

# Wednesday 16 June 2020 14:00 – 16:00

## Microsoft Teams

Members present:		
Name	Organisation	
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (DS) - Chair	Gwynedd Council	
Dafydd Gibbard (DG)	Gwynedd Council	
Annwen Morgan (AM)	Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Ffion Johnstone (FfJ)	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	
Andrew Edwards (AE)	Bangor University	
Sioned Rees (SR)	Welsh Government	
Sian Williams (SW)	Natural Resources Wales	
Nia Williams (NW)	Natural Resources Wales	
Bethan Russell Williams (BRW)	Mantell Gwynedd	
Shan Morris (SM)	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service	
Neil Thomas (NT)	North Wales Police	
Ffrancon Williams (FfW)	Adra	
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws (LIMH)	Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Amy Ellis (AE)	Probation Service	
Aled Jones-Griffith (AJG)	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	
Sian Purcell (SP)	Medrwn Môn	

In attendance:		
Nonn Hughes (NH)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board	
Sophie Tyne Hughes (STH)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board	
Dewi Wyn Jones (DWJ)	Gwynedd Council	

Apologies:	
Jo Whitehead	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Gillian Jones	Probation Service
Emyr Williams	Snowdonia National Park

#### **Action Points**

- 1. PSB Support Team to arrange that partner progress updates on the poverty priority are presented at the September or December meeting.
- 2. PSB Support Team to amend the housing sub-group's annual report to reflect the added value that has been provided by this work
- 3. All PSB members to provide any observations on the draft Annual Report to Nonn or Sophie by next Friday, 25/06/2021
- 4. The housing sub-group to wind-down its work following today's agreement, with gratitude expressed for its work, and to Ffrancon for leading
- 5. Partners to hold discussions with their representatives on the language sub-group to provide guidance and input on the specific project to enable this work to move forward. Also hold discussions about the resources that the partners could contribute to the work. This to happen before 30/06/21 please.
- 6. Sophie to contact Nia Williams to discuss NRW's desire to participate in the language subgroup in future.
- 7. Sophie to invite Huw Jones, Isle of Anglesey County Council, to the workshop on 30/06/21.
- 8. Sian Williams to share the scoring matrix for selecting the communities in question, for it to be circulated.
- 9. Sian Williams to revisit the wording proposed for the vision of the sub-group.
- 10. Dafydd Gibbard to arrange a meeting with Sian Williams, Annwen Morgan and other relevant officers to discuss the way forward with the climate change sub-group. Following that meeting, Sian Williams to submit a further report on this.
- 11. PSB partners to share the relevant point of contact for their organisations with Nonn in order to facilitate contact in relation to the Well-being Assessments.
- 12. Nonn and Sophie to proceed with the arrangements for the Well-being Assessments following today's discussion.
- 13. Partners to inform Nonn of any engagement work that had recently taken place or was due to take place over the coming months. This to happen as soon as possible please.
- 14. Nonn/Sophie to share the timetable for the submission of reports to the Board with the subgroup leaders to ensure more time to consider the contents of reports and arrange translation.

#### Minutes of the discussion

Item	Notes	Who?	By when?
1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All the attendees were welcomed to the meeting and the above- noted apologies were accepted. Dafydd Gibbard and Amy Elis were welcomed to the meeting as new Board members.		
2	Terms of Reference – no matters arising		

### 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the discussion. An update was received on the action points:

- 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.
  - AM noted that the Covid-19 crisis had made 2020-21 extremely challenging in relation to managing tourists and the impact of this on the island and on communities. She also noted that Council had been forced to make a number of difficult and responsive decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of staff and residents, in addition to diffusing community tensions. However, it was noted that there was a lack of data to make evidence-based and informed decisions, and that arrangements needed to be improved, especially in relation to collaboration and sharing information, in order to better prepare for these challenges this year. It was noted that the Council had made an appointment to run their new Visitor Management Scheme.

