Friday, 6 March 2020, 10-12:30

Siambr Hywel Dda, Caernarfon

Present: -

NAME	ORGANISATION
Emyr Williams (EW)	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Dilwyn Williams (DOW)	Gwynedd Council
Anwen Morgan (AM)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Ffion Johnstone (FfJ)	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Llion Jones (LlJ)	Bangor University
Sioned Rees (SR)	Welsh Government
Sian Williams (SW)	Natural Resources Wales
Bethan Russell Williams (BRW)	Mantell Gwynedd
Shan Morris (SM)	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Richie Green (RG)	North Wales Police
Ffrancon Williams (FfW)	Adra
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws (LlMH)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Sharon Williams (ShW)	Probation Service
Aled Jones-Griffith (AJG)	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai

In attendance: -

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
Sian Lloyd Roberts (SLlR) – Item 4	Gwynedd Council
Catrin Thomas (CT) - Item 5	Gwynedd Council
Alwyn Rhys Jones (AJ) - Item 5	Isle of Anglesey County Council

Apologies: -

Siobhan Adams	Public Health Wales
Simon Dean	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Iwan Davies	Bangor University
Sian Purcell	Medrwn Môn
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn	Leader of Gwynedd Council

ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Aled Jones-Griffith, Llion Jones and Sharon Williams were welcomed as new members around the table.

ITEM 2 - TERMS OF REFERENCE - STANDING ITEM

None to note.

ITEM 3 - MINUTES (TO BE APPROVED) AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 11/12/19

It was confirmed that the minutes were correct. Action Points from the previous meeting, in summary were as follows:

1. Catherine Roberts to share the scrutiny report of the Community Safety Partnership once a year, along with a few examples of cases that convey the story around what is happening. – completed

2. Catherine Roberts to get in touch with Helen Munroe at the University in relation to the Violence against Women Board. - completed

3. Organisations to urgently consider whether it would be possible to offer more sites - to discuss as part of the Homes for Local People sub-group

4. Ffrancon Williams to report back to the PSB in relation to the arrangement of the Housing Partnerships and the sub-group - to be discussed as part of the Homes for Local People sub-group

5. The Welsh Language sub-group to consider the way forward with this reception work - to be discussed as part of the Welsh Language sub-group

6. Sophie to circulate the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB update in relation to their community pledges - done as part of this package (item 9 - correspondence)

7. Sian Williams and Nonn Hughes to undertake work to map out the level in which various climate change matters should be discussed - included as part of the Climate Change sub-group report

8. Sian Williams and Huw Williams (Gwynedd Consultancy) to send the PSB's letter to Mark Drakeford before his meeting with the Commissioner - response to the letter as part of the correspondence (item 9).

9. Siobhan Adams to submit a proposal in order to receive the Board's agreement for better collaboration in the children's field - to be carried out at the Board's June meeting

10. Arrange a presentation by the mental health sub-board, focusing on extending the ICAN centres' programme - to be arranged at the Board's June meeting

11. Nonn and Sophie to consider how best to ensure an opportunity for members of the Board to be reminded of the direction of the work in the health and care field – included as part of the Integrated Health and Care Sub-group report

12. Sian Williams to give a presentation to the PSB on engagement work with Natural Resources Wales - rather than a presentation, the PSB's Support Team to circulate information.

13. The organisations that had not yet presented their strategic priorities to do so at the next meeting - on the agenda

14. Express an interest in the Government's Graduate Scheme - completed

15. Invite the Skills Partnership's Programme Manager, Sian Lloyd Roberts, to give a presentation - on the agenda

16. The Leaders of the sub-groups to consider the Well-being Plan whilst drawing up progress reports for the March meeting, in order to feed into the Board's Annual Report – PSB's Support Team collaborating with the leaders of the sub-groups

17. Nonn to invite presentations by the Local Authorities with regard to their work in the field of poverty - on the agenda

1. Siobhan Adams to submit a proposal in order to receive the Board's agreement to collaborate better in the children's field, as it is difficult to move forward in the field with the usual attendance of the sub-group (namely health and social services).
2. PSB's Support Team to arrange a presentation by the mental health sub-group, focusing on expanding the programme of the ICAN centres.

ITEM 4 - PRESENTATION ON THE REGIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

SLIR presented information to the PSB about the Regional Skills Partnership. It was noted that the Government had acknowledged the need to tie-in this skills agenda with what was going on in the region's economy. It was noted that the Partnership had a specific role to influence the further education curriculum, apprenticeships and work-based learning.

