



Wednesday, 17 March 2021

14:00 – 16:30

Zoom Meeting

| Members present: | |
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| Name | Organisation |
| Dilwyn Williams (DOW) | Gwynedd Council |
| Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (DS) | Gwynedd Council |
| Annwen Morgan (AM) | Isle of Anglesey County Council |
| Cllr Llinos Medi Huws (LIMH) | Isle of Anglesey County Council |
| Shan Morris (SM) | North Wales Fire and Rescue Service |
| Ffion Johnstone (FfJ) | Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board |
| Justin Hanson (JH) | Natural Resources Wales |
| Dafydd Thomas (DT) | Natural Resources Wales |
| Nia Williams (NW) | Natural Resources Wales |
| Sian Purcell (SP) | Medrwn Môn |
| Emyr Williams (EW) | Snowdonia National Park Authority |
| Enlli Thomas (ET) | Bangor University |
| Ffrancon Williams (FfW) | Adra |
| Gillian Jones (GJ) | Probation Service |
| Aled Jones-Griffith (AJG) | Grŵp Llandrillo Menai |

| In attendance: | |
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| Nonn Hughes (NH) | Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board |
| Sophie Ann Hughes (SAH) | Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board |
| Dewi Wyn Jones (DWJ) | Gwynedd Council |
| Bethan Mair Evans (translator) | Gwynedd Council |
| Elin Wynne (translator) | Gwynedd Council |
| Arwel Jones (item 4) | Isle of Anglesey County Council |
| Fôn Roberts (item 5) | Isle of Anglesey County Council |

| Apologies: | |
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| Bethan Williams | Mantell Gwynedd |
| Jo Whitehead | Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board |
| Professor Andrew Edwards | Bangor University |

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| Sian Williams | Natural Resources Wales |
| Sioned Rees | Welsh Government |

Action Points

1. Dilwyn Williams and Annwen Morgan to share the findings of their work on their sustainable tourism schemes with the PSB when appropriate. It was agreed for DW/AM to consult with some organisations of the PSB to gather evidence of the additional pressures generated by tourism over the summer months.
2. PSB Support Team to collaborate with the sub-groups to formulate the PSB's Annual Report.
3. Nonn Hughes and Nia Williams to discuss how the area statements could feed into the well-being assessments.
4. Aled Jones Griffith to share digital poverty figures in order to circulate them to PSB members
5. Dilwyn Williams and Annwen Morgan to consider how the other bodies could help them on the poverty agenda
6. Annwen Morgan to contact Shan Morris to discuss the potential input of the Fire Service in the field of poverty
7. Aled Jones Griffith to work with the Welsh language sub-group to submit terms of reference to the next meeting of the PSB
8. Emyr Williams and Nia Williams to discuss how to give consideration to wildlife as part of the work of the Climate Change sub-group
9. Nia Williams/Justin Hanson to bring back the strategy of the Climate Change sub-group to the next meeting of the PSB in June, with information about the lessons learnt from Fairbourne and the Pwllheli pilot.
10. PSB members needed time to give consideration and observations on the action plan of the Climate Change sub-group. All members to send their observations before the next meeting.
11. Ffion Johnstone to consider what support is needed from the remaining members in relation to removing obstacles for the health and care sub-group
12. Ffion Johnstone to consider whether there was a need to amend the terms of reference and membership for the health and care sub-group given the fact that the group had been more operational.
13. The health and care sub-group to respond to the request of showing how the work of the sub-group had responded to the original brief given to them from the PSB.
14. All PSB members to inform Nonn of any engagement work that they had programmed over the course of the next 6-12 months.
15. The PSB support team to collaborate with Councils on their initial arrangements to undertake the well-being assessments.