 DG noted that Gwynedd was similar to Anglesey, but obviously much of Gwynedd was in a National Park. It was noted that discussions were in the pipeline to bring together a joint sustainable tourism strategy. He would update the PSB further in future.

 SW noted that she was eager for NRW to be part of any action in this field, and specifically in Gwynedd. DG to make contact when appropriate.

2. PSB Support Team to collaborate with the sub-groups to formulate the PSB's Annual Report – *on the agenda* 

- 3. Nonn Hughes and Nia Williams to discuss how the area statements could feed into the well-being assessments on the agenda
- 4. Aled Jones Griffith to share digital poverty figures in order to circulate them to PSB members circulated via e-mail. Annwen Morgan had asked further questions about older age-groups and the enquiry had been passed on to Gwynedd Council's data and research team to be delivered as part of the work on the Wellbeing Assessments.
- 5. Dilwyn Williams and Annwen Morgan to consider how the other bodies could help them on the poverty agenda *on the agenda*
- Annwen Morgan to contact Shan Morris to discuss the potential input of the Fire Service in the field of poverty – discussion had taken place
- 7. Aled Jones Griffith to work with the Welsh language sub-group to submit terms of reference to the next meeting of the PSB terms

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of reference had been circulated and agreed virtually. On the agenda		
8. Emyr Williams and Nia Williams to discuss how to consider wildlife as part of the future work of the Climate Change subgroup – <i>in progress</i>		
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 - on the agenda		
10. PSB members needed time to give consideration and observations on the action plan of the Climate Change subgroup. All members to send their observations before the next meeting - on the agenda		
11. Ffion Johnstone to consider what support was needed from the remaining members in relation to removing obstacles for the health and care sub-group – <i>on the agenda</i>		
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 become more operational - work was ongoing. On the agenda.		
13. The health and care sub-group to respond to the request to show how the work of the sub-group had responded to the original brief given to them from the PSB – <i>on the agenda</i>		
14. All PSB members to inform Nonn of any engagement work that they had programmed over the course of the next 6-12 months - the responses were currently very low, and therefore this request continued and was urgent. On the agenda		
15. The PSB support team to collaborate with the Councils on their initial arrangements to undertake the well-being assessments - on the agenda		
4 Annual Report of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board		
NH presented the draft report providing an overview of its content and its structure.		
It was confirmed that the PSB support team would amend the part relating to 'Homes for local people' by ensuring that added value would be highlighted (a matter that arose as part of item 5a)	NH/STH	asap
NH asked members to provide observations to the PSB support team by 25/6/21 in order to move forward with its publication.	Everyo ne	25/6/21
5a 'Homes for local people' report - Ffrancon Williams		
FfW presented the reports included with the papers, and drew attention to the main conclusions of the work to date, the obstacles that had arisen and the main successes, including the significant development in the collaboration capacity and arrangements of the main bodies.		
FfW proposed the recommendation to agree and wind-up the work of the homes sub-group as the group felt that it could not add more		