Concise copies of the Skills and Employment Plan were shared with the Board's members and it was noted that they would complete a skills survey again during the next two months in order to continue with the engagement.

For further information on the Partnership's work, they could be followed on Twitter @SkillsNWales, visit the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (northwaleseab.co.uk) or contact the Board's Programme Manager - sianlloydroberts@gwynedd.llyw.cymru.

Sian was thanked for her presentation, and she was asked for her comments on developing the public sector cluster. She was asked whether the plan would meet the needs of industrial areas, rather than rural areas like ours, and it was confirmed that the Partnership was very aware of the importance of employers in this area and that they had secured a strong representation from the North West. It was noted that the survey had received more responses from Gwynedd than Anglesey and as a result, the Partnership would appreciate the PSB's input.

A request was made for a subsequent report which looked specifically at what happened in response to the specific needs of Gwynedd and Anglesey. AJW noted that work was already happening and that Sian Lloyd Roberts was attending the post-16 Learning Partnership where consideration was given to the messages being conveyed to primary and secondary children regarding the fields with opportunities to offer outside STEM fields, e.g. hospitality and catering. The need to develop a relationship with schools in order to promote the career opportunities available in specific sectors and it was agreed that 16 years old was too late. A desire to look at how the public sector could participate in this work was noted.

The idea of holding our own careers fairs as a PSB was also presented, and it was added that this was something that had arisen as part of the Welsh language sub-group and therefore the sub-group would wish to be a part of any developments. It was agreed that further discussions would be held with Sian before deciding on the way forward with this idea.

3. The PSB Support Team to make arrangements for Sian Lloyd Roberts, Programme Manager for the Regional Skills Partnership, to return with a more specific report on what the partnership is doing in response to the specific needs of Gwynedd and Anglesey so that consideration could be given to the best way of collaborating between the PSB and the Partnership in the future.

ITEM 5 – PRESENTATIONS BY EACH ORGANISATION ON THEIR PLANS IN THE POVERTY FIELD

Presentations were received from Anglesey and Gwynedd.

Discussion

Nonn presented the options outlined in her attached report and she welcomed suggestions regarding the direction the PSB wanted to follow next with the poverty agenda.

The need to be careful to ensure that we are focusing on the things that we can achieve was noted. The Local Authorities proposed to submit six-monthly progress reports in order to draw other PSB members in at the appropriate time. There was consensus with this suggestion and agreement that sub-groups should not be established where there was no need.

4. PSB's Support Team to make arrangements for the Board to receive six-monthly updates on their work, so that consideration could be given to the most appropriate time to draw-in partners.

ITEM 6 - PROGRESS REPORTS

Homes for local people - Ffrancon Williams

Empty Homes - the sub-group felt that they did not wish to take this on as the councils were already taking action.

Update - 4 innovative housing sites across Gwynedd and Anglesey. Site shortages remained a problem - another request for the Board to look for more sites. BCUHB had sent a list, but currently nothing obvious proposed itself. The Police would address the issue further when deciding what to do with stations. The University had also proposed one.

AJW noted that Grŵp Llandrillo Menai wished to proposed potential sites.

It was also noted that there was an intention to consider disused sites where planning rights existed.

The sub-group was looking at how the partners assessed the financial viability of sites in an attempt to ensure that viability models were relatively consistent. It was noted that there was greater willingness to share and collaborate by now, which was a positive development.

A request was made for local authorities to consider being prepared to share projections in terms of financial viability when a request to do so was received, in order to avoid the possibility of a site being unnecessarily refused due to inconsistency. AM noted concerns regarding commercial sensitivity and noted that she would discuss this with her monitoring officer.

DOW raised a question regarding whether we were duplicating in this field as housing partnerships already existed and was this not a matter of disseminating the partnership's findings down to the councils' housing strategies. FfW replied, noting that the sub-group had started to collaborate in order to see where we could contribute in areas where we could not do so otherwise, and the decision made was to focus specifically on innovative housing as the field was not yet mature. Collaboration led to the ability to achieve more with fewer resources. It was confirmed that the members of the sub-group were members of the housing partnerships also and the work of the sub-group fed through to their work. The sub-group, therefore, to continue unless they were instructed to do otherwise.

5. As a result of the request made by the Chief Executives of both councils to share the financial viability projections of their housing developments with the homes sub-group, the Chief Executives needed to discuss the matter further together, within their organisations, and with FfW as the Leader of the sub-group.