Minutes of the discussion

| Item No. | Notes | Whom? | By when? |
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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the apologies noted above were accepted. | | |
| 2 | Terms of Reference - no matters arising | | |
| 3 | Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the discussion. | | |

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| | <p>An update was received on the action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send a letter to the Welsh Government noting the Board's concern about well-being matters in the field of housing, and the long-term impact of the issue on well-being. Emyr Williams and Nonn Hughes to prepare the letter for Welsh Government to support the viewpoints of both Councils on the issue of second homes. - <i>this letter had been sent, and a copy for information had been included in the papers of this meeting.</i> • Dilwyn Williams and Annwen Morgan to share the findings of their work on their sustainable tourism schemes with the PSB when appropriate. It was agreed for DW/AM to consult with some organisations of the PSB to gather evidence of the additional pressures generated by tourism over the summer months. - <i>this had not yet taken place but it would remain as an action</i> • Leaders of the sub-groups to report on the following at the next meeting of the PSB: what they had achieved and confirm how they had responded to the original brief given to them from the PSB - <i>this was being met as part of the reports of the sub-groups. The PSB support team would collaborate with them on the same format to draw up the Annual Report of the Board.</i> • Ffrancon Williams to contact Grŵp Llandrillo Menai to discuss different methods of letting land - <i>this had been undertaken and was part of an update from FfW on the housing sub-group.</i> • Sian Williams to give a presentation during the next PSB meeting on the work programmes deriving from the area statements. Nonn Hughes to hold a discussion with Sian Williams to consider how this information could feed into the well-being assessments. - <i>representatives from Natural Resources Wales were in attendance to give the presentation today. The PSB support team would continue to work with them on the well-being assessments after the meeting.</i> • Nonn Hughes and Emyr Williams to discuss leadership for the Language sub-group - <i>this was addressed in the progress report of the Welsh language sub-group.</i> • Nonn Hughes and Sioned Rees to discuss WG commitment to the Public Services Graduate Programme. Also, every organisation to contact Nonn if they were interested in finding out more | <p>DOW/AM</p> <p>PSB support team</p> <p>NRW / PSB support team</p> | |
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| | <p>about the programme - <i>a discussion between NH and SR had been held but no interest had been expressed from Board organisations this year. Further consideration would be given to this again next year.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emyr Williams to authorise on behalf the PSB - the pathfinders scheme application from the Isle of Anglesey County Council. - <i>this had taken place</i> <p>Following a request at a recent meeting of the PSB for AJG to update the board on digital poverty matters, he confirmed that the pandemic had highlighted that we were in an area where there was serious digital poverty, and he noted that authorities had been working with schools on very commendable work. He also noted that strategic developments were in the pipeline in both authorities to get to grips with it, but that the current crisis had highlighted how substantially underprivileged some of our children were. AJG would share figures with the PSB support team to be circulated with these minutes. EW noted that it was important that we had information on hardware and internet connection to feed into the well-being assessments.</p> <p>AM noted that we were only scratching the surface with the work on digital poverty among children and that it existed among people of all ages. As the crisis had pushed us to do much more over the internet, many people were being left out and a piece of work was also required to examine the issue among adults and older people.</p> | | |
| 4 | <p>Presentation from the Isle of Anglesey County Council on their work plans associated with the poverty priority</p> <p>A presentation was given by Arwel Jones on what was happening in Anglesey.</p> <p>FR noted that things were progressing well and that the way we use grants enabled us to be more creative. When there was underspend, the Council had been able to support the third sector as they had the information to undertake much of the work. The Corporate Prevention Board organisation was exciting, and when a Tackling Poverty Research Officer would be appointed, we would examine the outputs of the board in each meeting. It was noted that it was unlikely they could solve poverty financially but they hoped to be able to mitigate the impacts of poverty and ensure that children get the same opportunities as other children, regardless of their poverty situations. There were also plans in the pipeline for adults and older people.</p> | | |

