

GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD
BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS YNYS MÔN A GWYNEDD

MONDAY, 8 January 2018

MINUTES

Present	
Name	Organisation
Ffion Johnstone	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board - Chair of the Board
Gwynne Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr Llinos Medi	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn	Gwynedd Council - Vice-chair of the Board
Sioned Rees	Welsh Government
Shân Williams	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Sian Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Richie Green	North Wales Police
Bethan Russell Williams	Mantell Gwynedd
Siobhan Adams	Public Health Wales
Ffrancon Williams	Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd - on behalf of the Housing sector
Emyr Williams	Snowdonia National Park
Jerry Hunter	Bangor University

Apologies	
Morag Olsen	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Simon Smith	Fire and Rescue Service - Shân Williams delegating
Nigel Harrison	North Wales Police - Richie Green delegating
Dilwyn Williams	Gwynedd Council
Sian Purcell	Medrwn Môn
Ann Griffiths	Police Commissioner Office

In attendance	
Llio Johnson	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Elin Mirain Jones	Gwynedd Council
Janet Roberts	Gwynedd Council
Elizabeth Woodcock	PhD Student
Huw Williams	Gwynedd Council
Jane	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2017 and the workshop on 6 November 2017.

The minutes were submitted and accepted as a true record of the meeting on 4 October after amending two words in the English version.

Workshop - Emyr Williams noted that the notes needed to be clearer that there was no definite agreement with regards to the priorities, especially in the environmental field. This needed to be reflected in the notes.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's 10 year strategy

Information was shared on the Health Board's strategy - it is a high level strategic plan with a 3 year supporting action plan. There was a clear understanding that services had to be affordable and sustainable. Also, the problems needed to be recognised and solved in terms of the workforce and buildings. Information was also received about specific projects such as:

- The success of the cancer department in Bangor
- A culture of 'What is best for people'
- Engagement work with people who had had a stroke
- Orthopaedics - due to the population getting older, there was more demand, e.g. some people having a second treatment on their hip
- Recruiting - currently more success in Gwynedd

The following observations were received:

- It needed to be ensured that the Health Board was also collaborating on the preventative work
- The work that was ongoing at the University in terms of medical development needed to be kept in mind, e.g. child obesity
- Disappointment was noted that a paper had not been submitted to the Board
- Gwynne Jones was unaware of any discussions with the Council when developing this strategy. There was a very different feeling to the Mental Health Strategy where there had been real collaboration to develop the work.

An apology was received that there was no specific paper for this meeting. A booklet had been circulated and a number of engagement activities had been held, including with the third sector.

It was agreed that it must be ensured that this strategy would receive the correct attention within the local authorities. It was proposed that the Integrated Care Board was a way forward - this could be worked on together there.

It was also agreed that this needed to be mentioned in the meeting of the Chair and Chief Executive of the Health Board with the Leaders and Chief Executives of the local authorities.

A strategic discussion was also needed here about regional achievement and local achievement - clarity was needed about what happens regionally, sub-regionally and locally.

Jane was thanked for her time and work.

5. The effect of climate change on our communities - Sian Williams and Huw Williams

Sian and Huw gave a presentation outlining the effect of climate change on our communities.

During the first part of the presentation, communities in general were discussed, including:

- An increase in summer storms, local flooding
- Needed to recognise the risk to many local rivers - Bontnewydd, Felinheli, Llangefni, Dwyran
- The main risk was death due to floods
- The impact on mental health was enormous

In the second part of the presentation, an outline of the factors that affect the Fairbourne community specifically was given

- There was current protection through the assets of NRW
- The majority of the population was over 50 years old
- Ground and sea water levels were high - sea level was often higher than the land
- Sea level was rising 1 metre every 100 years, a quarter of this could be catastrophic for Fairbourne
- A multi-agency Board was addressing and raising awareness of climate change etc.
- There was a possibility that Fairbourne would cease to exist in 36 years or earlier if there was a major storm

The PSB was asked to become a Leading Board for this work - a high level strategic direction needed to be set on many fields, such as relocating, the effect of this on poverty, etc.

A discussion was held on the presentation and the effect of climate change on the communities of Gwynedd and Anglesey.

Cllr Dyfrig ap Siencyn asked for a map of Gwynedd and Anglesey which showed which areas are at risk of disappearing as a result of climate change over the years - it was agreed to prepare this for the Board.

Many members questioned the role of the Public Services Board in this, as it was a national problem that needed a higher level of leadership.

Therefore, Welsh Government was asked to take a leading role due to the scale of the problem. This was not a matter for Gwynedd and Anglesey only, national leadership and long-term decisions were needed from the Government.

It was discussed that the Government saw this as a local problem and that there was a bridging problem between the local work and the national collaboration under the Government's leadership. Consistency and collaboration was needed across the communities that were affected throughout Wales.

Cllr Llinos Medi mentioned the barrier that local authorities faced in the field due to a lack of capacity and legislation.

It was offered that the Board would send a letter to Welsh Government stating their concern of the lack of national leadership in this field. It was agreed to take action on this.

6. Draft Well-being Plan

Llio Johnson presented the Draft Well-being Plan to the members. She explained that she had changed the initial draft after receiving observations from the members. She explained that she had not included all observations she had received separately due to the timetable, and these observations would be included in the statutory consultation process.

Emyr Williams's concern was noted that the plan did not include enough on the value of the environment to the area's economy, and this needed to be strengthened in the final plan. It was agreed that Emyr Williams would send a specific wording to be included.

Siobhan Adams expressed her disappointment that the Public Health team's observations had not been included, although she understood the reasons. The aspects around the children and families element needed to be strengthened. It would need to be ensured that this was included in the final plan.

Some other minor changes were agreed, and it was agreed to release the Plan for statutory consultation that would run between 8 January and 30 March.

7. Correspondence

1. A letter from the Future Generations Commissioner which set its national policy - concern was expressed that the Commissioner was setting national priorities when the purpose of the Act was for the Public Boards to set local priorities - the culture of discussions and lack of action needed to be avoided.

Emyr Williams expressed a specific concern that the Commissioner had not included the Welsh language or the impact of Brexit.

It was noted that the members understood that these were national priorities, but it must be ensured that they did not detract from the local priorities that were set.

2. Memorandum between the Future Generations Commissioner and the Wales Audit Office

The memorandum was accepted. There was a consensus that the individual organisations could respond to this if they wished to do so, but it did not seem relevant to the well-being of the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey

8. Any other business

1. Achievement - it was agreed that no achievement groups should be set up in the priority fields if there were groups that already existed. The action groups that existed needed to be mapped, and ensure strong governance for the Board's support.
2. It was proposed to include a fixed item on the agenda, namely 'Challenges that face the individual organisations' - an additional proposal was received to include 'opportunities'. A discussion was held on the value of this for the Board and to ensure merit for the matters that were not a priority for the Board. It was agreed to trial including a fixed item - 'Challenges and Opportunities' and to monitor the value of the discussions.
3. Elizabeth Woodcock - Elizabeth presented a project that she had started and gave members an invitation to be a part of the discussions about this. It was agreed to circulate the information to all members.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 27 March - location to be confirmed following the meeting - it would be held at the Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd offices in Parc Menai.