
- In the organisation’s opinion, which other partner would play a key role in responding / collective action under each message.

It was agreed that the PSB officers would share a template to facilitate these discussions. This will take place a week after the publication of the final well-being assessment.

Approval of the Well-being Assessment – both PSB separately approved the publication of the assessments for their area subject to the minor changes discussed. Separate minutes have been produced to reflect this.

5. Date of the next meeting

The details of the arrangements for the next meeting of the Board on 20 June, 2017 at 9:30am in Tŷ Menai, Parc Menai, Bangor, Gwynedd were noted.

There was discussion about the need to meet more often while the Board prepare the Wellbeing plan. The Board agreed to try to arrange dates every 6 weeks and that the additional meetings would be informal workshops.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.