BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS GWYNEDD AC YNYS MÔN

Wednesday 16 December 2020

10:00-11:30

The meeting was conducted over Microsoft Teams

Members present:	
Name	**Organisation**
Emyr Williams (EW)	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Dilwyn Williams (DOW)	Gwynedd Council
Annwen Morgan (AM)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Ffion Johnstone (FfJ)	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Enlli Thomas (ET)	Bangor University
Sioned Rees (SR)	Welsh Government
Sian Williams (SW)	Natural Resources Wales
Cllr Dafydd Meurig (DM)	Gwynedd Council
Sian Purcell (SP)	Medrwn Môn
Shan Morris (SM)	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Ffrancon Williams (FfW)	Adra
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws (LlMH)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Neil Thomas (NT)	North Wales Police

In attendance:	
Nonn Hughes (NH)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Dewi Jones (DWJ)	Gwynedd Council
Dafydd Gibbard (DG)	Gwynedd Council
Ned Michael (NM)	Isle of Anglesey County Council

Apologies:	
Siobhan Adams	Public Health Wales
Bethan Russell Williams	Mantell Gwynedd
Professor Andrew Edwards	Bangor University
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn	Gwynedd Council
Aled Jones-Griffith	Llandrillo Menai Group

Item No.	Notes	Whom?	By when?
1)	**Welcome and Apologies** Welcomed: Dafydd Gibbard and Ned Michael for item 4 on the agenda. Enlli Thomas on behalf of Professor Andrew Edwards, Bangor University. Cllr Dafydd Meurig on behalf of Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn. In addition, Neil Thomas from North Wales Police was welcomed, who would be replacing Richard Green as a member of the PSB. At the beginning of the meeting it was noted that the representatives from Gwynedd Council and Isle of Anglesey County Council would be leaving the meeting at 11am as another meeting had been arranged by the Government. It was also noted that Ffion Johnstone would be leaving the meeting at 11am, as she had to attend another meeting to discuss the Covid-19 immunisation programme.		
2)	**Terms of Reference** No changes were proposed or observations made in relation to the Terms of Reference.		
3)	**Minutes to be approved** **30.09.20 Meeting** The minutes were accepted as a true record		
4)	**An update from Gwynedd Council and Isle of Anglesey County Council on the impact of second homes on the current market.** Reports had been distributed by Gwynedd Council and Isle of Anglesey County Council prior to the meeting. It was noted that an appendix to Gwynedd Council's paper had been included at the end of the documentation pack. **Gwynedd** Dilwyn Williams gave a presentation on behalf of Gwynedd Council. It was reported that the Council had been extremely concerned about this matter for some time. In July 2019, the Cabinet commissioned research on behalf of the Council, specifically relating to the impact of holiday homes. A report had been submitted to Gwynedd Council Cabinet on 15 December, containing four recommendations, which had been accepted: 1. Call on the Government urgently to emulate what was happening in Scotland and amend the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order in order to include an additional use class for short-term holiday accommodation. 2. A call for a mandatory licensing plan for short-term holiday accommodation where the local authority would be responsible for its implementation. 3. Call on the Government to change its stance and to act urgently to change the Local Government Finance Act so that any dwelling house that is not the main or sole residence for an individual (whether a second home or a		

	house used for short-term holiday accommodation purposes), is defined as a dwelling house for tax purposes (and thus has to pay any Council Tax premium decided upon locally). Any short-term holiday accommodation that has received purposeful planning consent for that use would continue to be eligible to pay Non-domestic Business Rates. 4. To delegate the power to the Head of Environment Department, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to consider how the research could be used in the context of the local planning policy framework. Reference was also made to the Council's housing action plan that would aim to spend £77m, in conjunction with their partners from the Housing Associations. **Anglesey** Annwen Morgan and Ned Michael presented on behalf of Anglesey. Ned noted that they were responding to the local demand for housing. The main barrier for residents was affordability, which prevented many from being able to access the housing ladder. There had been a sudden increase in house prices, particularly in certain areas. It was noted that Anglesey shared the same concerns as Gwynedd, and a copy of a letter sent to the First Minister of Wales to convey these concerns was attached. Ned referred to their development programme for the next three years, which would add a total of 176 units to their housing stock. Whether this will be sufficient or not remained uncertain. Following both Councils' presentations, a question was asked on whether there were any specific actions required by the PSB. It was agreed that Emyr Williams should write a letter to the Government in support of both Councils' positions, noting the Board's concern about well-being matters in the field of housing, and the long-term impact of this issue in relation to well-being. SR noted that the Government had established a cross-party group to examine this matter, under the guidance of Simon Brooks.	EW/NH	03/2021
5)	**Update on the public bodies' responses to the issue of Over-tourism** Isle of Anglesey County Council had developed four schemes to focus on the work streams of Economic Recovery, Destination Recovery, and Community / Social and Organisational Recovery. Reference was made to the challenges that had arisen due to Covid e.g. Llanddwyn. In relation to the destination recovery plan - its purpose was to establish a framework and a range of actions to address the		

