
Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board (PSB)

Wednesday, 12 June 2019 10:00am-12:00pm

Tŷ Coch, Parc Menai

MINUTES

NAME	ORGANISATION
Ffion Johnstone	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn	Gwynedd Council
Shan Morris	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Jerry Hunter	Bangor University
Emyr Williams	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Siobhan Adams	Public Health Wales
Catrin Parry	Probation Service
Elizabeth Woodcock	Post-graduate Researcher
Dilwyn Williams	Gwynedd Council
Ffrancon Williams	Cartrefi Cymunedol Cymru
Sian Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Sian Purcell	Medrwn Môn
Richie Green	North Wales Police
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Annwen Morgan	Isle of Anglesey County Council

Attending	
Nonn Hughes	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Alwyn Rhys Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Morwena Edwards	Gwynedd Council
Dr Rachel Andrew	Public Health Wales

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies	
Dr Gwynne Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Bethan Russell	Mantell Gwynedd
Dewi Wyn Jones	Gwynedd Council
Gary Doherty	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Sioned Rees	Welsh Government
Stephen Hughes	Office of the Police Commissioner

1. Terms of Reference - standing item

No changes to present.

2. Minutes to be approved and matters arising

It was confirmed that minutes were a true record of the discussions.

A summary of the Action Points arising from the last meeting follows:

1. A copy of the presentation (Arfer Scheme) to be distributed to Board members following the meeting - [Completed](#)
2. A copy of the Health Board's presentation to be distributed to Board members following the meeting - [Completed](#)
3. Ffion Johnstone, on behalf of the health and care sub-group, to present a paper for the PSB outlining the relationship between the three-year Health plan, the Regional Partnership Board Plan, and the work plans of the Health and Care sub-group. [Completed](#)
4. The homes sub-group to consider the above actions and, therefore, ensure that the objectives and course of the project are clear by the meeting to be held in June 2019. [Completed](#)
5. The Climate Change sub-group to give consideration to the work completed for the Shoreline Management Plan, and to confirm the sub-group's objectives. [Work is underway](#)
6. NH to arrange a meeting with Gwynedd and Anglesey Councils in order to discuss their work plans in the field of poverty and to arrange for them to provide a presentation at the Board meeting on 12 June. [Completed](#)

3. Presentations on 'Poverty' by Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council

Presentations were given on the work programmes of the Isle of Anglesey County Council (Alwyn Rhys) and Gwynedd Council (Morwena Edwards) in relation to the topic of 'poverty'. A correlation between both presentations was highlighted, with the recognition that poverty would exist in generations to come, and that both Councils would focus on providing the appropriate support at the right time. This involved considering the responses and interventions through the eyes of the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey.

Comments and questions on the presentations were invited.

The discussion was opened to the floor, and it was noted that the relationship between education and poverty needed to be strengthened, and that we as public bodies needed to work with our young people.

Reference was made to a good example of collaboration between Ysgol Santes Dwywnwen on Anglesey and the Flying Start scheme, which targeted the most deprived families.

It was noted that the relationship between education and poverty could prove to be challenging as there was no national guidance on this.

A discussion was held about the fact that the well-being and success of young people were a priority that had been noted in the Well-being Plan. A children sub-group, which derived from the Health and Integrated Care Group, was currently focusing on well-being rather than educational outcomes. Having said that, it was noted that representatives of the education organisations were being invited to contribute to the work of the children sub-group.

A discussion was held on the Board's role in relation to skills development. It was confirmed that the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and the growth deal were addressing the skills matters. NRW expressed that it was proving difficult for it to fill some posts within its organisation, and that there were gaps in some specific skills in the area. Public Health Wales added that it was also having difficulties recruiting qualified Welsh speaking staff. A discussion was held about the idea of working together to offer apprenticeships, namely to give individuals an opportunity to spend time with various public bodies. It was asked to look into this matter further.

It was noted that the presentations by the Local Authorities had referred to the use of grants, and it was asked how vulnerable the current situation was. It was also noted that the presentations had not referred to Brexit and the impact of this on poverty. The Leader of IACC noted that grants were a challenge for the Local Authorities and that they were battling against the funding model that was set and agreed by the Government.

Appreciation to both Local Authorities were expressed for their presentations. As a way forward, it was agreed for the Local Authorities to continue with the work, and to reach out to wider partners in due course.

The Probation Service invited other members to get in touch if they were interested in finding out more / working together on their Wisdom project.

In relation to the discussion on Brexit, reference was made to projects that would end as a result of Brexit. The PSB would have a role to play when there would be a better understanding of developments and the challenges in future.

Reference was made to a review that was being held by the Wales Audit Office, and there would be an opportunity for members of the PSB to contribute towards it.

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| 1. Conduct further research on the proposal of joint apprenticeship opportunities in order to discover whether there is additional value for us to offer an opportunity / experience across public bodies. |
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4. Action plans to be submitted by the priority leaders
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Objective 1 - Communities that thrive and flourish in the long-term -

Homes for Local People

Ffranc Williams provided an update. It was noted that members of the group were collaborating very well. The sub-group had agreed to prioritise the development of innovative housing models. A comment was made that there was no need to depend upon traditional skills and methods. Reference was also made to the fact that innovative houses could be constructed at a quicker rate.

It was also reported that houses could be the starting point, but we could use the model in other fields, e.g. health and care.

The sub-group was asked to highlight their partners. It was confirmed that both Councils, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd and Snowdonia National Park were members of the sub-group. Reference was made to representation of wider public bodies that had been part of the workshop to evaluate various models of innovative housing, e.g. the relevant housing associations and Natural Resources Wales.

A request was made for Health and Natural Resources Wales to return to their organisations to discuss the housing assets and the assets they had.

