Wednesday, 30 September 2020

14:00 – 16:30

The meeting was conducted over Microsoft Teams

Members present:	
Name	**Organisation**
Dilwyn Williams (DOW)	Gwynedd Council
Annwen Morgan (AM)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Ffion Johnstone (FfJ)	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Jackie Irwin (JI)	Public Health Wales
Einir Young (EY)	Bangor University
Sioned Rees (SR)	Welsh Government
Sian Williams (SW)	Natural Resources Wales
Bethan Russell Williams (BRW)	Mantell Gwynedd
Sian Purcell (SP)	Medrwn Môn
Emyr Williams (EW)	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Shan Morris (SM)	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Ffrancon Williams (FfW)	Adra
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws (LlMH)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (DS)	Gwynedd Council
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 Jones (DWJ)	Gwynedd Council

Apologies:	
Siobhan Adams	Public Health Wales
Gill Harris	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Professor Andrew Edwards	Bangor University

Summary of the actions

Item No.	Notes	Whom?	By when?
1	**Welcome and Apologies** Jackie Irwin on behalf of Siobhan Adams, Public Health Wales and Einir Young on behalf of Professor Andrew Edwards, Bangor University were welcomed.		
2	**Terms of Reference** There was a discussion on the need to elect a chair, and some concerns were expressed with regards to electing a new chair during the current period of uncertainty. It was also suggested that there was a need to review the term, offering a two-year period for Chairs in future and it was agreed to review the terms of reference. However, it was agreed to elect a Chair at the next meeting of the Board in December, and everyone was asked to send nominations to Nonn.	NGH/SAH Everyone	December December
3	**Minutes to be approved** LIMH proposed that the minutes of the Board meeting in March were accurate. The proposal was seconded by SW. DS proposed that the minutes of the Board meeting in June were accurate. The proposal was seconded by AM. It was confirmed that the action points of the meeting in June had been completed, and a workshop to consider the priorities of the PSB from this period onwards had been held on 17/9/2020.		
4	**Findings of the workshop 17.09.2020** All matters discussed at the recently held workshop were mentioned, explaining that eight matters had been drawn to the attention of the Board at this meeting. These eight matters had derived from the opinion of members that there was a potential role for the Board in moving forward. Members were asked to consider whether the existing sub-groups were relevant, and whether there was a need to reconsider their terms of reference and whether or not the current leaders were happy to continue to lead. **Matter 1 - To address mental health issues in combination with well-being and the natural environment** It was noted that considerable work was being undertaken in the mental health department of the Health Board, and that Theresa Owen had taken on the portfolio. Concerns were expressed by FfJ that the third sector was not being		

	considered should this matter be placed under the 'health and care' agenda. It was also recognised that the link between well-being and the natural environment had been noted and that this mainly involved preventative action to prevent the need for formal health services. However, it was noted that the Health Board had a preventative agenda and that we needed to understand whether or not the Regional Board dealt with this as part of the duty under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. The point was raised that there was a risk for groups to be established concurrently as some already existed to examine matters such as social prescriptions. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate at present to establish another sub-group, and rather, that there was a need to ensure the presence of the third sector and the environmental sector in the appropriate discussions. Also, it was agreed that some work needed to be undertaken to examine what already took place and where, in order to enable a further discussion. **Matter 2 - To address issues of unemployment among young people** It was noted that Authorities already fulfilled these functions and that economic recovery schemes were also being undertaken and fed into Welsh Government. A concern was noted regarding what the role of the PSB would be, but it was agreed that a meeting between some PSB partners could be held in order to consider what already took place and where there were opportunities for further collaboration and to share good practices. The Kick Start scheme was mentioned which sought to attract organisations that were willing to provide a minimum of 30 work placements, with the offer of support to do so. It was noted that Gwynedd Council and the National Park were already considering this but it would also be beneficial to meet to discuss this and to consider collaboration opportunities in terms of facilitation etc. Also, Adra was already in discussions and awaiting further information. FfJ noted that the Health Board should be included as part of this, and an interest was expressed to find out more from Natural Resources Wales. SM noted that she did not know enough about the scheme, but that any opportunities from the Fire and Rescue Service would be across the region and not only in Gwynedd and Anglesey. It was agreed to arrange a further meeting to discuss this. The need to ensure that the Welsh language was prominent in these opportunities was also emphasised.	FfJ DOW/ NGH	Next meeting