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| | <p>DOW noted that Gwynedd was on a very similar path to Anglesey and that he felt that both authorities had seriously got to grips with the agenda. He asked whether any other partner in the PSB felt they could add to what we already did.</p> <p>EW noted that smaller bodies were likely to be waiting for an invitation to contribute and that councils should be encouraged to consider what others could do and invite them.</p> <p>Shan Morris asked whether the Fire Service could do something and to encourage authorities to come to speak to them and that they were very happy to help and had undertaken a lot of work with youth, schools and Phoenix projects. AM confirmed that he would contact SM after further consideration.</p> <p>SP noted that Medrwn Môn would welcome being included in the schemes with the Council and that they were pleased to be able to contribute to the lower tier of supporting people in their communities. They had started to work with the Fire Service to identify vulnerable people, e.g. people who were hoarding or young people who wanted to make fire crafts etc. It was noted that a number of community elements they could do to support and to prevent people from falling into the higher tiers that were referred to.</p> <p>JH noted that NRW would also be interested in exploring options for them to help, specifically in terms of extending the equality of experiences for people who lived in poverty.</p> | <p>Local Authorities to consider</p> <p>AM/SM to discuss</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Reports on the priorities of the Well-being Plan</p> <p>5.1 Homes for local people</p> <p>FfW submitted his progress report, noting that the work of sharing financial models had been very beneficial and meant that we were at less risk of losing any sites and opportunities in future. The feeling among the sub-group was that work was drawing to a close and, therefore, the focus was currently on understanding the situation with the sites in question and considering whether joint-procurement was a possibility.</p> <p>He drew attention to the successful applications for the IHP4 (Innovative Housing Programme) grant that would bring 139 innovative housing units to Gwynedd and Anglesey.</p> <p>EW noted that he had attended a recent meeting to consider why there was a lack of development on small sites in the countryside, and it was likely that problems were arising in trying to get builders to develop sites with 4 or 5</p> | | |