	value to the work that was already being led by the lead organisations. DG echoed these points.		
	FfW thanked Brenda Brighouse, the project officer who had assisted the group and both local authorities and Adra for jointly funding the post.		
	BRW added that there were often concerns about the lack of added value that the PSB's role offered, but it appeared that significant added value had derived from this group's work. It was noted that this needed to be emphasised in the annual report.	NH/STH	asap
	LIMW proposed to accept the recommendation to wind-up the work of the homes sub-group, and the proposal was seconded by DS.		
	FfW was thanked for leading this work over the past period and it was confirmed that the work had ended.	FfW	
5b	'The Welsh Language' report - Aled Jones-Griffith		
	AJG presented the report in the pack and referred to the fact that the sub-group had reviewed the terms of reference to ensure clarity.		
	He referred also to the project that had been presented in March 2020 and the sub-group's desire to develop the project and to continue with it.		
	AJG asked the members to speak to the sub-group members before the sub-group's workshop on 30/06/2021 to guide them with their views and expectations from the project. This would enable the subgroup to submit an amended project with added value to the PSB as soon as possible.	All sub- group membe rs	Before 30/06/21
	AJG also asked the members to hold discussions about resources, and emphasised that it was imperative that the bill did not fall upon local authorities, and that total and comprehensive commitment from all the partners was required. DS enquired about the cost of the work. AJG confirmed that there was no certainty yet as it had not been possible to move forward to create an amended project plan, but he was eager for the organisations to begin considering their ability to contribute.		
	DS noted that he welcomed the work. AM agreed that she was supportive of the group's work and was eager for it to continue. It was noted that Huw Jones would be attending the meeting on 30/06/21 instead of Carol Wyn and Sophie was asked to ensure that	STH	asap
	an invitation had been sent.	STH	
	SW expressed an interest for NRW to participate in the work in moving forward. Sophie to have an initial conversation with Nia.		
5c	'The impact of climate change on the well-being of communities' report - Sian Williams		
	SW presented the content of the reports included with the papers, and explained the rationale for selecting the three communities in question. It was noted NRW had also started consultation work in Porthmadog and that she offered to add the town as a fourth community.		
	SW asked for agreement to proceed to work with these four communities. The intention was to hold workshops with stakeholders in the areas prior to wider conversations with the public. She noted that it was important to reintroduce the momentum		
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	in this work following delays and national criticism that there was insufficient attention given to Climate Change.		
	A number of the partners expressed concerns, mainly relating to:		
	<ul> <li>Raising the hopes or expectations of communities where they do not have power to influence decisions in all situations.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>The expectations at the conclusion of the work were unclear.</li> <li>The wording of the adopted vision (due to the first point above).</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>What was the scoring matrix for selecting these communities instead of communities that were perhaps at a greater risk of flooding?</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Was the project brief too vast, should it be responding to flood risk rather than climate change in general, especially considering that the local authorities had their own response plans?</li> </ul>		
	In response, it was noted:		
	<ul> <li>There were lessons to be learnt from previous work in relation to raising hopes and the sub-group would ensure that there would be more clarity this time about what the communities would be able to influence.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>It was important not to provide solutions before asking for the views of the communities, and this initial work would be the plan's focus over the coming year.</li> </ul>	SW	asap
	<ul> <li>SW agreed with the concerns about the vision, and the subgroup would re-examine the wording.</li> <li>SW would share the scoring matrix that was used following</li> </ul>	SW	asap
	<ul> <li>the meeting, noting that they were eager to select different types of communities, not only those at the top of the list.</li> <li>A meeting had been arranged between NRW and Gwynedd Council, and there would also be a subsequent opportunity to hold a discussion with Anglesey Council.</li> </ul>		
	AJG added that he would be very willing to arrange engagement/education sessions with learners from Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor in Llangefni and Dolgellau if it was beneficial. SW would contact him when appropriate.	SW	
	Decision:		
	DG to arrange a further discussion with AM and SW and relevant officers to define the project more robustly.  SW to submit a further report following that discussion when	DG	asap
	<ul> <li>SW to submit a further report following that discussion when the plan was more mature.</li> </ul>	SW	
5d	The effect of poverty on the well-being of our communities		
	It was noted that the PSB had asked the councils to draw more people into the work on poverty. AM noted that she had discussed the role of the Fire Service with SM. She also noted that she felt that the partners mainly needed workplace opportunities and experiences, especially during the period of recovery.		
	Both councils were asked to provide a progress report on the poverty work moving forward, although the other partners also needed to consider their roles.	AM/DG	by Septemb er /
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	NH/STH to ensure that these progress reports were on the agenda for the PSB meeting in September or December.		Decembe r
5e/f/	Health and Care – Ffion Johnstone		
g	It was noted that the sub-group was the only group in the field that reported to the PSB, as the others reported regionally, and therefore trying to retain a local focus while also aligning regionally was a challenge for this sub-group. It was noted that meetings had been held with Morwena Edwards and Fôn Roberts on how to move the work forward, and discussions had also been held with the PSB support team. It was noted that the report explained the outcome of those meetings, which included establishing a new data and information group.		
	It was noted that the <b>adults</b> group was re-examining its terms of reference and was mapping what had happened during the crisis etc. Part of this group's work was to consider how to move forward when some grants came to an end.		
	It was noted that third sector organisations had been invited to submit an application to run a community resilience scheme in the <b>children's</b> field, with the aim of helping families to reintegrate with their communities and to offer early and preventative support.		
	It was also noted that there was pilot work currently underway, with <b>mental health</b> practitioners working with GPs in Gwynedd and Anglesey.		
	DS noted that he was concerned that the work had to be aligned with the regional work rather than focusing on the local element, although this was not under the sub-group's control.		
	The PSB agreed to accept the direction as outlined in the report.		
6	Presentation on the area statements – Nia Williams		
	Nia Williams gave a presentation on the area statements and their possible role in feeding in to the Well-being Assessments. It was noted that they had information from the State of Natural Resources report 2020, the consultation on the Area Statements and that they could share their Three Horizons Toolkit.		
	Nia and Sian were thanked for their presentations, and it was noted that it was important to ensure that this information formed part of the Well-being Assessments. The PSB support team would continue to communicate with them regarding this.	NH/STH	
7	Update on Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Assessments		
	NH submitted the paper outlining the options for initial engagement on the Well-being Assessments.		
	NH asked the PSB for a decision regarding this initial engagement work. If options 1 or 2 were chosen, it was essential for everyone to commit to sharing the information, as the assessments were dependent on this. A further request was made for the organisations to inform us about any engagement work over the coming months, and to do so as soon as possible.		
	The partners were also requested to send the names of the contact points for any engagement work to NH.		
	AM noted that considerable work had been undertaken in Anglesey in relation to the Place Shaping programme, and asked for SP's support to agree option 2, although a questionnaire was also being		