	Matter 3 and 4 - The PSB to discuss the situation regarding welfare rights teams and debt advice services, which are being inundated with requests for support, and to consider actions in relation to financial poverty. FfW noted that arrangements of a sufficient standard already existed with a number of bodies contributing financially and therefore, there were risks with intervention. However, DOW noted that he was unsure whether or not the standard was sufficient as there were concerns whether or not Citizens' Advice Bureau could now meet the demand. It was agreed to commission work in order to consider the adequacy of the provision, and ask them to report back to us. It could then be considered whether or not there was a role for the PSB. **Matter 5 - To consider the situation of the Welsh language during the recovery period** BRW noted that she had no capacity to lead this work further and, therefore, she was withdrawing her name as group leader. As the University had been leading on the sub-group in the past, EY was asked to discuss the possibility of resuming it in future. It was noted that discussions had been held at the recent workshop regarding the impact of houses being purchased as second homes. It was agreed that legislation was required to address these matters and perhaps the PSB was not the appropriate place to have the conversation. However, it was noted that the Board had obtained advice to write to the relevant Ministers on matters that concerned them to highlight what needed to change. A suggestion was also made to write to the Future Generations Commissioner. In the context of Covid-19, it was asked whether or not there were practical things the PSB could do. For example, it was noted that there was a need to examine the impact of technology in education as there were a number of excellent programmes that were English-only. Also, it was noted that there was a need to question what had taken a step back in terms of promoting the Welsh language within partner organisations, before considering how to move forward. There was a need for the sub-group to come together to discuss this. **Matter 6 - Matters associated with climate change** It was noted that the PSB had originally focused on the impact of climate change on our communities and had responded to this challenge. It was noted that regional work was also being undertaken and there was a need to verify whether this work was continuing. SW would examine this to	 DOW/ NGH EY SAH SW	asap Next meeting ASAP Before the next meeting asap

	ensure that there was no duplication and that there were opportunities to learn from each other. It was noted that there was a need to arrange a meeting of the sub-group and after resuming it there was a need to consider whether or not the collaboration between partners did what it was supposed to do, and whether we collaborated as well as we could when responding to situations where we knew flooding would occur. FfW noted that there was an agenda to de-carbonise housing in Wales and that a lot of resources were required in order to invest in the right houses to fulfil the appropriate outputs. The Government's strategy initially targeted social housing but the ambition also included the private sector. It was added that a number of houses had not been designed for working from home and if this became part of the new normal there would be a need to re-examine housing plans. **Matter 7 - Local Housing Availability** FfW presented his progress report, emphasising that increasing the housing supply continued to be a priority. He noted that collaboration was particularly good among the housing sub-groups and that the greatest risk was the lack of sites that were being presented. It was beginning to become apparent that the sub-group would not deliver much more than what the Local Authorities would have delivered as part of their housing strategies if only the existing sites were available. It was asked whether the PSB could do more to identify more sites. On a different point, a discussion was held on the impact of second homes and AirBnBs on the current market, and it was recognised that any conditions imposed on houses made it difficult to obtain a mortgage and, therefore, great caution needed to be taken, focussing on pushing for change in legislation. It was noted that the Local Authorities were undertaking work at present to consider how to take control of the situation and, therefore, it was agreed that the PSB would wait to hear what would derive from this work from the Authorities before considering whether or not it had a role. **Matter 8 - To address issues of overtourism/lack of balance in the tourism sector** It was noted that the Local Authorities were considering this matter at present, accepting that there was some variation between the matters in both counties. Currently, the work focussed on establishing what was sustainable tourism taking into account the type of tourism we wished and did not wish to see. Council Leaders noted that they were keen for this discussion to proceed in order to see how different factors	SW Members to examine what was possible AM and DOW to submit a report	asap Asap When the work is ready

	intertwined. It was agreed that time needed to be given to the authorities to undertake this work before having a further discussion at PSB meetings in future. It was agreed that the first part of the discussion (i.e. how both counties would cope with the numbers) could be held, but that the second part of the discussion (what we would wish to see or not) would not be mature enough until the end of the financial year.	AM/DOW to submit a report	December meeting
5	**Progress reports on the priorities of the Well-being Plan** **Climate Change** It was noted that the language sub-group had not met during the pandemic. SW confirmed that there was no further update to what had already been provided in accordance with item 4. **Health and Care - Ffion Johnstone** FfJ submitted her report and confirmed that the work had taken a slightly different path than intended. The report was accepted. **Cartrefi - Ffrancon Williams** FfW submitted his report. The report was accepted.		
6	**Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2019/20** The report was shared for information to the partners.		
7	**Challenges and Opportunities** Concern was noted regarding the digital poverty we were acing, with many of our young people failing to have an internet connection. It was noted that it was a hidden problem at times as young people concealed the fact that they did not have an internet connection in their homes due to embarrassment among their peers. It was noted that 350 young people had submitted an application for equipment support in order to do their work. An observation was made that the Government had a scheme to provide equipment to secondary school pupils, therefore, equipment would likely be available but connection problems remained. It was agreed that AJG would submit a further report at the December meeting.	AJG	Next meeting
8	**The Chairpersonship of the PSB** It was noted that there was a need to elect a Chair at the next meeting, and as noted in the discussion on item 2,		

	Board members were requested to send nominations to Nonn before the December meeting.		
9	**Any other business** • A report from Public Health Wales regarding the cost of violence to our health care system had been circulated to PSB members for information. • Members were reminded of the questionnaire that had been circulated by the ARFer Programme team about the impact of working from home on the Council. Members were asked to encourage their staff to complete it asap. • It was noted that the PSB had been offered a grant of £25k from Natural Resources Wales. It was agreed that everyone was happy to accept the grant. NH would collaborate with NRW to develop the offer.	NH	Next meeting