

Wednesday, 16 March 2022

10:00 – 12:30

Zoom

<b>Members present:</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Emyr Williams (EW) - Chair	Eryri National Park
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (DS)	Gwynedd Council
Dylan Williams (DW)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Shan Morris (ShM)	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Ffion Johnstone (FfJ)	Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr
Sioned Rees (SR)	Welsh Government
Justin Hanson (JH)	Natural Resources Wales
Bethan Russell Williams (BRW)	Mantell Gwynedd
Lowri Hughes (LH)	Bangor University
Aled Jones-Griffith (AJG)	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai
Sian Purcell (SP)	Medrwn Môn
Dafydd Gwynne (DG)	Public Health Wales

<b>In attendance:</b>	
Alwen Williams	North Wales Economic Ambition Board
Rhiannon Elis-Williams	Gwynedd Council - translator
Bethan Evans	Gwynedd Council - translator
Nia Williams (NW)	Natural Resources Wales
Dewi Wyn Jones (DWJ)	Gwynedd Council
Sandra Thomas (ST)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Lois Owens (LO)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board

<b>Apologies:</b>	
Ffrancon Williams	Adra

Andrew Edwards	Bangor University
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Dafydd Gibbard	Gwynedd Council
Andy Jones	Probation Service
Gillian Jones	Probation Service
Sian Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Neil Thomas	North Wales Police

## Action Points

1. Arrange a workshop to discuss the Well-being Plan in June. Many members have volunteered for the sub group to create the Plan and the PSB Support Team will contact to arrange - **PSB Support Team**
2. Poverty agenda - Sandra to circulate template and offer Members support to complete - **PSB Support Team**
3. Send a letter on behalf of the Gwynedd and Anglesey PSB to ONS, the Welsh Government and the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner to express the need for a mandatory national language survey - **PSB Support Team**
4. Gwynedd Support Team and Research Team to work on the draft Assessments before publication in May 2022. Lois to contact relevant members for information to fill in data gaps - **PSB Support Team**
5. Arrange a meeting with the Welsh Government to discuss the feedback of the Well-being Assessments - **PSB Support Team**
6. Request for organisations to share the Nature and Us campaign from Natural Resources Wales - **Everyone**
7. Report to the next Board on the progress of the Climate sub-group and highlight the work that will be taking place jointly through the sub-group - **NW / SW**
8. Sioned to ask the Welsh Government for an update on the Ukrainian refugee situation nationally - **SR**
9. All partners be looking at a form to support the situation in Ukraine and be prepared to work together as needed - **Everyone**
10. Both authorities as core members need to meet formally after the election to decide whether to continue to work together as one Board or not - **Representatives of both authorities / PSB Support Team**

## Minutes of the discussion

Item	Notes	Whom?	By when?
1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>All attendees were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies mentioned above were accepted. Dylan Williams was welcomed to his first Board meeting.</p>		
2	<p><b>Terms of Reference – nothing to report</b></p>		
3	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the discussion. An update was received on the action points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was agreed to send a letter to the Local Government Minister on behalf of the Chair of the Board to enquire about the budget that is available for Public Services Boards. PSB Support Team – <i>letter has been sent</i></li> <li>2. PSB Support Team to collaborate with all partners to identify how they contribute to the poverty agenda work streams by the next meeting. Subject to this work, arrange a workshop session to discuss how partners can support/challenge each other on progress in the poverty agenda. <b>PSB Support Team - slipped</b></li> <li>3. It was agreed to have another update on the poverty agenda within 6-9 months from both authorities side-by-side to compare the situation in both counties. <b>PSB Support Team to arrange – September / December meeting</b></li> <li>4. The Welsh language sub-group was asked to look at reliable data for the number of Welsh speakers between the Census. <b>AJG – on the agenda</b></li> <li>5. The Care and Health Sub-group was asked to outline the impact the work achieved has had on residents in the next progress report in March. <b>FfJ - on the agenda</b></li> <li>6. Share the draft Well-being Assessments with Board members once they are published for everyone to have an opportunity to make observations. <b>PSB Support Team - on the agenda</b></li> <li>7. The PSB Support Team and the Research Service at Gwynedd Council were asked to consider if there is any reliable data/information available that could be used for the Well-being Assessments to demonstrate the impact of Covid -19. <b>PSB Support Team - on the agenda</b></li> <li>8. It was resolved to go for option 3 to implement the Well-being Plan and arrange a workshop in June, with a sub-group to lead on the work to be established after this. <b>PSB Support Team – Discussion took place on the nominations for the sub-group with Dylan Williams (Anglesey Council), Bethan Williams (Mantell Gwynedd), Dafydd Gwynne (Public Health Wales) and Nia Williams (Natural Resources Wales) indicating willingness to be part of the subgroup. PSB Support Team to arrange initial meeting.</b></li> </ol>	PSB Support Team	16/6/22