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| | <p>houses. It was noted that perhaps this would be something for the sub-group to consider in future.</p> <p>5.2 The Welsh language</p> <p>The paper of the Welsh Language sub-group was submitted by SAH and AJG was approved as the new leader of the Welsh Language sub-group.</p> <p>It was noted that the PSB agreed with the suggestion to clearly define the scope of the sub-group, and for AJG to bring the terms of reference for the attention of the PSB to the next meeting.</p> <p>Here are some fields the PSB would wish to see the sub-group consider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology - promote the use of the Welsh language, ensure that IT is not used as an excuse for not using the Welsh language. • Purchasing Framework - had dated since leaving the European Union. A good opportunity to introduce the Welsh language into it. • Use of apps - it was noted that Medrwn Môn and a number of projects encouraged the use of apps, e.g. in order to make medical appointments. Apps cost a lot to translate and it was essentially important to encourage the use of Welsh versions. • Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) organisation - it was noted that there was concern regarding a reduction in linguistic expectations when these were established. It was recognised that this was a matter for the future, but there was a need to monitor it. • It was noted that the sub-group wished to look at what was beyond the legal expectation on organisations. This included encouraging the use of Welsh by individuals who could speak Welsh but chose to use English when dealing with public organisations. It was noted that the intention of the receptions project was to examine this in receptions in particular, and that this project had been welcomed but the Covid-19 crisis had meant that receptions were now different. <p>AJG noted that the sub-group would have to prioritise projects and avoid working in several fields at once in order to make the best use of any limited resources that were available.</p> <p>5.3 The impact of climate change on the well-being of communities</p> | AJG/SAH | |
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| | <p>A presentation was given by DT and NW, and the outputs of the workshops that had been held by the sub-group were presented along with the proposed strategy to focus on three specific areas in Gwynedd and Anglesey.</p> <p>Both local authorities stated that they needed to understand more from the representatives of their organisations on the sub-group prior to approving the strategy. DOW also noted that communities had no power and, therefore, they were looking to us for assistance and, as a result, there was a need to be cautious regarding the way we worded the vision.</p> <p>EW noted that wildlife was a core part of the climate emergency that had been declared and, therefore, there was a need to consider this. EW to discuss with NW.</p> <p>It was agreed to re-visit this item, including the lessons learnt in Fairbourne and as part of the Pwllheli pilot, at the next meeting.</p> <p>5.4 Health and Care</p> <p>It was noted that the Covid-19 crisis, and specifically the second wave, had meant that the group had been more operational rather than strategical but there were beneficial lessons to learn.</p> <p>An update was received from the Mental Health sub-group - it was noted that the integrated group had been trying to bring people together but they had received reports that it was intended to pilot the ICAN scheme in surgeries. The group had questioned whether this was the right place as the purpose of the service was to avoid having to refer individuals to statutory services. Instead, the group wanted to explore bringing them into the Community Resources Teams, Medrwn Môn and Mantell Gwynedd. It was noted that several matters needed to be brought to the attention of Theresa Owen who was leading on the mental health field in BCUHB in order to coordinate and bring everything together.</p> <p>An update on the community work was also received, noting that they were exploring one front door, hospital discharge and a domiciliary care model for Gwynedd. It was noted that there was a need to reconsider in relation to occupational therapy work.</p> <p>It was noted that the work of the children's group had been halted as the crisis period had disrupted the ability to recruit and use staff flexibly as they had intended. However, it was noted that they used an element of the funding to offer</p> | <p>EW/NW</p> <p>NW/JH</p> | |
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| | <p>substantial training across staff in Gwynedd, Anglesey and Health. He also noted that they had offered funding for the third sector to look at how they would help care for well-being and mental health and how people coped with Covid. It was noted that they had been able to quickly adapt the scheme and agree on it with the Government. Work had now restarted to put a team in place and it was confirmed that the crisis had not meant that they do not work with children, but rather that they had done it within the resources already available.</p> <p>FfJ referred to the earlier discussion on the Welsh language, and she noted that work was ongoing to consider how we could get the health service to the same level of ability to provide as the local authorities.</p> <p>To summarise, it was noted that good work was being undertaken but that it was inconsistent and that, rather, it was in pockets and there was a need for the group to examine this. It was noted that less funding was available to continue to facilitate this programme over the coming year and the group had agreed for the Health Board and the Local Authorities to come together to review their position, the working arrangements of the different streams, and were there lessons to learn from the crisis and what were the required indicators? A meeting had been arranged for 25 March.</p> <p>EW noted that the role of the PSB was to assist the group to remove obstacles. It was noted that they would provide a summary of the support required after the meeting on 25 March.</p> <p>DOW noted his appreciation for the report but he noted there was sometimes a risk of losing sight of what we were originally trying to achieve. He would appreciate finding out to what extent had we reached where we had hoped to reach.</p> <p>LIM raised the point that politicians from Gwynedd and Anglesey had not been able to attend as the sub-group had been examining operational matters over the last period, and she asked whether the direction we had intended to take still went in the same direction? FfJ confirmed that she would also return to this point at the meeting on 25 March to consider whether there was a need to re-examine the terms of reference and membership of the group.</p> | FfJ | |
| 6 | <p>Well-being Assessments</p> <p>EW noted that there was a need to agree on how to draw up a Well-being Plan, and agree on how to do this on a joint basis.</p> | | |

6.1 Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Assessments

NH submitted her report noting that guidance was needed on how to collaborate with partners in order to undertake an assessment of the state of well-being in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

In recent years, the criteria for the regional PSBs grant had made it difficult to make full use of the funding but it was noted that it was intended to use it for the purpose of helping with well-being assessments this year. This would include research in partnership with Glyndŵr University, and the model allows other organisations to be included such as Bangor University.

The regional grant was for the purpose of supporting the boards and the criteria had made it difficult to make full use in the past. It was noted that it was intended to use it to help us with research and consultations for the well-being assessments this year. In relation to the regional work, there was a proposal to work with Glyndŵr University. A model that allowed us to include other organisations such as the University. It was also intended to collaborate with the Gwynedd Council research team, as they had already supported the PSB with the first well-being assessments. There was support in principle to the use of the regional grant.