The Welsh Language - Jerry Hunter

In the absence of Professor Jerry Hunter, Sophie presented the update of the language sub-group as well as the paper outlining the sub-group's receptions project proposal. The PSB members agreed with the proposal and the methodology, and the cost was acknowledged. It was noted that a discussion was required regarding funding, and initially, it was proposed to make a request for money from the regional grant to achieve this project. Unless that would be possible, a further discussion could be held.

SR noted that she, as the Welsh Government representative, would support the request as something that could offer valuable good practice for the whole of Wales.

It was explained that as a result in a change in post, Professor Jerry Hunter had left his role as the leader of the language sub-group and that, therefore, a new leader needed to be elected. It was proposed and agreed that Bethan Russell Williams, Mantell Gwynedd, would take on the role of leader of the sub-group from now on.

Gratitude was expressed to Professor Jerry Hunter for his ongoing work as Bangor University representative on the PSB for some years, and he was wished well on his next venture.

6. The PSB support team to consider how to fund the reception project, and research the option of applying through the PSB's Regional Grant in the first place.

The impact of climate change on the well-being of communities - Sian Williams

SW presented her update and noted that Part 1 of the workshop was to support regional arrangements of adapting to climate change and to agree on methods of engaging with our communities, with the second to happen soon. SW will report back on this in June.

SW noted that she would contact Welsh Government again in an attempt to obtain political leadership to deal with climate change. SR noted that discussions had occurred, that the Future Generations Commissioner had raised this with the Minister in order to consider this on a national level and not only as part of the flooding strategy, but across everything.

7. Sian Williams to report back following the second part of the workshop at the Board's next meeting in June.

8. Sian Williams to re-raise the need for political leadership to deal with Climate Change with Welsh Government.

Integrated Health and Care

Information was shared regarding a workshop that had been arranged in April, and would be open to all PSB members. The intention was to look at the shortcomings, the integration opportunities, what needs to be different and how we can steer that.

FfJ noted that she would provide an update on the ICAN work at the next meeting.

In terms of the sub-group's measures, it was noted that an appraisal was taking place across the north before a decision would be made, in order to ensure that we are acting in accordance with the correct measures, rather than a number of measures. FfJ noted that she would report on the development of this work at the next meeting.

Both local authorities acknowledged this all-important work.

9. FfJ to share information about the health and care sub-group workshop that would take place on 27 April, which was open to all Board members.

10. FfJ to provide an update on the work of the health and care sub-group when establishing measures at the Board's June meeting.

ITEM 7 – PRESENTATIONS BY ORGANISATIONS ON THEIR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Presentations were received from Snowdonia National Park, Welsh Government and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

EW emphasised that there was a need to look further at water and carbon in the context of the environmental challenge and that there was room to collaborate further here.

It was agreed that the Probation Service would give a presentation in June instead, as ShW was a new member and she would have more context by then.

DOW enquired about the intention now, as all presentations had been received. Nonn explained that there was an intention for the PSB support team to carry out a priority mapping exercise in order to identify further opportunities to collaborate. DOW proposed that it would be useful to include a section in our Well-being Plan that summarised what is already happening to contribute to the well-being of the people of Gwynedd and Anglesey.

11. The PSB support team to table a presentation by the Probation Service on their strategic priorities on the agenda of the Board's June meeting.

12. Following all presentations from the partners on their strategic priorities, the PSB support team to carry out a mapping exercise to identify what all organisations are doing towards the priorities of the Well-being Plan beyond the work of the PSB and to consider whether the Well-being Plan needs to be amended to reflect that.

ITEM 8 - CORRESPONDENCE

Update on Conwy and Denbighshire PSB - reference was made to the pledges and everyone was encouraged to consider whether they would be something that they would like to consider.

Remploy Cymru - it was agreed that this would be discussed further at the sub-groups.

ITEM 9 - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Brexit and Coronavirus were obvious challenges that were facing us. It was agreed that the public bodies were already considering and planning and that the PSB did not need to undertake an additional work-stream at present.

ITEM 10 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In order to strengthen the Board's communication, the team intended to circulate a concise newsletter to their partners to be shared internally. Therefore, all partners were asked to send the contact details of the appropriate communication officer to Nonn/Sophie.

Reference was made to the Pontio Welsh jobs fair in March. Sophie to share information.

It was noted that Richie Green was retiring next month and that there was no assurance as to who would be taking over thus far. He was thanked for his work as a member of the PSB and for the Police and he was wished well in his retirement.

13. PSB partners to share the communications point of contact for their organisation with the support team.