A request was made for the sub-group to update their Terms of Reference and to resubmit them to the PSB.

The question was raised as to whether we had the skills locally to develop innovative houses. Reference was made to Cartrefi Conwy, and their factory on the Penrhos Industrial Estate in Holyhead, which developed new modular and low-energy houses.

FfW reported that he had expected to receive a higher number / range of suggestions about sites from members of the sub-group. Board members were asked to return to their organisations and confirm the sites.

They were asked to identify one site that would be easy to develop, and one site that would prove more of a challenge. Alternative communities - Siân Williams was the contact between the housing sub-group and the climate change sub-group, and would consider when planning for the future how our communities and the coastline will look 50 years from now.

It was asked whether Town and Community Councils were part of the sub-group's work as they had land. It was confirmed that they were not currently part of the discussions.

Project management resource

The bid for a resource was discussed, along with the option of releasing an individual within organisations. It was identified that a project management resource was required to manage the day-to-day work and because the timetable had now slipped.

Anglesey confirmed that they could contribute £3.5k. It was agreed to share the total third between IACC, GC and Housing Associations.

It was asked to confirm arrangements on how to present resources for the work of the PSB

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. FfW to contact Health and Natural Resources Wales to discuss assets further3. The sub-group to update the Terms of Reference and present them to the PSB during the next meeting4. Suggestions on potential sites to be sent to FfW, and this message to be reinforced to members of the sub-group.5. Confirm arrangements on how to present resources for the work of the PSB by the meeting of the Board in September. |
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The Welsh Language Priority

Jerry Hunter provided an update

The sub-group had agreed to prioritise the Arfer project. A Project Board had been set up and had held an initial meeting. Board members were invited to contact the sub-group if guidance was required on linguistic

matters. Sian Morris from the Fire Service expressed that they were interested in taking part. Jerry would contact them to discuss.

The Board was reminded that Anglesey County Council had their Language Forum, and that there was a need to ensure that the sub-group did not duplicate the work of this forum.

Representation from the Police had since left the room, and NH was asked to contact them to express the above proposal.

DW referred to the annual report and the reference to the Welsh Language. It appeared from the report so little interventions to promote the Welsh language had been made by the PSB, and it was emphasised that the individual public bodies were doing a lot of work in the field.

6. Jerry Hunter to contact the Fire Service to discuss further
7. Board Members to discuss with their Language officers whether there was a project that the sub-group needed to address
8. NH to contact the Police to further discuss the above.

The priority - Climate Change

Sian Williams provided an update.

Sian referred to a letter that had been sent to the First Minister which was presented by Gwynedd Council, which requested a meeting to discuss climate change adjustments for the future. It was agreed that a letter needed to be drafted on behalf of the PSB to reinforce the message.

Reference was made to a workshop held by Gwynedd Council's Housing and Well-being Department on climate change. A wide range of public organisations had attended. The focus of the discussion was on climate change on a wider scale than the impact of floods only - discuss how climate change affected various sectors.

The sub-group would focus on the work of mapping communities and houses that would be affected by severe weather. It was added that holding discussions with Network Rail would be part of the work. Coastal and fluvial floods would be part of the mapping work.

The PSB regional group had identified that climate change was a regional priority, and it was agreed that they would consider developing a regional project.

The intention to address the carbon emissions of the public bodies was also noted, along with how it would be possible to respond jointly.

It was agreed for Sian Williams to give a presentation on the shoreline management plan at the next meeting.

9. SW to draft a letter on behalf of the PSB to the First Minister.
10. SW to give a presentation on the shoreline management plan during the meeting in September.

Objective 2 - Healthy and independent residents with a good standard of living

An update was given by Ffion Johnstone on the work of the Integrated Health and Care sub-group.

It was noted that the work of the sub-group complied with the Healthier Wales Strategy. The work would have a transitional ambition for the coming ten years.

The implementation principles were confirmed, namely to be preventative and joint-produce

It was confirmed that Meilys Smith had been appointed Programme Manager for the work of transforming communities. Meilys had spent specific time on wards at Ysbyty Gwynedd in order to identify barriers and the gaps that existed in their processes.

It was confirmed that the work of the sub-group would encourage the change in culture and leadership.

The sub-group anticipated a way of working that would go beyond professional boundaries, and engagement with the associated staff would be part of the process. This way of working would also enable a new attitude towards risk.

Ffion was thanked for her guidance and contribution thus far. The importance of keeping the momentum going was noted. Additionally, the sub-group was asked to consider a succession plan in order to ensure the continuation of the plan.

5. Healthy Boards Workshop held by Academi Wales on 6 June

An update was provided following the Healthy Boards workshop held by Academi Wales. One of the outputs of the workshop was offering an item for the agenda of one of the Board's meetings. This was about offering each of the Board's individual organisations an opportunity to give a 10 minute presentation to summarise their annual plans and what they would like to see changing during the year, and where we could add value.

NH to contact the Board members to outline the content of the presentation.

6. Correspondence

Reference was made to the correspondence circulated to Board members.

7. Challenges and Opportunities - standing item

No changes to present

8. Any other business

Ffrancon referred to a discussion held at the Gwynedd Housing Partnership meeting in relation to merging the arrangements of the Gwynedd Housing Partnership and the Anglesey Housing Partnership. IACC expressed that they wished to discuss this internally in the first instance. GC stated that it considered it to be a reasonable step forward.

Reference was made to the chairpersonship of the PSB, and it was confirmed that Emyr Williams had agreed to take the chair.

Ffrancon Williams thanked Ffion Johnstone for her time as Chair, and wished her well.

FfJ reported that this was the final meeting of EW. EW would share her research work with the Board in due course.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

11 September 10:00 – 12:30

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