It was noted that the PSB support team proposed that we published the draft assessments by October and made use of the grant funding for the purpose of undertaking the research and the agreement of the Board was sought.

AM noted that she agreed with the timetable and principles and was happy to discuss how to go about consulting and engaging further with Anglesey communities. EW and AM noted that a common framework for Gwynedd and Anglesey was required.

DOW noted that Gwynedd Council was working towards creating regeneration schemes for natural areas that had been identified within the county. The nature of that would be to maintain a dialogue to see what made the area less perfect, and what they would like to do to get it nearer to perfection. He added that he disagreed that consistency was required. Although this was required for the purpose of a Well-being Plan, it was important to do what was best for our residents. He noted that he intended to include NH in the work.

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| | <p>EW noted that it was essential for partners to speak together but also to keep in touch with NH to ask whether the information gathered would assist the PSB with the well-being assessments.</p> <p>JH noted that some consistency was required in what we considered. He noted that NRW had undertaken a lot of engagement as part of the work to draw up Area Statements and, therefore, these had to feed into the well-being assessments. He noted that it was important for NH and NW to collaborate and he suggested that a central unit could be beneficial to achieve this work.</p> <p>SP noted that Medrwn Môn had been in discussions with communities for about two years and that this information was available. She noted that communities felt weak and wanted the voice and permission to do things for themselves. It was evident that processes stifled the ability of communities to create and to do things for themselves. She noted that it was important to consider what communities had been able to do for themselves during the crisis period and how we could keep hold and build on this for the future.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the PSB was in agreement on the proposed timetable, use of the regional grant funding, and the principle for PSB members to share any planned engagement work they had for the next 6-12 months with the PSB support team.</p> <p>6.2 Report on the intention to Develop a Regeneration Framework for Gwynedd</p> <p>It was noted that this paper had been submitted as part of the discussion above.</p> | Everyone | |
| 7 | <p>Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p>Grants - SP noted that she could not understand why the Government could not share grants in a flexible/useful way to enable us to work in a more flexible partnership and around the well-being principles. She asked whether there was an opportunity to discuss pooled budgets and the sharing of resources etc., as the Covid-19 crisis had seen everyone collaborating to make things happen but she now saw things returning to normal.</p> <p>EW noted that last minute grants with high expectations were also a problem in the public sector and that the Public Accounts Committee had shared a report on the Well-being Act that gave some attention to these budgets.</p> | | |

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| | <p>DS noted that he agreed that a number of grants were being offered with guidelines that were unsuitable for us and that receiving the funding as part of the budgets of local authorities, instead of as grants, would be very attractive to a number of counties.</p> | | |
| 8 | <p>Observations and Questions from Scrutiny Committees</p> <p>It was noted that one scrutiny committee meeting had been held since the previous meeting of the PSB, namely a meeting of the Anglesey scrutiny committee on 11 March. The questions they submitted were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which clear outcomes are there to the work streams of the Board on Anglesey since the previous progress report? 2. What role will the Board have in the recovery period following the pandemic? 3. How does the Board ensure the best value for money and the best outcomes for the residents of Anglesey? 4. Does the Well-being Plan provide opportunities to reflect and review whether the actions lead to the preferred impact, or is there a need to change the approach? <p>The purpose of sharing questions with the Board was to introduce the fields of interest that the committees investigate in order to ascertain whether the PSB activities contribute towards achieving their well-being objectives.</p> | | |
| 9 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was noted that the following correspondence had been shared to partners for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of the PSB to the Welsh FM regarding the Housing Emergency of Gwynedd and Anglesey • Information from the Future Generations Commissioner regarding Evectek technology • Managing flood risk in Porthmadog, Tremadog and the catchment area of Afon Glaslyn - letter from NRW | | |