	<p>9. The leader of every sub-group to look at their programme of implementation from now until May 2023 and to provide a brief outline of what exactly they intend to deliver between now and then. Support Team to collaborate/support this work. <b>Sub-group leaders and the PSB Support Team - on the agenda</b></p> <p>10. Need to confirm the above decisions with the Fire Service and the Health Authority as they were not able to be present at the meeting and there is a need for all statutory members to be present to be quorate. Need to establish the delegation procedure within the statutory partner organisations. <b>PSB Support Team – slipped</b></p>		
4	<p><b>Presentation by Alwen Williams on the North Wales Economic Ambition Board</b></p> <p>Alwen Williams gave a presentation on the work of the Ambition Board, its new website and progress on the 5 programs within the Growth Plan.</p> <p>It was explained that measuring success is something that the Ambition Board has been looking at, as the data needs to be sensitive enough to identify geographical variations, and that 'soft' measures that look wider than economic value are also used.</p> <p>EW thanked Alwen for the presentation and stated that it had been beneficial. Discussion ensued on how to build relationships between the two Boards in order to improve collaboration. EW explained that deprivation and poverty was something that the PSB had been looking at and Alwen Williams noted that this was a priority area for the Ambition Board as well, referring to the digital program for hard to reach rural areas and creating jobs in the most deprived areas.</p> <p>AJG noted that it was extremely important to include the education sector from the outset from primary school through to post 16 education. He noted that there were 12,000 learners at the College who would be potential candidates for the 4,200 new jobs across the region but that career journeys needs to be mapped out to ensure that local young people can succeed.</p> <p>DS explained that the Ambition Board's journey was long-term, and that the Growth Plan had addressed many issues over the last 3-4 years but that it was more difficult in less economically viable areas.</p> <p>BW emphasised the importance of the third sector not only as a major employer in the area, but also as an opportunity to retain the benefit locally through procurement to the sector. BW also highlighted the lack of third sector representation on the Ambition Board and Alwen Williams noted that this is a gap that has already been discussed.</p>		
5a	<p><b>An update on the work of the Welsh sub group - Aled Jones-Griffith</b></p> <p>AJG presented the contents of the reports and explained what the sub-group intended to achieve by May 2023.</p>		

	<p>AJG responded to EW's request for the Welsh subgroup to look at the data collected on the number of Welsh speakers in the years between the Census. What emerged from the discussion at the last language sub-group meeting was that there are no systems and arrangements within the membership to collect this kind of data and even where organisations collect information about Welsh speakers who are using their services, this is not itself quantitative and scientific statistical data as it only records the language preference of those who bother to contact and not a percentage of all service users or recipients.</p> <p>Another concern was also highlighted that a national Census was not going to be held after 2021, and that this is currently the main source for existing speaker data, as well as other important data on which the Board relies.</p> <p>AJG suggested that the best way forward would be for the PSB to liaise with ONS, the Welsh Government and the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner to encourage the conduct of a mandatory national language survey, particularly as the million-speaker challenge by 2050 makes a good case for conducting the survey. Members agreed and the PSB Support Team was asked to arrange the drafting of a letter on behalf of the Board.</p>	PSB Support Team	16/6/22
5b	<p><b>Update on the work of the Climate Change subgroup - Sian Williams</b></p> <p>In the absence of SW, JH and NW presented the report which outlined what the sub-group intended to achieve by May 2023.</p> <p>DW thanked the report and noted that it contained a lot of information. BW highlighted a number of community initiatives such as Gwyrdd Ni that are currently looking and engaging in the field of climate change, and that it is important that the Board and sub-group 'tap in' to these events.</p> <p>The Board was keen for the Climate Change sub-group to have a further discussion on what work was happening separately (as individual organisations) and the work falls under the Board's responsibility and where partnership working can add value.</p>	Climate change sub-group	16/6/22
5c	<p><b>Update on the work of the Health and Care subgroup - Ffion Johnstone</b></p> <p>FfJ gave a presentation on the work of the health subgroup to date, with the emphasis on the 'So What?' – that is, the effect the various Plans have had on the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey.</p> <p>BW questioned the success of the Penyberth Scheme, as the need for nursing beds in Pen Llŷn continued to be delayed.</p> <p>FfJ explained that a lack of resources had been a challenge, but hoped that a budget through the RIF would be a good opportunity to move work streams forward.</p>		

6	<p><b>Responses to the draft Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being Assessments</b></p> <p>LO presented the responses received to the public consultation on the Draft Well-being Assessments. It was noted that the number of responses was disappointing but that key messages included the need for more information on poverty and a need for a brief overview of the area's key messages.</p> <p>It was also noted that the responses of the Welsh Government, Future Generations Commissioner and Natural Resources Wales had been received during the week but that there had been no opportunity before the PSB meeting to fully analyse these.</p> <p>Looking at the data gaps, several organisations offered their assistance in filling these gaps, including obesity data from Public Health, Social Value Plans and Food Banks by Mantell Gwynedd and Medrwn Môn and crime by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership. LO to contact members to fill in these gaps.</p> <p>SR noted that the Welsh Government was offering a meeting to discuss their feedback in more detail. PSB Support Team to arrange this over the coming weeks.</p>	LO  PSB Support Team	Asap  Asap
7	<p><b>Nature and Us - Nia Williams</b></p> <p>NW presented the Nature and Us engagement exercise on behalf of Natural Resources Wales.</p> <p>BW noted that it would be an idea to introduce the work to the third sector network. All organisations agreed to share the campaign with their staff and the public via their websites and/or social media.</p>	Everyone	Asap
10	<p><b>Challenges and Opportunities - standing item</b></p> <p>Nothing to report during this meeting.</p>		
11	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The situation in Ukraine</b> - DW highlighted that it is important to ensure access to public services as refugees arrive in the country over the coming months. He noted that it was vital that everyone looks at opportunities to work together to support the families arriving in Gwynedd and Anglesey. SR stated that she would ask the Welsh Government for an update on the situation so that it could be shared with PSB members.</li> <li>• <b>Next meeting</b> - following the election it will be necessary to formally agree if the Anglesey Board and the Gwynedd Board are to continue to co-operate. ST to make arrangements for this.</li> <li>• <b>Chairmanship</b> - EW explained that this was his last meeting as Chair of the Board. DS thanked him for his work and leadership on the Board. A new Chairman will be elected at the June meeting.</li> </ul>	Everyone  SR  ST	continuo us  Asap  Before 16/6/22