	issues faced by tourism and hospitality businesses since the beginning of the pandemic. It was reported that the situation in Gwynedd was similar, that they were considering sustainable tourism, examining both short-term and long-term matters. It was also noted that they were in discussions with Snowdonia National Park. A question was asked about whether there had been additional pressure on the health service during the busiest periods of the pandemic. It was reported that the minor injuries department had been busy. It was also noted that by now, winter was not the only challenging period, but rather throughout the year. It was suggested that this could be referred to the work being undertaken by the Councils on sustainable tourism. A question was asked on whether there was evidence to confirm the impact on our public services. Evidence such as this was considered important. NRW had been in discussions with Isle of Anglesey County Council regarding areas such as Llanddwyn, and were considering short-term and long-term solutions. They had been collaborating with communities. Gwynedd Council had also been invited to participate in the discussions. It was noted that work had commenced at Coed y Brenin over the summer. NRW had been collaborating with the police, and had learned from this process. It was agreed that both Councils should share the outcomes of their work with the PSB. It was noted that Gwynedd needed to work with the Park, NRW and other partners. The reports could be submitted to the PSB when they were ready. It was noted that the Community Safety Partnership was also examining this issue in relation to local tensions. They would have community evidence that could be useful.	DW/ AM	
6)	**Progress reports on the priorities of the Well-being Plan** The order of the presentations was changed as Ffion Johnstone needed to leave the meeting early to attend another meeting. **Health and Care – Ffion Johnstone** It was reported that a meeting of the sub-group had been held on 18 November, and all the work streams had been discussed. Ffion had been allocated an action at the last meeting to consider how to include input in relation to mental health. Ffion had initially contacted Teresa Owen and Sam Watson from the Health Board to discuss how the mental health work stream correlated to the community work. Ffion would also consider the structure for action.		

	Winter Plan Reference was made to funding provided through the Regional Partnership that would be used to keep people in their communities and their homes. **The Transformation work** It was noted that Meilys Smith was leading this programme. There was work in the pipeline to re-locate staff and to offer a virtual service. The purpose was to have a single point of access. It was noted that positive steps had been made by the eight teams. **Cell Intel** It was noted that Hannah Roberts from the Health Board was leading this work and that Nonn had been coordinating the arrangements. Weekly reporting arrangements had been agreed. It was noted that the group had undertaken worthwhile work, and that the information had been extremely useful to a number of partners. **Immunisation plan** Reference was made to the immunisation plan and the initial distribution in small batches. It was noted that some concerns had arisen about the communication process. The Health Board would work in line with JCVA guidelines. In relation to the prioritisation arrangements, it was reported that residential homes would receive it first, followed by health staff. **Children's Plan** It was reported that funding from the transformation bids was being used for the 'No wrong door' scheme. Isle of Anglesey County Council was leading this programme. DOW asked about the sub-group's collaboration arrangements, and how this collaboration added value to existing schemes. It was agreed to have a short presentation on this at the next meeting, to note what had been delivered in order to improve the PSB members' understanding of the integration work. Emyr added that each of the sub-groups should consider this request, and confirm how they were responding to the original	**Sub-group leaders**	**03/2021**