	<ul> <li>Active Travel Brief         Circulated for information for the time being, but it was noted that there was a request for the PSB to commit to its charter in November.     </li> </ul>		
	Timetable for the submission of PSB reports     In order to facilitate the work of the sub-group leaders and PSB support team, it was noted that it was intended to present a timetable for the submission of reports to ensure sufficient time to discuss the content of the reports and to share them with partners in a timely manner.  Active Travel Brief.	NH/SAH to circulate	asap
11	Any Other Business  Timetable for the submission of BSB reports		
	https://gov.wales/programme-for-government-2021-to-2026		
10	Challenges and Opportunities - standing item SR drew attention to the fact that the government's programme had been announced and that elements of the work linked to the work and priorities of this PSB.		
9	Regional Planning for recovery: Community Resilience It was noted that the Chief Executives Group had requested an update on this matter, and that NH intended to report that the Board had discussed over 30 matters that currently affected well-being, with eight being examined in detail. However, it was agreed that there was no specific role for the PSB to add to the work that was already underway.		
8	Working arrangements of the public bodies post Covid-19 It was noted that a work stream had been established regionally to discuss this, and that it was being chaired by Geraint Owen, Gwynedd Council. It was therefore agreed that this was in hand.		
	prepared to add to the information, particularly in relation to communities that had not participated in the work. SP confirmed that he had already agreed to share information about this work.  DG noted that he favoured option 1 as he wanted to avoid duplication and that very detailed work was happening in the council and other organisations such as NRW. If there continued to be a gap, he would then agree to fill it.  It was agreed that Option 2 was the most favoured with some possible variations between what would happen in Gwynedd and Anglesey. Therefore, the PSB support team to move forward with this work.	NH/STH	