	brief of the Well-being plan by highlighting what had been delivered and its impact (or anticipated impact) on residents. **Homes – Ffrancon Williams** The purpose of the sub-group was to increase the supply of innovative housing. It was noted that five sites had been identified across Anglesey and Gwynedd. Over the coming months a conclusion would be reached about whether or not the sites were viable, and a decision would be made on whether or not the sites would be developed. The group had considered each site that had planning permission, but had not yet been developed. The sub-group expressed its appreciation of the agreement between the Councils and Adra to continue to fund Brenda Brighouse's post for a further six month period. It was noted that this post had made a difference to the progress of the sub-group's work. There were seven sites on the original list, with varied ownership. It was noted that two were under the ownership of Llandrillo Menai Group. Ffrancon Williams was allocated an action to contact Llandrillo Menai Group to discuss a different method of letting land - and collaborating with partners without using the open market. It was reported that the sub-group had received information about financial projections from the partners. Further input from financial officers would lead to the reconciling of the projections and may lead to avoiding the need to disregard sites. It was noted once again that the work of the sub-group was drawing to a close, with around six months work remaining. It was reported that the past six months had been very active in the field of housing. The sub-group had considered the IHP4 grant from the Government. The sub-group's plans were not yet sufficiently mature to submit a grant application this year. Dafydd Gibbard said that there had already been effective collaboration, but it was important that they were not duplicating work that was already in the pipeline by our partners. **Climate Change** A small group of the PSB had met, and it was reported that other activities had taken place in the meantime outside the sub-group. A workshop would be arranged soon in the new year to consider the sub group's priorities following Covid-19. Reference was made to the Area Statements and the engagement sessions that had been held recently, and the fact	**FfW**	**03/2021**

	that regional arrangements on climate change matters had re-started. The sub-group was waiting for guidance on a regional level. The evidence and findings from the area statements would be included in the sub-group's work. It was proposed that Sian Williams should make a presentation at the next PSB meeting on the work programmes deriving from the area statements. DWJ said that the information from the area statements would be crucial when the well-being assessments were updated. **The Welsh Language** Although the sub-group did not currently have a leader, they had held a meeting. Guto Dafydd from the Welsh Language Commissioner's Office had been invited to join them to talk about their survey on the impact of Covid on the Welsh Language. Reference was made to the impact of Covid on small community groups that had now stopped holding meetings, but which had provided an opportunity to use and promote the Welsh Language. SP said that WCVA intended to lead a work programme with community groups in the new year. It was suggested that NH could contact SP to make further enquiries.	**SW** **NH**	**03/2021** **03/2021**
7)	**Nominations for leader of the Language sub-group** - There were no nominations for the role. EW and NH would discuss this further outside the PSB meeting.	**EW/NH**	**03/2021**
8)	**Report following the workshop on adequacy of the debt advisory provision.** NH gave a presentation on the report. FfW reported that rent debts were increasing and it was anticipated that the situation would worsen. It was also projected that the end of the Furlough scheme would have a detrimental impact on unemployment. It was reported that the workshop had been held and it was agreed that there were currently no further actions for the PSB. It would be possible to invite individual organisations to give presentations / updates on financial poverty programmes, starting with an invitations to the Councils to the meeting in March.	**NH**	**03/2021**
9)	**A report on possible work experience opportunities for young people with the public bodies.** SW said that NRW were participating in the Kickstart scheme and that they were interested in collaborating. EW asked whether there was interest in jointly offering work experience. In relation to the Graduates Scheme, it was reported that PSB had expressed an interest in the scheme. It was enquired whether there were three organisations that were eager to collaborate. SR said that the Government had committed to the scheme in the past and a question was asked on whether WG	**NH/SR**	**03/2021**

	was interested in committing again this year. It was agreed that Nonn and Sioned would discuss this further.		
10)	**Challenges and Opportunities** Nothing to note.		
11)	**Observations and questions from Gwynedd Council and Isle of Anglesey Council Scrutiny Committees** Some questions and observations that had arisen in scrutiny committees were shared, and they were receiving further attention from the PSB support team. ▪ To what extent had the Public Service Board's work streams contributed to the well-being of Gwynedd and Anglesey residents, and what impact had the work had on communities? ▪ How much feedback had happened between meetings of the scrutiny committees and PSB meetings, and what was the impact of this on the PSB's work? ▪ For the purpose of scrutinising the PSB's work, the scrutiny committees required the following information: measures, targets, data and successes.		
12)	**The Chairpersonship of the PSB** It was confirmed that no nominations had been sent to Nonn. The item would remain on the agenda.		
13)	**Any other business** Isle of Anglesey County Council had asked the PSB to authorise their Pathfinders grant to WG. The application was in keeping with the health and care sub-group's vision. FfJ/ EW to authorise.	FfJ/ EW	